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Session 1: Word List

mire

n. a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

synonym : swamp, quagmire, bog

(1) stick in the **mire**, (2) **mire** of debt

The project was bogged down in a **mire** of bureaucracy.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

unfit

adj. not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard

synonym : inadequate, unsuitable, improper

(1) **unfit** for the post, (2) physically **unfit**

The doctor declared him **unfit** for work due to his illness.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

despondent

adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

synonym : hopeless, despairing, discouraged

(1) feel **despondent**, (2) a **despondent** mood

After her dog passed away, she was **despondent** for weeks, unable to find joy.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym : comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

bloodshed

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

synonym : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym : apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

synonym : guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**

I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

orderly

adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

synonym: tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner

The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

spurn

v. to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect

synonym: reject, disdain, despise

(1) **spurn** social norms, (2) **spurn** invitations
She **spurned** his advances and walked away.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

emphatic

adj. expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis

synonym: forceful, assertive, definite

(1) **emphatic** victory, (2) **emphatic** tone

The coach was **emphatic** in his instructions to the players before the big game.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym : overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident

they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

autobiographical

adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

synonym: self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory

The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym: rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym: infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

senseless

adj. lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational

synonym: meaningless, pointless, absurd

(1) **senseless** terror attack, (2) **senseless** slaughter

The **senseless** act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
2. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
3. in___t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
4. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
5. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
6. a des_____nt mood *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
7. se_____ss slaughter *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
8. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
9. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
10. human ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
11. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
12. sp__n invitations *v.* to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect

ANSWERS: 1. inhabit, 2. futile, 3. invert, 4. bleak, 5. rebellion, 6. despondent, 7. senseless, 8. catapult, 9. deprive, 10. alienation, 11. bleak, 12. spurn

13. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
14. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
15. physically un__t *adj.* not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard
16. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
17. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
18. stick in the m__e *n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through
19. or_____y and fair market *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
20. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
21. aut_____cal narrative *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
22. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
23. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

ANSWERS: 13. rebellion, 14. needless, 15. unfit, 16. condemn, 17. humiliate, 18. mire, 19. orderly, 20. inhabit, 21. autobiographical, 22. meaningless, 23. imbue

24. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
25. se_____ss terror attack *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
26. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
27. un____t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
28. up__d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
29. po_____ss argument *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
30. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
31. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
32. fa____m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
33. the fa_____t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
34. re____t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
35. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 24. devastation, 25. senseless, 26. resonate, 27. unjust, 28. upend, 29. pointless, 30. boulder, 31. upend, 32. fathom, 33. fallout, 34. revolt, 35. hostility

36. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
37. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
38. a de_____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
39. sp__n social norms *v.* to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect
40. re_____e of conscience *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
41. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
42. de_____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
43. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
44. or_____y manner *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
45. massive bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
46. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
47. reach a cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

ANSWERS: 36. indifference, 37. resonate, 38. defiant, 39. spurn, 40. remorse, 41. deem, 42. defiant, 43. meaningless, 44. orderly, 45. bloodshed, 46. catapult, 47. climax

48. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
49. aut_____cal memory *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
50. sincere re_____e *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
51. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
52. lava bo_____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
53. em_____ic victory *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
54. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
55. make a fu_____e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
56. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
57. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
58. em_____ic tone *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
59. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

ANSWERS: 48. protagonist, 49. autobiographical, 50. remorse, 51. fathom, 52. boulder, 53. emphatic, 54. chaotic, 55. futile, 56. hostility, 57. relentless, 58. emphatic, 59. endlessly

60. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
61. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
62. in____t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
63. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
64. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
65. un____t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
66. re____t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
67. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
68. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
69. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
70. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 60. condemn, 61. entitle, 62. invert, 63. chaotic, 64. needless, 65. unjust, 66. revolt, 67. devastation, 68. relentless, 69. deem, 70. indifference

71. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
72. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
73. bloody bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
74. international ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
75. m__e of debt *n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through
76. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
77. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
78. emotional cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
79. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
80. un__t for the post *adj.* not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard

ANSWERS: 71. pointless, 72. humiliate, 73. bloodshed, 74. alienation, 75. mire, 76. endlessly, 77. imbue, 78. climax, 79. entitle, 80. unfit

81. nuclear fa____t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
82. feel des____nt *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
83. pro____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
84. de____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 81. fallout, 82. despondent, 83. protagonist, 84. deprive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
2. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
3. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.
adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
4. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
5. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
6. I tried to assume an air of _____.
n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
7. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
8. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 1. futile, 2. humiliated, 3. endlessly, 4. needless, 5. deemed, 6. indifference, 7. hostility, 8. chaotic

9. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
10. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
11. The elections were handled in a timely and _____ manner.
adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
12. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.
n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
13. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.
n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
14. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.
n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
15. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
16. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.
adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

ANSWERS: 9. entitled, 10. meaningless, 11. orderly, 12. fallout, 13. bloodshed, 14. boulder, 15. defiant, 16. unjust

17. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.
v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
18. The doctor declared him _____ for work due to his illness.
adj. not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard
19. The coach was _____ in his instructions to the players before the big game.
adj. expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
20. He decided to _____ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.
v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
21. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
22. She _____ his advances and walked away.
v. to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect
23. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
24. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
25. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

ANSWERS: 17. imbue, 18. unfit, 19. emphatic, 20. invert, 21. rebellion, 22. spurned, 23. inhabit, 24. relentless, 25. catapult

26. After her dog passed away, she was _____ for weeks, unable to find joy.
adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
27. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.
n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
28. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
29. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.
v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
30. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
31. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone
32. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.
n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
33. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
34. The _____ act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.
adj. lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational

ANSWERS: 26. despondent, 27. revolt, 28. devastation, 29. fathom, 30. condemned, 31. deprived, 32. alienation, 33. upended, 34. senseless

35. I always remember that event with bitter _____.
- n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
36. The sound _____ well in this theater.
- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
37. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.
- adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
38. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
39. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
- adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
40. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
- n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
41. The project was bogged down in a _____ of bureaucracy.
- n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through
42. The author wrote an _____ novel about growing up in a small town.
- adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

ANSWERS: 35. remorse, 36. resonates, 37. pointless, 38. climax, 39. bleak, 40. protagonist's, 41. mire, 42. autobiographical