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Session 1: Word List

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

trudge

v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

synonym : plod, slog, hike

(1) **trudge** through mud, (2) **trudge** up the hill

The hiker **trudged** through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

slush

n. partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

(1) ice **slush**, (2) illicit **slush** funds

The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and **slush**.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym : amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside
We could **stroll** into town if you like.

stencil

n. a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath

synonym : template, pattern

(1) **stencil** art, (2) letter **stencil**

I used a flower **stencil** to create a pattern for my art project.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym : diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym: frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

contraction

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

synonym: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

toad

n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

synonym: frog, amphibian, batrachian

(1) **toad** in the garden, (2) **toad** caught in the trap

The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a **toad** under a big leaf.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is

difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym: help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

foreclose

v. to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations

synonym: preclude, seize, repossess

(1) **foreclose** a property, (2) **foreclose** the possibility

The bank will **foreclose** on the house if the mortgage payments are not made on time.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

centaur

n. a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

synonym: half-human, half-horse

(1) **centaur** costume, (2) **centaur** imagery

There are various theories about the origin of the **centaur** myth.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

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.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

brunt

n. the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

synonym: force, pressure, impact

(1) bear the **brunt**, (2) the **brunt** of criticism

The **brunt** of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.

- sew** v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
synonym : stitch, darn, tailor
(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button
My mother taught me how to **sew**.
- restructure** v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
synonym : reorganize, revamp, reconstruct
(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts
The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.
- opportune** *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
synonym : suitable, timely, practical
(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.
- nonstop** *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
synonym : continuous, ceaseless, endless
(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk
We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.
- exhaustion** *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
synonym : fatigue, weariness, tiredness
(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**
The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.
- pragmatic** *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth
(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics
He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on

what was practical rather than ideal.

souvenir

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

synonym: memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

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.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

pacify

v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict

synonym : appease, soothe, calm

(1) **pacify** a situation, (2) **pacify** an angry customer

The mother tried to **pacify** her crying baby by rocking him gently.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

upbeat

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

synonym : optimistic, positive, hopeful

(1) **upbeat** attitude, (2) remain **upbeat** about the future

The **upbeat** music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tr_____e down his feelings *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
2. or_____y and fair market *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
3. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
5. con_____on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
6. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
7. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
8. fo_____se a property *v.* to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations
9. ice sl__h *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

ANSWERS: 1. trample, 2. orderly, 3. opportune, 4. graffiti, 5. contraction, 6. austerity, 7. graffiti, 8. foreclose, 9. slush

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| 10. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 11. the br__t of criticism | <i>n.</i> the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism |
| 12. er__t in anger | <i>v.</i> (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently |
| 13. t__d caught in the trap | <i>n.</i> a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible |
| 14. con_____on in the industry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount |
| 15. sh_____rd boy | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |
| 16. letter st_____l | <i>n.</i> a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath |
| 17. French soc_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who studies the institutions and development of human society |
| 18. tr___e through mud | <i>v.</i> to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously |
| 19. ask in di_____ef | <i>n.</i> the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real |
| 20. sheep without a sh_____rd | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. brunt, 12. erupt, 13. toad, 14. contraction, 15. shepherd, 16. stencil, 17. sociologist, 18. trudge, 19. disbelief, 20. shepherd

21. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
22. tr___e up the hill *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
23. a no_____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
24. pa___y a situation *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
25. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
26. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
27. res_____re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
28. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
29. my_____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

ANSWERS: 21. pragmatic, 22. trudge, 23. nonstop, 24. pacify, 25. austerity, 26. poetic, 27. restructure, 28. pun, 29. mythical

30. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
31. up___t attitude *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
32. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
33. city so_____ir *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
34. em_____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
35. ce_____r costume *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
36. st___l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
37. st_____l art *n.* a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath
38. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
39. de_____e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
40. re___e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 30. compassionate, 31. upbeat, 32. irresponsible, 33. souvenir, 34. emigrate, 35. centaur, 36. stroll, 37. stencil, 38. sew, 39. devalue, 40. rewire

