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Session 1: Word List

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym : learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym : quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym: unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym : admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth
He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym : misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**
Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym: blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym: shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

synonym : inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym : limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym : exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym : waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus
The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a
high-rolling gambler.

Session 2: Spelling

1. computer-con_____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
2. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
3. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
4. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
5. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
6. nonmetallic el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
7. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
8. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
9. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
10. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

ANSWERS: 1. controllable, 2. monk, 3. comp, 4. transgression, 5. sacred, 6. element, 7. manifest, 8. assume, 9. technique, 10. constraint

11. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
12. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
13. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
14. te___r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
15. fortune-te___r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
16. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
17. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
18. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 11. yell, 12. spirit, 13. constraint, 14. teller, 15. teller, 16. pause, 17. identity, 18. temple

19. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
20. co____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
21. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
22. di____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
23. bl__t in frustration *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
24. tr____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
25. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
26. inexcusable tra______ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
27. imp____le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
28. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 19. chamber, 20. confess, 21. proof, 22. disaster, 23. blurt, 24. transform, 25. identity, 26. transgression, 27. improbable, 28. spirit

29. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
30. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
31. con_____ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
32. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
33. a tour guide at the te____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
34. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
35. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
36. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
37. ti__d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

ANSWERS: 29. strategy, 30. interrupt, 31. controllable, 32. swallow, 33. temple, 34. magic, 35. conclude, 36. swallow, 37. timid

38. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
39. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
40. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
41. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
42. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
43. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
44. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
45. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
46. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
47. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
48. app_____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

ANSWERS: 38. confirm, 39. conclude, 40. confirm, 41. determinant, 42. confess, 43. vast, 44. initial, 45. transform, 46. element, 47. contradiction, 48. apprentice

49. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
50. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
51. bl__t about the inside story *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
52. cr_____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
53. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
54. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
55. sc____d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
56. liquid cr_____l *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 49. overnight, 50. initial, 51. blurt, 52. crystal, 53. alarm, 54. monk, 55. scared, 56. crystal

57. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
58. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
59. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
60. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
61. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
62. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
63. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
64. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
65. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
66. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
67. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 57. compel, 58. contradict, 59. panic, 60. identify, 61. chamber, 62. eventually, 63. alarm, 64. yell, 65. interrupt, 66. identify, 67. magical

68. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
69. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
70. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
71. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
72. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
73. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
74. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
75. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
76. a young app_____ce *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
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78. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 68. assume, 69. scared, 70. improbable, 71. panic, 72. accuse, 73. manifest, 74. pause, 75. magic, 76. apprentice, 77. vast, 78. overnight

79. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
80. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
81. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
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87. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
88. co___e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
89. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 79. comp, 80. accuse, 81. proof, 82. determinant, 83. sacred, 84. eventually, 85. strategy, 86. contradiction, 87. compel, 88. consume, 89. magical

90. ti__d tone *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
91. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
92. global di____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
93. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
94. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 90. timid, 91. consume, 92. disaster, 93. technique, 94. contradict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I didn't mean to _____ out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.
v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

2. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

3. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

4. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.
v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

5. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

6. I'm _____ of insects.
adj. afraid or frightened

7. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

8. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.
adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

ANSWERS: 1. blurt, 2. consume, 3. monk, 4. confessed, 5. initial, 6. scared, 7. Proof, 8. improbable

9. The _____ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

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n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

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16. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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22. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

23. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 16. technique, 17. manifested, 18. eventually, 19. contradict, 20. crystal, 21. concluded, 22. paused, 23. temple

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25. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
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27. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.
n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
28. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
29. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
30. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.
adj. able to be controlled or directed
31. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

ANSWERS: 24. assumes, 25. identify, 26. constraint, 27. contradictions, 28. determinant, 29. comped, 30. controllable, 31. interrupted

32. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
33. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
n. a fundamental or essential part of something
34. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
35. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
36. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
37. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
38. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
39. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
40. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

ANSWERS: 32. magic, 33. element, 34. yelled, 35. strategy, 36. transformed, 37. sacred, 38. magical, 39. vast, 40. transgression

41. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

42. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

43. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

44. The bank _____ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

- n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

45. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

46. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

47. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 41. identity, 42. overnight, 43. accused, 44. teller, 45. chambers, 46. swallowed, 47. alarm

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