

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Christina Agapakis: What happens when biology becomes technology? | TED Talk

[https://www.ted.com/talks/christina\\_agapakis\\_what\\_happens\\_when\\_biology\\_becomes\\_technology](https://www.ted.com/talks/christina_agapakis_what_happens_when_biology_becomes_technology)

### Advanced Words Only

#### IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

## Session 1: Word List

### briefcase

*n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items

*synonym* : portfolio, attaché, case

(1) **briefcase** handle, (2) leather **briefcase**

The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's **briefcase**.

### daisy

*n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

*synonym* : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

### embroider

*v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account

*synonym* : decorate, adorn, embellish

(1) **embroider** a dress, (2) **embroider** a cushion

She chose to **embroider** her initials onto the scarf as a personal touch.

## polo

*n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

(1) **polo** shirt, (2) **polo** championship

I watched a thrilling **polo** match at the club over the weekend.

## handcuff

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym*: shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

## multicolored

*adj.* having many colors

*synonym*: variegated, multihued, multicoloured

(1) **multicolored** lights, (2) **multicolored** dress

The **multicolored** parrot was a beautiful sight.

## coli

*n.* a bacterium of the genus *Escherichia* that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry

(1) *E. coli* bacteria strain, (2) **coli** cells

The study of *Escherichia coli* has led to important advancements in areas such as antibiotic resistance, gut microbiome, and synthetic biology.

## arsenic

*n.* a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives

*synonym*: poison, toxin

(1) **arsenic** poisoning, (2) **arsenic** contamination

Exposure to **arsenic** in drinking water can cause serious health problems.

## probiotic

*n.* a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system

*synonym* : probiotic bacteria, beneficial bacteria, microflora

(1) **probiotic** supplement, (2) **probiotic** yogurt

**Probiotic-rich** foods, such as kefir and sauerkraut, can improve digestive health.

## oxymoron

*n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

*synonym* : contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym* : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## sudoku

*n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid

*synonym* : number puzzle, logic game, brain teaser

(1) the difficulty level of **sudoku**, (2) solve a **sudoku**

I enjoy solving **sudoku** puzzles in my free time.

## expansive

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

*synonym* : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

## regenerative

*adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue  
*synonym* : rejuvenating, restorative, healing

(1) **regenerative** medicine, (2) **regenerative** therapy

The **regenerative** properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

## squishy

*adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed  
*synonym* : soft, spongy, mushy

(1) **squishy** texture, (2) a **squishy** story

The **squishy** foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.

## visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses  
*synonym* : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

## unforgettable

*adj.* impossible to forget  
*synonym* : indelible, ineffable, memorable

(1) have an **unforgettable** night, (2) **unforgettable** moment

The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an **unforgettable** culinary experience.

## microbe

*n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease  
*synonym* : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

**Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

## swab

*n.* a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface

*synonym* : mop, scrub, daub

(1) alcohol **swab**, (2) cotton **swab**  
He took a **swab** of his ear.

## transcend

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something  
*synonym*: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits  
The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together  
*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires  
The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## reconsider

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to  
*synonym*: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer  
He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

## coronavirus

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2  
*synonym*: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy  
Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

## settler

*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area  
*synonym*: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore  
A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were

white.

## roam

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

## hillside

*n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

*synonym*: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

## trample

*v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

*synonym*: tread, stomp, crush

(1) **trample** down his feelings, (2) **trample** on the rights

The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not **trample** them.

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym*: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## herbarium

*n.* a collection of preserved plant specimens, typically identified and arranged in a systematic manner for scientific study and reference

*synonym*: plant collection, botanical garden

(1) digital **herbarium** database, (2) **herbarium** specimens

The botanist added the new fern specimen to the **herbarium** collection.

## sliver

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

*synonym*: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

## synthesize

*v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

*synonym*: incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

## reconstruct

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## entangle

*v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape

*synonym*: ensnare, entrap, involve

(1) **entangle** in wires, (2) emotionally **entangle**

The vines of the plant **entangled** themselves around the trellis.

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
  
2. sl\_\_\_r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
  
3. ha\_\_\_\_\_ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
  
4. vi\_\_\_\_\_al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
  
5. emotionally en\_\_\_\_\_le *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
  
6. E. c\_\_i bacteria strain *n.* a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry

ANSWERS: 1. tangle, 2. sliver, 3. handcuff, 4. visceral, 5. entangle, 6. coli

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 7. tr_____nd limits            | <i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something  |
| 8. mul_____red dress           | <i>adj.</i> having many colors  |
| 9. reg_____ive therapy         | <i>adj.</i> tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue   |
| 10. ar_____c contamination     | <i>n.</i> a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives                  |
| 11. p__o championship          | <i>n.</i> a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets  |
| 12. r__m the countryside       | <i>v.</i> to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander   |
| 13. pr_____ic yogurt           | <i>n.</i> a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system |
| 14. p__o shirt                 | <i>n.</i> a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets  |
| 15. with an ex_____ve spirit   | <i>adj.</i> large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk   |
| 16. digital he_____um database | <i>n.</i> a collection of preserved plant specimens, typically identified and arranged in a systematic manner for scientific study and reference                    |
| 17. br_____se handle           | <i>n.</i> a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items           |

ANSWERS: 7. transcend, 8. multicolored, 9. regenerative, 10. arsenic, 11. polo, 12. roam, 13. probiotic, 14. polo, 15. expansive, 16. herbarium, 17. briefcase

