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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### feverish

*adj.* having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy

*synonym* : heated, hot, agitated

(1) feel **feverish**, (2) at a **feverish** pitch

She had a **feverish** look in her eyes as she struggled with illness.

### well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

### earnest

*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

*synonym* : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

## counterproductive

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted  
*synonym* : ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

## uphill

*adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

*synonym* : skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

## unwitting

*adj.* without purpose or intent

*synonym* : unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

## handout

*n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

*synonym* : contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## nativism

*n.* a political ideology or belief system that prioritizes the interests and rights of people considered native or indigenous to a particular country or region, often involving advocacy for policies that restrict immigration or limit the rights of non-native residents and associated with fears of cultural or economic displacement

*synonym* : xenophobia, isolationism, nationalism

(1) **nativism** movement, (2) anti-immigrant **nativism**

The recent wave of **nativism** has been fueled by economic anxiety and anti-immigrant sentiment.

## assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

*synonym*: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

## parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

*synonym*: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

## sap

v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

*synonym*: weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

## animus

n. hostility or ill-feeling, often shown in prejudice or bias; a feeling of strong motivation or intention towards a particular goal or objective

*synonym*: antagonism, resentment, hatred

(1) ideological **animus**, (2) **animus** toward minorities

The company's decision to close the factory was motivated by a deep **animus** toward its workers.

## inflame

v. to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

*synonym*: agitate, arouse, enrage

(1) **inflame** skin, (2) **inflame** his passion

Her eyes **inflamed** with crying.

## **stark**

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications  
*synonym* : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

## **fissure**

*n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

*synonym* : crack, crevice, gap

(1) pulmonary **fissure**, (2) **fissure** in the relationship

The **fissure** in the rock was too narrow to squeeze through.

## **exclusionary**

*adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

*synonym* : discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

## **backstory**

*n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

*synonym* : history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

## **policymaker**

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

*synonym* : lawmaker, legislator

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

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

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## settler

*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

*synonym*: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## xenophobia

*n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

*synonym*: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

## untold

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

*synonym*: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

## 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.

## obedient

*adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do  
*synonym*: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog  
The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

## thrifty

*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money

*synonym*: economical, frugal, prudent

(1) a **thrifty** person, (2) have a **thrifty** business  
My wife is addicted to making **thrifty** purchases.

## 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.

## overthrow

*v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

*synonym*: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory  
The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars  
The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## reunification

*n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

*synonym*:

integration, consolidation, reuniting

(1) **reunification** talks, (2) family **reunification**

The **reunification** of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

## convulse

*v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

*synonym*: spasm, tremble, seize

(1) **convulse** with laughter, (2) **convulse** with anger

He **convulsed** in pain as the injury was severe.

## divisive

*adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

*synonym*: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## urgently

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

*synonym*: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

## roundup

*n.* a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of

individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic

*synonym*: summary, gathering, assembly

(1) **roundup** of criminals, (2) weekly **roundup**

The annual **roundup** of cattle on the ranch is a busy time for the cowboys.

## deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

*synonym*: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

## emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym*: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## uproot

v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

*synonym*: remove, eradicate

(1) **uproot** the tree, (2) **uproot** tradition

We decided to **uproot** our lives and move to a new city.

## wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

*synonym*: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

## intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

*synonym*: amplify, boost, strengthen



(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

## widen

*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

*synonym*: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve  
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

## 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.

## prosperous

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym*: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym*: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym*: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

## **nationalist**

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym* : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

## **broaden**

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym* : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

## **inventive**

*adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

*synonym* : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

## **trade-off**

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

*synonym* : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

## **unequal**

*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

*synonym* : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ea\_\_\_\_t conversation  
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*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
3. co\_\_\_\_se with laughter  
*v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
4. ov\_\_\_\_ow the theory  
*v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
5. tackle the problem ur\_\_\_\_ly  
*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
6. e\_\_t a gamma ray  
*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
7. 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
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ANSWERS: 1. earnest, 2. thrifty, 3. convulse, 4. overthrow, 5. urgently, 6. emit, 7. determinant, 8. earnest

9. na\_\_\_\_sm movement *n.* a political ideology or belief system that prioritizes the interests and rights of people considered native or indigenous to a particular country or region, often involving advocacy for policies that restrict immigration or limit the rights of non-native residents and associated with fears of cultural or economic displacement
10. new se\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
11. wr\_\_\_\_h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
12. un\_\_\_\_t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
13. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. weekly ro\_\_\_\_p *n.* a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic
15. in\_\_\_\_fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
16. highly cou\_\_\_\_\_ive to performance *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

ANSWERS: 9. nativism, 10. settler, 11. wrench, 12. unjust, 13. industrious, 14. roundup, 15. intensify, 16. counterproductive

17. pro\_\_\_\_\_us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
18. three-page ha\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
19. un\_\_\_\_\_l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
20. regional pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
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26. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
27. en\_\_\_\_\_on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
28. plead for ha\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