41. res_____re my debts *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
42. illicit sl__h funds *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
43. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
44. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
45. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
46. ba_____t bill *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
47. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
48. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
49. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
50. so_____ir shop *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
51. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 41. restructure, 42. slush, 43. firsthand, 44. unsettle, 45. stigmatize, 46. bailout, 47. paradox, 48. pragmatic, 49. irresponsible, 50. souvenir, 51. sew

52. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
53. st____l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
54. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
55. dr_____c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
56. bear the br__t *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
57. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
58. remain up____t about the future *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
59. no_____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
60. emotional exh_____on *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
61. ba_____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
62. ce_____r imagery *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

ANSWERS: 52. vaccinate, 53. stroll, 54. disbelief, 55. drastic, 56. brunt, 57. poetic, 58. upbeat, 59. nonstop, 60. exhaustion, 61. bailout, 62. centaur

63. fo_____se the possibility *v.* to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations
64. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
65. exh_____on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
66. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
67. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
68. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
69. tr_____e on the rights *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
70. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
71. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
72. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

ANSWERS: 63. foreclose, 64. pun, 65. exhaustion, 66. erupt, 67. pave, 68. policymaker, 69. trample, 70. unsettle, 71. vaccinate, 72. sociologist

73. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
74. t__d in the garden *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
75. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
76. pa___y an angry customer *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
77. or_____y manner *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
78. make dr_____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
79. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
80. em_____te for better opportunities *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
81. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
82. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
83. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

ANSWERS: 73. policymaker, 74. toad, 75. firsthand, 76. pacify, 77. orderly, 78. drastic, 79. compassionate, 80. emigrate, 81. stigmatize, 82. pave, 83. mythical

84. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
85. de____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
86. re____e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 84. paradox, 85. devalue, 86. rewire

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
 - v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

2. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
 - n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

3. The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a _____ under a big leaf.
 - n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

4. The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and _____.
 - n. partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

5. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
 - adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

6. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
 - v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

7. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
 - adj. practical rather than idealistic

ANSWERS: 1. erupted, 2. pun, 3. toad, 4. slush, 5. firsthand, 6. paved, 7. pragmatic

8. The _____ of the economy has led to job losses.
n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
9. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
10. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
11. The hiker _____ through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.
v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
12. The mother tried to _____ her crying baby by rocking him gently.
v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
13. I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower _____ when I visited Paris.
n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
14. The economic downturn made it necessary to _____ the business.
v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
15. The elections were handled in a timely and _____ manner.
adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
16. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

ANSWERS: 8. contraction, 9. devalued, 10. compassionate, 11. trudged, 12. pacify, 13. souvenir, 14. restructure, 15. orderly, 16. shepherd's

17. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
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n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
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n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
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n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
23. The _____ of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.
n. the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
24. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 17. stigmatized, 18. disbelief, 19. Policymakers, 20. upbeat, 21. graffiti, 22. exhaustion, 23. brunt, 24. poetic

25. Many countries provided a _____ to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.
- n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
26. Many people _____ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.
- v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
27. There are various theories about the origin of the _____ myth.
- n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
28. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. This nationwide strike may _____ the country's economy.
- v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
30. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
- n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
31. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.
- n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
32. My mother taught me how to ____.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 25. bailout, 26. emigrated, 27. centaur, 28. opportune, 29. unsettle, 30. Sociologist, 31. austerity, 32. sew

33. We could _____ into town if you like.

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

34. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

35. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

36. We tend to choose _____ flights when we travel.

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

37. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

38. The nurse _____ the children in the school.

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

39. The bank will _____ on the house if the mortgage payments are not made on time.

v. to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations

40. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 33. stroll, 34. irresponsible, 35. drastic, 36. nonstop, 37. paradox, 38. vaccinated, 39. foreclose, 40. rewire

41. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

42. I used a flower _____ to create a pattern for my art project.

n. a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath

43. The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not _____ them.

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

ANSWERS: 41. mythical, 42. stencil, 43. trample