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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### instrumental

*adj.* of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose

*synonym*: functional, operational, practical

(1) **instrumental** in solving the crime, (2) **instrumental** music

The **instrumental** role of technology in modern society cannot be overstated.

### vocabulary

*n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

*synonym*: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

### utensil

*n.* a tool used in the house

*synonym*: appliance, equipment, instrument

(1) cooking **utensils**, (2) cleaning **utensils**

This cuisine requires special kitchen **utensils**.

### chopstick

*n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food

(1) **chopstick** holder, (2) wooden **chopstick**  
She struggled to grab the sushi with **chopsticks**.

## 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.

## pincers

*n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing

*synonym* : pliers, tweezers, forceps

(1) scorpion **pincers**, (2) grip with **pincers**

The handyman used his trusty **pincers** to remove the rusty nails from the old boards.

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## bamboo

*n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

*synonym* : cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

## jade

*n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

*synonym*: gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**

The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

## ivory

*n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

*synonym*: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

## dumpling

*n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

*synonym*: doughball, potsticker, pierogi

(1) **dumpling** soup, (2) homemade **dumpling**

I ordered some delicious **dumplings** for lunch.

## drumstick

*n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound

*synonym*: beater, mallet, stick

(1) **drumstick** grip, (2) **drumstick** case

The drummer used **drumsticks** to play the drumset.

## tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

*synonym*: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## incense

*n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions

*synonym*: fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) **incense** burner, (2) **incense** stick

In ancient times, people believed that burning **incense** helped ward off evil spirits.

## echo

*n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

*synonym*: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

## sphere

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym*: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

## slightly

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

*synonym*: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

## variation

*n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

*synonym*: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

## commonplace

*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

*synonym*: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

## 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.

## statistics

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**  
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

## diplomat

*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

*synonym* : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**  
The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

## engagement

*n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

*synonym* : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**  
They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

## cuisine

*n.* the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment

*synonym* : meal, cooking, gastronomy

(1) bistro-style **cuisine**, (2) **cuisine** taste  
Italian **cuisine** is known for its use of fresh ingredients and bold flavors.

## dynasty

*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**  
During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

## tripod

*n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

*synonym*: three-legged stand, three-legged base, three-legged support

(1) **tripod** mic stand, (2) **tripod** mount

The photographer set up his camera on a **tripod** to take the shot.

## stir

*v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

*synonym*: mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

## din

*n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

*synonym*: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

## efficient

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

*synonym*: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

## circular

*adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form

*synonym*: round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

*synonym* : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life  
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;  
for common use

*synonym* : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## individually

*adv.* separately or apart from others

*synonym* : separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

## legend

*n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

*synonym* : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

## 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.

## starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym*: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_\_r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
2. the e\_\_o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
3. va\_\_\_\_\_on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
4. st\_\_\_e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
5. mighty d\_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
6. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
7. allied di\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
8. dr\_\_\_\_\_ck grip *n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound
9. basketball le\_\_\_d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

ANSWERS: 1. stir, 2. echo, 3. variation, 4. starve, 5. din, 6. slightly, 7. diplomat, 8. drumstick, 9. legend

10. ci\_\_\_\_ar economy *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
11. gene va\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
12. s\_\_r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
13. expel a di\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
14. non-ci\_\_\_\_ar orbit *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
15. ef\_\_\_\_\_nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
16. te\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
17. ba\_\_\_o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
18. ins\_\_\_\_\_tal music *adj.* of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose

ANSWERS: 10. circular, 11. variation, 12. stir, 13. diplomat, 14. circular, 15. efficient, 16. tempting, 17. bamboo, 18. instrumental

19. cleaning ut\_\_\_\_ls *n.* a tool used in the house
20. dy\_\_\_\_y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
21. ind\_\_\_\_\_lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others
22. grip with pi\_\_\_\_s *n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
23. sp\_\_\_\_e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
24. sl\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
25. a circular mo\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
26. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
27. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 19. utensil, 20. dynasty, 21. individually, 22. pincers, 23. sphere, 24. slightly, 25. movement, 26. efficient, 27. influence

28. tower of iv\_\_y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
29. 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
30. dr\_\_\_\_\_ck case *n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound
31. sound very te\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
32. become a com\_\_\_\_\_ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
33. during the Ming dy\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
34. cu\_\_\_\_\_e taste *n.* the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment
35. homemade du\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
36. voc\_\_\_\_\_ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