ANSWERS: 17. prosperous, 18. handout, 19. unequal, 20. policymaker, 21. envision, 22. uproot, 23. reunification, 24. counterproductive, 25. xenophobia, 26. parasite, 27. envision, 28. handout

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36. st\_\_k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
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38. grow to be ob\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

ANSWERS: 29. divisive, 30. reunification, 31. roundup, 32. unwitting, 33. overthrow, 34. prioritize, 35. policymaker, 36. stark, 37. backstory, 38. obedient

39. de\_\_\_t dissidents from the party      *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
40. environmental tr\_\_\_\_\_ff      *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
41. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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45. up\_\_\_t the tree      *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
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47. in\_\_\_\_\_e his passion      *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

ANSWERS: 39. deport, 40. trade-off, 41. industrious, 42. sap, 43. exclusionary, 44. nativism, 45. uproot, 46. accuse, 47. inflame

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58. feel fe\_\_\_\_\_sh *adj.* having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy

ANSWERS: 48. worldview, 49. thrifty, 50. settler, 51. seize, 52. widen, 53. well-being, 54. unwitting, 55. parasite, 56. obedient, 57. convulse, 58. feverish



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100. in\_\_\_\_\_ve approach  
*adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
101. fi\_\_\_\_\_e in the relationship  
*n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization
102. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 94. backstory, 95. broaden, 96. nationalist, 97. trade-off, 98. unjust, 99. prioritize, 100. inventive, 101. fissure, 102. determinant

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the main character added depth to the story.  
*n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
2. All language around the world is consistently \_\_\_\_\_ but not intrusive.  
*adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
3. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
5. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.  
*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
6. The annual \_\_\_\_\_ of cattle on the ranch is a busy time for the cowboys.  
*n.* a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ in pain as the injury was severe.  
*v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

ANSWERS: 1. backstory, 2. inventive, 3. industrious, 4. prioritized, 5. trade-off, 6. roundup, 7. convulsed

8. His rudeness was \_\_\_\_\_ not intentional.

*adj.* without purpose or intent

9. The group aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the military regime.

*v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

11. A deep sigh was \_\_\_\_\_ from his chest.

*v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

12. The company's decision to close the factory was motivated by a deep \_\_\_\_\_ toward its workers.

*n.* hostility or ill-feeling, often shown in prejudice or bias; a feeling of strong motivation or intention towards a particular goal or objective

13. All those eligible will receive financial \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

14. The recent wave of \_\_\_\_\_ has been fueled by economic anxiety and anti-immigrant sentiment.

*n.* a political ideology or belief system that prioritizes the interests and rights of people considered native or indigenous to a particular country or region, often involving advocacy for policies that restrict immigration or limit the rights of non-native residents and associated with fears of cultural or economic displacement

15. I need to send this email \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 8. unwitting, 9. overthrow, 10. untold, 11. wrenched, 12. animus, 13. handouts, 14. nativism, 15. urgently

16. 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
17. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.
- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
18. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
19. 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
20. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
21. Her eyes \_\_\_\_\_ with crying.
- v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
22. He spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.
- adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 16. determinant, 17. envision, 18. seize, 19. uplift, 20. well-being, 21. inflamed, 22. earnest, 23. nationalist



24. The scenery of the battlefield was \_\_\_\_\_ and grey.

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

25. Rebels have pledged to \_\_\_\_\_ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

*v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

26. The government has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

*v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

27. The road is \_\_\_\_\_ for a while.

*adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

28. The company decided to invest in a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

29. The ruling was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by many people in the community.

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

30. The disease has \_\_\_\_\_ all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

*v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

31. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.

*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

32. Tapeworms are \_\_\_\_\_ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

*n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 24. stark, 25. intensify, 26. deport, 27. uphill, 28. prosperous, 29. unjust, 30. sapped, 31. emits, 32. parasites

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog followed its owner's commands.

*adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

34. The proposed policy has been met with \_\_\_\_\_ reactions from the public.

*adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

35. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.

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

36. The immigrant struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ into the new culture.

*v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

37. He \_\_\_\_\_ his investigation into a medical clinic.

*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

38. My wife is addicted to making \_\_\_\_\_ purchases.

*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money

39. We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives and move to a new city.

*v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the rock was too narrow to squeeze through.

*n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

41. \_\_\_\_\_ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

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

ANSWERS: 33. obedient, 34. divisive, 35. accused, 36. assimilate, 37. widened, 38. thrifty, 39. uproot, 40. fissure, 41. Policymakers

42. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

43. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its product line to include more customer options.

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

44. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ look in her eyes as she struggled with illness.

*adj.* having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy

45. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely \_\_\_\_\_ but common.

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

46. The new housing development faced criticism for its \_\_\_\_\_ policies towards lower-income residents.

*adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

47. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

*n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

*n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

ANSWERS: 42. profoundly, 43. broadened, 44. feverish, 45. counterproductive, 46. exclusionary, 47. worldviews, 48. xenophobia, 49. reunification

50. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

51. A large proportion of railway workers in \_\_\_\_\_ colonies were white.

*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

ANSWERS: 50. unequal, 51. settler