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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

### tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

### fury

*n.* intense and often violent anger

*synonym*: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

### escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

### reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym*: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

### mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

*synonym*: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

### abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

*synonym*: decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

### dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

*synonym*: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

### relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

*synonym*: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

## specter

*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

*synonym* : ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

## uplift

*n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

*synonym* : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

## semblance

*n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

*synonym* : appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

## convoluted

*adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

*synonym* : intricate, complex, bending

(1) **convoluted** plot, (2) **convoluted** legal language

James Joyce's books are full of long, **convoluted** sentences.

## jargon

*n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

*synonym* : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

## inaccessible

*adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available

*synonym* : inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## cede

*v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

*synonym*: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## cyberattack

*n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

*synonym*: cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

(1) **cyberattack** prevention, (2) **cyberattack** defense system

The hackers launched a devastating **cyberattack**, stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

## miscalculation

*n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

*synonym*: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant

amount of money.

## **misunderstand**

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way  
*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## **quo**

*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

*synonym*: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

## **nuke**

*v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

*synonym*: blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

## **stalemate**

*n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

*synonym*: deadlock, impasse, standstill

(1) political **stalemate**, (2) **stalemate** situation

The negotiations between the two companies reached a **stalemate**, and neither side would compromise.

## **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.

## gamble

*v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

*synonym*: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune  
Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

## evaporation

*n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

*synonym*: vaporization, dehydration, desiccation

(1) **evaporation** cooling, (2) slow **evaporation**

The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of **evaporation** and condensation

## ingenuity

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym*: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**  
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

## human-made

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

*synonym*: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

## annihilate

*v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

*synonym*: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if

left unchecked.

## interrogate

*v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police  
The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

## capitol

*n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

*synonym*: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing  
The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

## aisle

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym*: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church  
She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## succumb

*v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

*synonym*: surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age  
He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

## bipartisanship

*n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's

(1) spirit of **bipartisanship**, (2) **bipartisanship** legislation  
The prime minister's sister has called for **bipartisanship** to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.

## cybersecurity

*n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

*synonym*: information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym*: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym*: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym*: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. bip\_\_\_\_\_hip legislation *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
2. the ha\_\_\_\_\_rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
3. c\_\_e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
4. Ca\_\_\_\_\_l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
5. to es\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
6. ann\_\_\_\_\_te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
7. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ck defense system *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
8. gu\_\_y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
9. the center ai\_\_e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 1. bipartisanship, 2. hallmark, 3. cede, 4. capitol, 5. escalate, 6. annihilate, 7. cyberattack, 8. gutsy, 9. aisle

10. spirit of bip\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
11. the ha\_\_\_\_\_rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
12. scientific ja\_\_\_\_n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
13. the nation's ca\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
14. holy re\_\_cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
15. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. q\_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
17. c\_\_e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
18. f\_\_y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
19. n\_\_e missile *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 10. bipartisanship, 11. hallmark, 12. jargon, 13. capitol, 14. relic, 15. numb, 16. quo, 17. cede, 18. fury, 19. nuke

20. es\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident      *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
21. mu\_\_\_\_om cultivation      *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
22. a chick's tw\_\_t      *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
23. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
24. con\_\_\_\_\_ed legal language      *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
25. market f\_\_y      *n.* intense and often violent anger
26. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
27. int\_\_\_\_\_te an enemy soldier      *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
28. se\_\_\_\_\_ce of truth      *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
29. mu\_\_\_\_om spores      *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
30. his latest tw\_\_ts      *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 20. escalate, 21. mushroom, 22. tweet, 23. doe, 24. convoluted, 25. fury, 26. terrifying, 27. interrogate, 28. semblance, 29. mushroom, 30. tweet

31. n\_\_e a city v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
32. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
33. business ja\_\_\_n n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
34. ga\_\_\_e away my fortune v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
35. political sp\_\_\_\_r n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
36. historical re\_\_c n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
37. di\_\_\_\_\_le a machine v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
38. hum\_\_\_\_\_de climate change adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
39. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion of expenses n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

