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Session 1: Word List

rocky

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

synonym : stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship

The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym : blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds
He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

flatline

v. to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

synonym: die, expire, pass away

(1) **flatline** over the past few quarters, (2) before the patient's heart **flatline**

The patient's heart rate suddenly **flatlined**, requiring immediate resuscitation.

deathbed

n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

synonym: dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

flashback

n. an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative

synonym: recollection, reminiscence, memory

(1) vivid **flashback**, (2) **flashback** memory

The **flashback** scene in the movie shows the character's past experiences.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good

part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym: crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag

His team won the **championship** for three years running.

trophy

n. an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

synonym: prize, award, accolade

(1) **trophy** case, (2) **trophy** room

The soccer team won the **trophy** after a hard-fought competition.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

confetti

n. small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

(1) **confetti** party, (2) **confetti-filled** balloons

We threw **confetti** at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

mercy

n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

synonym: clemency, leniency, compassion

(1) **mercy** killing, (2) **mercy** stroke

He begged for **mercy** and pleaded for his life.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym: impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the

girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
2. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
3. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
4. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
5. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
6. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
7. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
8. manage my fi____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 1. stick, 2. negative, 3. immediately, 4. mindset, 5. posit, 6. hell, 7. overcome, 8. finance

9. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
10. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
11. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
12. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
13. tr___y room *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
14. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
15. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
16. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
17. fl_____ne over the past few quarters *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

ANSWERS: 9. definitely, 10. frustrate, 11. midst, 12. emotion, 13. trophy, 14. emotional, 15. doe, 16. hell, 17. flatline

18. a world cha_____hip *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
19. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
20. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
21. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
22. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
23. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
24. me__y killing *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
25. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
26. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
27. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 18. championship, 19. writ, 20. graduate, 21. nowhere, 22. depression, 23. shifting, 24. mercy, 25. cancer, 26. highlight, 27. league

28. me__y stroke *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
29. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
30. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
31. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
32. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
33. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
34. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
35. vivid fl_____ck *n.* an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative

ANSWERS: 28. mercy, 29. gear, 30. draft, 31. excitement, 32. cancer, 33. definitely, 34. process, 35. flashback

36. im____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
37. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
38. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
39. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
40. permanently ne____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
41. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
42. ro__y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
43. high school at____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
44. de____ed confession *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
45. hi____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 36. imitate, 37. negative, 38. gear, 39. decision, 40. neutral, 41. define, 42. rocky, 43. athlete, 44. deathbed, 45. highlight

46. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
47. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
48. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
49. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
50. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
51. co_____ti party *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
52. before the patient's heart fl_____ne *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
53. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
54. tr___y case *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

ANSWERS: 46. league, 47. wright, 48. writ, 49. define, 50. posit, 51. confetti, 52. flatline, 53. athlete, 54. trophy

55. di____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
56. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
57. aesthetic exc____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
58. fl____ck memory *n.* an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative
59. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
60. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
61. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
62. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
63. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
64. fi____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 55. divorce, 56. decision, 57. excitement, 58. flashback, 59. overcome, 60. decide, 61. nowhere, 62. emotion, 63. decide, 64. finance

65. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
66. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
67. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
68. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
69. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
70. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
71. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
72. de_____ed scene *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
73. co_____ti-filled balloons *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
74. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 65. graduate, 66. immediately, 67. shifting, 68. draft, 69. mindset, 70. therapy, 71. fast-forward, 72. deathbed, 73. confetti, 74. imitate

75. ne____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
76. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
77. a consensual di____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
78. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
79. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
80. fr____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
81. stay phy____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
82. the root problem of her dep____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
83. em____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
84. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 75. neutral, 76. process, 77. divorce, 78. shift, 79. doe, 80. frustrate, 81. physically, 82. depression, 83. emotional, 84. shift

85. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
86. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
87. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
88. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
89. field of gene th_____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
90. ro__y terrain *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
91. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
92. a car-wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
93. cha_____hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
94. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 85. stick, 86. absolutely, 87. fast-forward, 88. physically, 89. therapy, 90. rocky, 91. midst, 92. wright, 93. championship, 94. absolutely

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
 - v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

2. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
 - n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

3. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
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4. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
 - v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

5. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
 - n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

6. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
 - n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

7. He begged for _____ and pleaded for his life.
 - n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

ANSWERS: 1. stick, 2. graduate, 3. frustrate, 4. define, 5. league, 6. hell, 7. mercy

8. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
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9. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
10. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
11. A legislative speaker should always be _____.
adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
12. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
13. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
14. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
15. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 8. decision, 9. gear, 10. absolutely, 11. neutral, 12. emotional, 13. physically, 14. posit, 15. overcome

16. The soccer team won the _____ after a hard-fought competition.
n. an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
17. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
18. The _____ scene in the movie shows the character's past experiences.
n. an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative
19. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
20. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
21. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
22. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
23. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 16. trophy, 17. nowhere, 18. flashback, 19. Depression, 20. excitement, 21. finance, 22. shifting, 23. wright,

24. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
25. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
26. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
27. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
28. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
29. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
30. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
31. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 24. writ, 25. highlighted, 26. immediately, 27. fast-forward, 28. emotions, 29. divorce, 30. draft, 31. definitely

32. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
33. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
34. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
35. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
36. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
37. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things
38. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
39. His team won the _____ for three years running.
n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

ANSWERS: 32. cancer, 33. negative, 34. doe, 35. imitated, 36. shift, 37. midst, 38. process, 39. championship

40. The patient's heart rate suddenly _____ requiring immediate resuscitation.
- v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
41. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
42. The family gathered around their grandfather's _____ to say goodbye.
- n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
43. The _____ road made it difficult to drive on.
- adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
44. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.
- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
45. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
46. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
47. We threw _____ at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.
- n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

ANSWERS: 40. flatlined, 41. decide, 42. deathbed, 43. rocky, 44. athlete, 45. mindset, 46. therapy, 47. confetti

ANSWERS: