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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dissipate

v. to disperse or scatter widely  
*synonym*: scatter, disperse, evaporate

(1) **dissipate** heat, (2) **dissipate** stress

The fog **dissipated**, and the air cleared up.

### recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again  
*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

### thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

*synonym*: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

### drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym*: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## hiss

- v. to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake;  
(noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

*synonym* : whish, sibilate, wheeze

(1) **hiss** warningly at the intruder, (2) the **hiss** of a snake  
The cat arched its back and **hissed** at the approaching dog.

## mound

- n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

*synonym* : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**  
The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

## gait

- n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

*synonym* : pace, stride, step

(1) awkward **gait**, (2) brisk **gait**  
The older woman's **gait** was slow and unsteady.

## clamber

- v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet

*synonym* : climb, scramble, crawl

(1) **clamber** up the ladder, (2) **clamber** over a boulder  
I had to **clamber** over the rocks to reach the cave.

## sandworm

- n. a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing

(1) **sandworm** bait, (2) **sandworm** fishing  
During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous

**sandworm** burrows near the water's edge.

## fling

*v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

*synonym*: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully  
He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

## feudal

*adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century

*synonym*: medieval, feudalistic, aristocratic

(1) a **feudal** lord, (2) **feudal** dictatorship

Lords and serfs characterized the **feudal** system of medieval Europe.

## interstellar

*adj.* relating to or located in the space between stars

*synonym*: galactic, cosmic, intergalactic

(1) **interstellar** communication, (2) **interstellar** space

The **interstellar** medium comprises gas, dust, and cosmic rays that fill the space between stars.

## conquer

*v.* to bring under control by force or authority

*synonym*: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

## stifle

*v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

*synonym*: smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

## edict

*n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

*synonym* : decree, order, command

(1) religious **edict**, (2) royal **edict**

The **edict** issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

## startling

*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

*synonym* : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

## prescient

*adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

*synonym* : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

## 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.

## superhuman

*adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

*synonym* : supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

## mystical

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

*synonym* : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a

sense of unity with the universe.

## melange

*n.* a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences

*synonym*: mix, blend, combination

(1) **melange** of flavors, (2) seafood **melange**

The artist created a beautiful painting using a **melange** of colors and styles.

## galactic

*adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope

*synonym*: cosmic, celestial, enormous

(1) **galactic** scale, (2) a **galactic** system

The Milky Way is a **galactic** collection of billions of stars and planets.

## inhospitable

*adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

*synonym*: sterile, unfriendly, unwelcoming

(1) **inhospitable** environment, (2) in an **inhospitable** manner

He trekked across some of the most **inhospitable** mountains in the world.

## inhabitant

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

*synonym*: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## sadistic

*adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

*synonym*: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on

others for pleasure.

## upend

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

*synonym*: overturn, upset, invert

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

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

## catapult

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

*synonym*: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

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

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

## avid

*adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

*synonym*: enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

## environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym*: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

## topography

*n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

*synonym*: terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and

valleys.

## temperate

*adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

*synonym*: moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

## enlightenment

*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

*synonym*: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

## bastion

*n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects

*synonym*: stronghold, fortification, bulwark

(1) **bastion** of good sense, (2) a **bastion** against corruption

The ancient fortification served as a **bastion** of defense against invaders for centuries.

## brotherhood

*n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

*synonym*: fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

## trustworthy

*adj.* reliable and dependable

*synonym*: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

## pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate  
*synonym*: permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere  
The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

## quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services  
*synonym*: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price  
In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

## unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown  
*synonym*: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller  
The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## saga

n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes  
*synonym*: epic, tale, chronicle

(1) fantasy **saga**, (2) historical **saga**  
The epic **saga** of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

## verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border  
*synonym*: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears  
He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.



## oncoming

*adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

*synonym* : approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. bro_____od among coworkers     | <i>n.</i> a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest   |
| 2. th___t for authority           | <i>n.</i> a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something  |
| 3. sa_____rm fishing              | <i>n.</i> a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing  |
| 4. h__s warningly at the intruder | <i>v.</i> to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound |
| 5. st_____ng earthquake shocks    | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying   |
| 6. have a__d eyes                 | <i>adj.</i> characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity   |
| 7. my_____al belief               | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding   |
| 8. on_____ng disaster             | <i>adj.</i> approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer   |

ANSWERS: 1. brotherhood, 2. thirst, 3. sandworm, 4. hiss, 5. startling, 6. avid, 7. mystical, 8. oncoming

9. me\_\_\_\_\_e of flavors *n.* a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences
10. te\_\_\_\_\_te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
11. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
12. detailed top\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
13. a burning th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
14. ve\_\_e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
15. a ga\_\_\_\_\_ic system *adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
16. cl\_\_\_\_\_r over a boulder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet

ANSWERS: 9. melange, 10. temperate, 11. trustworthy, 12. topography, 13. thirst, 14. verge, 15. galactic, 16. clamber

17. pe\_\_\_\_e society *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
18. sup\_\_\_\_\_an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
19. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
20. ba\_\_\_\_\_n of good sense *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
21. st\_\_\_e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
22. historical s\_\_a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
23. ga\_\_\_\_\_ic scale *adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
24. seafood me\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences
25. brisk g\_\_t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
26. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
27. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 17. pervade, 18. superhuman, 19. drown, 20. bastion, 21. stifle, 22. saga, 23. galactic, 24. melange, 25. gait, 26. writ, 27. drown

28. pe\_\_\_\_e an atmosphere      *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
29. cl\_\_\_\_r up the ladder      *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
30. a ba\_\_\_\_n against corruption      *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
31. un\_\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
32. qu\_\_e a price      *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
33. int\_\_\_\_lar space      *adj.* relating to or located in the space between stars
34. top\_\_\_\_hy map      *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
35. spirit of bro\_\_\_\_od      *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
36. the h\_\_s of a snake      *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 28. pervade, 29. clamber, 30. bastion, 31. unfold, 32. quote, 33.

interstellar, 34. topography, 35. brotherhood, 36. hiss

37. fe\_\_\_l dictatorship *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
38. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
39. co\_\_\_\_\_r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
40. di\_\_\_\_\_te heat *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
41. enl\_\_\_\_\_ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
42. powerful ca\_\_\_\_\_lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
43. up\_\_d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
44. inh\_\_\_\_\_ble environment *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
45. in an inh\_\_\_\_\_ble manner *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
46. fl\_\_g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
47. a\_\_d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

ANSWERS: 37. feudal, 38. recycle, 39. conquer, 40. dissipate, 41. enlightenment, 42. catapult, 43. upend, 44. inhospitable, 45. inhospitable, 46. fling, 47. avid

48. an env\_\_\_\_\_ist political party     *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
49. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy ally     *adj.* reliable and dependable
50. spiritual enl\_\_\_\_\_ent     *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
51. sup\_\_\_\_\_an effort     *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
52. inh\_\_\_\_\_nt tax     *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
53. ca\_\_\_\_\_lt mechanism     *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
54. dedicated env\_\_\_\_\_ist     *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
55. st\_\_\_\_\_ng discovery     *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
56. my\_\_\_\_\_al intuition     *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
57. st\_\_\_e a laugh     *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
58. awkward g\_\_t     *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
59. on\_\_\_\_\_ng traffic     *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

ANSWERS: 48. environmentalist, 49. trustworthy, 50. enlightenment, 51. superhuman, 52. inhabitant, 53. catapult, 54. environmentalist, 55. startling, 56. mystical, 57. stifle, 58. gait, 59. oncoming



60. fantasy s\_\_a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
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64. a fe\_\_\_l lord *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
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ANSWERS: 60. saga, 61. edict, 62. sadistic, 63. dissipate, 64. feudal, 65. prescient, 66. prescient, 67. recycle, 68. fling

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76. int\_\_\_\_lar communication *adj.* relating to or located in the space between stars
77. up\_\_d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
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ANSWERS: 69. sadistic, 70. quote, 71. mound, 72. inhabitant, 73. conquer, 74. temperate, 75. writ, 76. interstellar, 77. upend, 78. unfold

79. on the ve\_\_e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
80. royal ed\_\_t *n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
81. sa\_\_\_\_rm bait *n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
82. mo\_\_d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 79. verge, 80. edict, 81. sandworm, 82. mound

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People tend to believe \_\_\_\_\_ friends with their secrets.  
*adj.* reliable and dependable
2. The team discovered a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert.  
*n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
3. The oppressive regime tried to \_\_\_\_\_ free speech and dissent.  
*v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ medium comprises gas, dust, and cosmic rays that fill the space between stars.  
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5. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ and the air cleared up.  
*v.* to disperse or scatter widely
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.  
*adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.  
*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

ANSWERS: 1. trustworthy, 2. mound, 3. stifle, 4. interstellar, 5. dissipated, 6. prescient, 7. environmentalist

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10. The \_\_\_\_\_ issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.  
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11. The army used a \_\_\_\_\_ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.  
*n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
12. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ over the rocks to reach the cave.  
*v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.  
*n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.  
*adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
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ANSWERS: 8. inhospitable, 9. mystical, 10. edict, 11. catapult, 12. clamber, 13. topography, 14. temperate, 15. oncoming

16. He finally brought his \_\_\_\_\_ to perfection.
- n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
17. The older woman's \_\_\_\_\_ was slow and unsteady.
- n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
- n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
19. During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous \_\_\_\_\_ burrows near the water's edge.
- n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
20. The artist created a beautiful painting using a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and styles.
- n.* a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences
21. He was provoked to \_\_\_\_\_ the draft on the floor.
- v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
22. The epic \_\_\_\_\_ of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.
- n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
23. In his speech, he \_\_\_\_\_ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
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ANSWERS: 16. enlightenment, 17. gait, 18. brotherhood, 19. sandworm, 20. melange, 21. fling, 22. saga, 23. quoted

24. He read books to quench his \_\_\_\_\_ for knowledge.  
*n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
25. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your anxiety about driving.  
*v.* to bring under control by force or authority
26. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.  
*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
27. She was an \_\_\_\_\_ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.  
*adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
28. The ancient fortification served as a \_\_\_\_\_ of defense against invaders for centuries.  
*n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
29. The smell of baking bread \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen.  
*v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
30. He describes the story with \_\_\_\_\_ reality.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
31. He stood on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a major discovery.  
*n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
32. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.  
*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 24. thirst, 25. conquer, 26. drown, 27. avid, 28. bastion, 29. pervaded, 30. startling, 31. verge, 32. unfolded

33. Lords and serfs characterized the \_\_\_\_\_ system of medieval Europe.  
*adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
34. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.  
*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.  
*adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
36. The Milky Way is a \_\_\_\_\_ collection of billions of stars and planets.  
*adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
37. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
38. The cat arched its back and \_\_\_\_\_ at the approaching dog.  
*v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 33. feudal, 34. recycle, 35. sadistic, 36. galactic, 37. writ, 38. hissed



39. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

*adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

40. The sudden news \_\_\_\_\_ their plans for the weekend.

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

41. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 39. superhuman, 40. upended, 41. inhabitant