18. da\_\_y chain *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
19. c\_\_i cells *n.* a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry
20. unf\_\_\_\_\_ble moment *adj.* impossible to forget
21. he\_\_\_\_\_um specimens *n.* a collection of preserved plant specimens, typically identified and arranged in a systematic manner for scientific study and reference
22. tr\_\_\_\_\_e on the rights *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
23. pathogenic mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
24. cotton s\_\_b *n.* a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface
25. em\_\_\_\_\_er a dress *v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account
26. sl\_\_\_r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 18. daisy, 19. coli, 20. unforgettable, 21. herbarium, 22. trample, 23. microbe, 24. swab, 25. embroider, 26. sliver

27. vi\_\_\_\_al organ  
*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
28. p\_\_e a fire  
*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
29. reg\_\_\_\_\_ive medicine  
*adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
30. ar\_\_\_\_c poisoning  
*n.* a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives
31. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
32. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic supplement  
*n.* a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system
33. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze molecules  
*v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
34. ex\_\_\_\_\_t by human activity  
*adj.* no longer in existence
35. the difficulty level of su\_\_\_u  
*n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid

ANSWERS: 27. visceral, 28. poke, 29. regenerative, 30. arsenic, 31. resilient, 32. probiotic, 33. synthesize, 34. extinct, 35. sudoku

36. ox\_\_\_\_\_on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
37. lawn da\_\_y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
38. rec\_\_\_\_\_er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
39. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
40. break free from ha\_\_\_\_\_fs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
41. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
42. sq\_\_\_\_\_y texture *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
43. in a ta\_\_\_e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
44. alcohol s\_\_b *n.* a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface

ANSWERS: 36. oxymoron, 37. daisy, 38. reconsider, 39. interconnect, 40. handcuff, 41. reconstruct, 42. squishy, 43. tangle, 44. swab

45. mul\_\_\_\_\_red lights *adj.* having many colors
46. leather br\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items
47. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
48. have an unf\_\_\_\_\_ble night *adj.* impossible to forget
49. p\_\_e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
50. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down his feelings *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
51. en\_\_\_\_\_le in wires *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
52. cor\_\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
53. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
54. r\_\_m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 45. multicolored, 46. briefcase, 47. transcend, 48. unforgettable, 49. poke, 50. trample, 51. entangle, 52. coronavirus, 53. interconnect, 54. roam

55. long-ex\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
56. rec\_\_\_\_\_er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
57. mi\_\_\_\_\_es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
58. new se\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
59. cor\_\_\_\_\_us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
60. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
61. literary ox\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
62. solve a su\_\_\_\_u *n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid

ANSWERS: 55. extinct, 56. reconsider, 57. microbe, 58. settler, 59. coronavirus, 60. reconstruct, 61. oxymoron, 62. sudoku

63. em\_\_\_\_\_er a cushion *v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account
64. hi\_\_\_\_\_de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
65. se\_\_\_\_\_rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
66. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
67. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
68. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
69. hi\_\_\_\_\_de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
70. a sq\_\_\_\_\_y story *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

ANSWERS: 63. embroider, 64. hillside, 65. settler, 66. expansive, 67. synthesize, 68. resilient, 69. hillside, 70. squishy



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Considering the situation of \_\_\_\_\_ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
  - n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
2. The vines of the plant \_\_\_\_\_ themselves around the trellis.
  - v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
3. He humbly \_\_\_\_\_ his conduct.
  - v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
4. The police officer put \_\_\_\_\_ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.
  - n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
5. She picked a blue \_\_\_\_\_ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
  - n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
6. \_\_\_\_\_ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
  - n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

ANSWERS: 1. coronavirus, 2. entangled, 3. reconsidered, 4. handcuffs, 5. daisy, 6. Microbes

7. A large proportion of railway workers in \_\_\_\_\_ colonies were white.  
*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
8. He took a \_\_\_\_\_ of his ear.  
*n.* a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface
9. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
10. \_\_\_\_\_ foods, such as kefir and sauerkraut, can improve digestive health.  
*n.* a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system
11. "Awfully good" is an \_\_\_\_\_ that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.  
*n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
12. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.  
*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
13. The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
14. I had to be careful not to step on a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass on the floor.  
*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 7. settler, 8. swab, 9. resilient, 10. Probiotic-rich, 11. oxymoron, 12. reconstruct, 13. trample, 14. sliver

15. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
16. The spider can \_\_\_\_\_ multiple different silk proteins.
- v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
17. I enjoy solving \_\_\_\_\_ puzzles in my free time.
- n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.
- adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ parrot was a beautiful sight.
- adj.* having many colors
20. The company has an \_\_\_\_\_ network of offices and locations around the world.
- adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
21. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
- v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
22. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.
- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

ANSWERS: 15. hillside, 16. synthesize, 17. sudoku, 18. regenerative, 19. multicolored, 20. expansive, 21. roam, 22. tangled

23. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

24. The botanist added the new fern specimen to the \_\_\_\_\_ collection.

*n.* a collection of preserved plant specimens, typically identified and arranged in a systematic manner for scientific study and reference

25. The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an \_\_\_\_\_ culinary experience.

*adj.* impossible to forget

26. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

*adj.* no longer in existence

27. I watched a thrilling \_\_\_\_\_ match at the club over the weekend.

*n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

28. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.

*v.* to connect similar things

29. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

30. The study of Escherichia \_\_\_\_\_ has led to important advancements in areas such as antibiotic resistance, gut microbiome, and synthetic biology.

*n.* a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry

ANSWERS: 23. visceral, 24. herbarium, 25. unforgettable, 26. extinct, 27. polo, 28. interconnect, 29. transcended, 30. coli

31. The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items
32. Exposure to \_\_\_\_\_ in drinking water can cause serious health problems.
- n.* a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.
- adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
34. She chose to \_\_\_\_\_ her initials onto the scarf as a personal touch.
- v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account
35. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
- v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

ANSWERS: 31. briefcase, 32. arsenic, 33. squishy, 34. embroider, 35. poked