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Session 1: Word List

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

inlay

v. to set pieces of one material into a surface made of another material, often to create a decorative pattern or design; to add a contrasting or complementary material to enhance the appearance or value of something;
(noun) a design or pattern on an object which is set into the surface, rather than being painted or printed on

synonym : embed, implant, insert

(1) **inlay** with gold and silver, (2) dental **inlay**

The artisan used a chisel to **inlay** the intricate design into the wooden box.

heirloom

n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

synonym : heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

tweet

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

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym : eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

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.

horoscope

n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

synonym : astrological chart, celestial map

(1) cast a **horoscope**, (2) believe in **horoscope**

She read her **horoscope** every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

yore

n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized

synonym: bygone, yesteryear, past

(1) stories of **yore**, (2) long-gone **yore**

In the days of **yore**, knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

topsoil

n. the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

synonym: top layer, surface soil, humus

(1) **topsoil** erosion, (2) nutrient-rich **topsoil**

The farmer trucked in some fresh **topsoil** to improve the fertility of his fields.

perennial

adj. lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring

synonym : long-lasting, recurrent, persistent

(1) **perennial** battle, (2) **perennial** asthma

The **perennial** flowers returned yearly, providing a beautiful display in the garden.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

carver

n. a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving

synonym : sculptor, engraver, cutter

(1) wood **carver**, (2) pumpkin **carver**

The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled **carver's** hands.

sharecropper

n. a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced

synonym : tenant farmer, cropper, farmer

(1) **sharecropper** system, (2) **sharecropper** labor

Many **sharecroppers** in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym : refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym : banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

pawn

n. a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym : collateral, pledge, security

(1) **pawn** checkmate, (2) **pawn** my jewelry

He used his watch as a **pawn** in the game of chess.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing

memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

descendant

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. re_____m land from the sea | v. | to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back |
| 2. co_____ve coal resources | v. | to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction |
| 3. corporate af_____fe | n. | life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions |
| 4. religious sh____e | n. | a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship |
| 5. mo_____to repellent | n. | a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 6. re_____sh a reserve fund | v. | to fill something that had previously been emptied |
| 7. im____r insulin sensitivity | v. | to damage something or make it weaker or worse |
| 8. have the in_____ve talent | adj. | able to come up with novel and unique ideas |
| 9. fa____m the mystery | v. | to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water |
| 10. an_____or language | n. | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |

ANSWERS: 1. reclaim, 2. conserve, 3. afterlife, 4. shrine, 5. mosquito, 6. replenish, 7. impair, 8. inventive, 9. fathom, 10. ancestor

11. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
12. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
13. wood ca____r *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
14. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
15. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
16. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
17. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
18. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
19. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
20. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
21. p__n checkmate *n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 11. lucrative, 12. haunted, 13. carver, 14. descendant, 15. haunted, 16. financier, 17. carve, 18. ephemeral, 19. financier, 20. descendant, 21. pawn

22. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
23. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
24. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
25. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
26. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
27. fresh lo_____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
28. pe_____al asthma *adj.* lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
29. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
30. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
31. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
32. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
33. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
34. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 22. institutionalize, 23. tweet, 24. dismal, 25. shepherd, 26. grandchild, 27. lobster, 28. perennial, 29. conjure, 30. epicenter, 31. carve, 32. conserve, 33. reclaim, 34. sow

35. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
36. re_____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
37. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
38. stories of y__e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
39. family he_____om *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
40. fe_____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
41. believe in ho_____pe *n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
42. pumpkin ca____r *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
43. pe_____al battle *adj.* lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
44. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
45. di___l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

ANSWERS: 35. inventive, 36. replenish, 37. conjure, 38. yore, 39. heirloom, 40. fertile, 41. horoscope, 42. carver, 43. perennial, 44. grandchild, 45. dismal

53. de____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
54. sheep without a sh____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
55. sh____e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
56. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
57. nutrient-rich to____l *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
58. dental in__y *v.* to set pieces of one material into a surface made of another material, often to create a decorative pattern or design; to add a contrasting or complementary material to enhance the appearance or value of something; (noun) a design or pattern on an object which is set into the surface, rather than being painted or printed on
59. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 53. deplete, 54. shepherd, 55. shrine, 56. impair, 57. topsoil, 58. inlay, 59. sow

60. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
61. cast a ho_____pe *n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
62. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
63. p__n my jewelry *n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money
64. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
65. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
66. ep_____er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
67. sha_____per labor *n.* a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced
68. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 60. rethink, 61. horoscope, 62. reap, 63. pawn, 64. resonate, 65. fertile, 66. epicenter, 67. sharecropper, 68. foresight

69. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
70. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
71. sha_____per system *n.* a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced
72. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
73. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
74. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
75. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
76. to_____l erosion *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

ANSWERS: 69. fathom, 70. mosquito, 71. sharecropper, 72. ephemeral, 73. farmland, 74. reap, 75. superpower, 76. topsoil

77. long-gone y__e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
78. strategic fo_____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
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83. deputy ma_____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
84. ma_____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 77. yore, 78. foresight, 79. resonate, 80. afterlife, 81. heirloom, 82.

lucrative, 83. marshal, 84. marshal

85. fa____nd acreage

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

86. earliest human an____or

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 85. farmland, 86. ancestor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
2. The family recipe for apple pie has become an _____ tradition.
n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
3. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
4. The accident made his vision _____.
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5. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
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6. The _____ flowers returned yearly, providing a beautiful display in the garden.
adj. lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
7. The artisan used a chisel to _____ the intricate design into the wooden box.
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ANSWERS: 1. lobster, 2. heirloom, 3. fertile, 4. impaired, 5. tweet, 6. perennial, 7. inlay

8. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
- v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
9. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
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- n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
11. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.
- n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
12. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
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13. He used his watch as a _____ in the game of chess.
- n. a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money
14. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
- v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
15. Many _____ in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.
- n. a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced

ANSWERS: 8. sowed, 9. institutionalize, 10. afterlife, 11. foresight, 12. mosquitos, 13. pawn, 14. conjured, 15. sharecroppers

16. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
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17. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
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n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
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v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
21. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
22. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes
23. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
24. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 16. rethink, 17. carved, 18. descendants, 19. shrine, 20. resonates, 21. ancestor, 22. farmland, 23. haunted, 24. deplete

25. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
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28. His success as a famous actor was _____.
- adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
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32. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 25. shepherd's, 26. topsoil, 27. reclaim, 28. ephemeral, 29. epicenter, 30. replenish, 31. superpower, 32. reaped

33. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas
34. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.
adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
35. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
36. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.
v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
37. In the days of _____ knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.
n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
38. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
39. The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled _____ hands.
n. a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
40. She read her _____ every morning to see what the day had in store for her.
n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
41. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 33. inventive, 34. dismal, 35. grandchild, 36. fathom, 37. yore, 38. conserve, 39. carver's, 40. horoscope, 41. marshal

42. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

43. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

ANSWERS: 42. financier, 43. lucrative