ANSWERS: 28. ivory, 29. hell, 30. drumstick, 31. tempting, 32. commonplace, 33. dynasty, 34. cuisine, 35. dumpling, 36. vocabulary

37. du\_\_\_\_ng soup *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
38. cooking ut\_\_\_\_ls *n.* a tool used in the house
39. a j\_\_e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
40. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
41. tr\_\_\_\_d mount *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
42. academic voc\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
43. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
44. ins\_\_\_\_\_tal in solving the crime *adj.* of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose
45. tr\_\_\_\_d mic stand *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
46. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 37. dumpling, 38. utensil, 39. jade, 40. influence, 41. tripod, 42. vocabulary, 43. statistics, 44. instrumental, 45. tripod, 46. movement

47. wooden ch\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
48. 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
49. ch\_\_\_\_\_ck holder *n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
50. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
51. a prior eng\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
52. le\_\_\_d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
53. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
54. he\_\_\_n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 47. chopstick, 48. hell, 49. chopstick, 50. statistics, 51. engagement, 52. legend, 53. starve, 54. heaven

55. decorated with j\_\_e *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
56. co\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
57. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
58. scorpion pi\_\_\_\_s *n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
59. 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
60. bistro-style cu\_\_\_\_e *n.* the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment
61. def\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
62. com\_\_\_\_ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
63. in\_\_\_\_e stick *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions

ANSWERS: 55. jade, 56. communal, 57. communal, 58. pincers, 59. stick, 60. cuisine, 61. definitely, 62. commonplace, 63. incense

64. answer questions ind\_\_\_\_\_lly      *adv.* separately or apart from others
65. 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
66. business sp\_\_\_e      *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
67. sound e\_\_o      *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
68. ascend to he\_\_\_n      *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
69. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
70. ba\_\_\_o flooring      *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
71. iv\_\_y carving      *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 64. individually, 65. stick, 66. sphere, 67. echo, 68. heaven, 69. definitely, 70. bamboo, 71. ivory



72. break off an eng\_\_\_\_\_nt                    *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
73. in\_\_\_\_\_e burner                            *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
74. d\_n of traffic                                 *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

ANSWERS: 72. engagement, 73. incense, 74. din

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In ancient times, people believed that burning \_\_\_\_\_ helped ward off evil spirits.
  - n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
  
2. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
  - n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
  
3. Forgetting someone's name is a \_\_\_\_\_ occurrence.
  - adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
  
4. The photographer set up his camera on a \_\_\_\_\_ to take the shot.
  - n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
  
5. Topics related to that war may \_\_\_\_\_ up a political hornets' nest.
  - v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
  
6. A thunderous boom \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the valley.
  - n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.
  - adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 1. incense, 2. legends, 3. commonplace, 4. tripod, 5. stir, 6. echoed, 7. Communal

8. The handyman used his trusty \_\_\_\_\_ to remove the rusty nails from the old boards.
- n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
9. This cuisine requires special kitchen \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a tool used in the house
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture was worth a fortune.
- n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
11. Using proper \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
13. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
14. The chocolate cake was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me to resist.
- adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

ANSWERS: 8. pincers, 9. utensils, 10. jade, 11. vocabulary, 12. statistics, 13. influence, 14. tempting

15. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.  
*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
16. The stalks of \_\_\_\_\_ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.  
*n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
17. The \_\_\_\_ of the city was overwhelming.  
*n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.  
*adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
19. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.  
*n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
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ANSWERS: 15. efficient, 16. bamboo, 17. din, 18. circular, 19. heaven, 20. cuisine, 21. variation

22. The intricate carvings on the \_\_\_\_\_ tusk were a work of art.  
*n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
23. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.  
*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
25. During the Habsburg \_\_\_\_\_ colonization began.  
*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ role of technology in modern society cannot be overstated.  
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ANSWERS: 22. ivory, 23. definitely, 24. movement, 25. dynasty, 26. instrumental, 27. hell, 28. individually, 29. slightly

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- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
33. The drummer used \_\_\_\_\_ to play the drumset.
- n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound
34. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
35. The senior \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
36. She struggled to grab the sushi with \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food

ANSWERS: 30. stick, 31. engagement, 32. sphere, 33. drumsticks, 34. starve, 35. diplomat, 36. chopsticks

37. I ordered some delicious \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.

- n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

ANSWERS: 37. dumplings