ANSWERS: 31. nuke, 32. misunderstand, 33. jargon, 34. gamble, 35. specter, 36. relic, 37. dismantle, 38. human-made, 39. miscalculation

40. re\_\_\_\_re market      *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
41. ai\_\_e seat      *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
42. up\_\_\_\_t mountains      *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
43. ab\_\_e a storm      *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
44. su\_\_\_\_b to cancer      *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
45. the infinite in\_\_\_\_ty of man      *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
46. ann\_\_\_\_te all doubts      *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
47. cyb\_\_\_\_ity threat      *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
48. sp\_\_\_\_r of death      *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

ANSWERS: 40. reassure, 41. aisle, 42. uplift, 43. abate, 44. succumb, 45. ingenuity, 46. annihilate, 47. cybersecurity, 48. specter

49. up\_\_\_t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
50. ab\_\_e a crisis *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
51. ga\_\_\_e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
52. abound in in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
53. re\_\_\_\_\_re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
54. di\_\_\_\_\_le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
55. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
56. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
57. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
58. political st\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

ANSWERS: 49. uplift, 50. abate, 51. gamble, 52. ingenuity, 53. reassure, 54. dismantle, 55. trump, 56. numb, 57. interrogate, 58. stalemate

59. the common but nu\_\_\_\_d opinion      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
60. nu\_\_\_\_d view      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
61. 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
62. ter\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
63. lose se\_\_\_\_ce of identity      *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
64. eva\_\_\_\_on cooling      *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
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67. the worst hum\_\_\_\_de disaster      *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
68. mis\_\_\_\_and each other      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
69. ina\_\_\_\_ble areas      *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available

ANSWERS: 59. nuanced, 60. nuanced, 61. doe, 62. terrifying, 63. semblance, 64. evaporation, 65. convoluted, 66. succumb, 67. human-made, 68. misunderstand, 69. inaccessible

70. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ck prevention *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
71. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
72. ina\_\_\_\_\_ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
73. st\_\_\_\_\_te situation *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
74. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ity measures *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
75. slow eva\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
76. gu\_\_y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
77. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

ANSWERS: 70. cyberattack, 71. trump, 72. inaccessible, 73. stalemate, 74. cybersecurity, 75. evaporation, 76. gutsy, 77. miscalculation



78. status quo politician

*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 78. quo

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old building had to be \_\_\_\_\_ because it was structurally unsound.
  - v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
  
2. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.
  - v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
  
3. He finally \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation.
  - v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
  - n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
  - n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
  
6. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
  - n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
  
7. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to quit her job and start her own business.
  - adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
  
8. The negotiations between the two companies reached a \_\_\_\_\_ and neither side would compromise.
  - n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

ANSWERS: 1. dismantled, 2. reassure, 3. succumbed, 4. capitol, 5. trump, 6. ingenuity, 7. gutsy, 8. stalemate,

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.
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12. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.
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ANSWERS: 9. specter, 10. tweet, 11. cyberattack, 12. misunderstand, 13. terrifying, 14. numb, 15. nuanced, 16. annihilate

17. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated \_\_\_\_\_ that confuses consumers.
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18. His \_\_\_\_\_ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
- n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
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- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 17. jargon, 18. miscalculation, 19. escalated, 20. doe, 21. abate, 22. convoluted, 23. interrogate

24. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, \_\_\_\_\_ awareness and education become even more important
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25. She walked down the \_\_\_\_\_ to the front of the church.
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- adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
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- adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
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- n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
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ANSWERS: 24. cybersecurity, 25. aisle, 26. bipartisanship, 27. hallmark, 28. inaccessible, 29. human-made, 30. relic, 31. quo

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
- n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
33. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ of order at the chaotic protest.
- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
34. The landowner agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ part of his property to the government for the public good.
- v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
36. The crowd's \_\_\_\_\_ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
37. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ on the result of the fight?
- v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
38. The government threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.
- v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 32. uplift, 33. semblance, 34. cede, 35. mushroom, 36. fury, 37. gamble, 38. nuke

39. The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of \_\_\_\_\_ and condensation

- n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

ANSWERS: 39. evaporation