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Session 1: Word List

glaze

- v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym: coat, enamel, varnish

- (1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

explode

- v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

- (1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

hoot

- v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

synonym: jeer, taunt

- (1) **hoot** the actor off the stage, (2) **hoot** a horn

The audience **hooted** with laughter at the comedian's jokes.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

vape

v. to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette

synonym : smoke, puff, inhale

(1) **vape** pen, (2) **vape** smokes

She decided to **vape** a refreshing mint-flavored e-liquid to satisfy her nicotine cravings.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym : mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym : condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

staunch

adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

synonym : strong, loyal, firm

(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent

She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym : sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

perpetrate

v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation

synonym :

commit, perform, execute

(1) **perpetrate** harassment, (2) **perpetrate** a fraud

The criminal decided to **perpetrate** another robbery despite his previous arrest.

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.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

- spit**
- v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
synonym : expectorate, saliva, spew
- (1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.
- degrade**
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
synonym : demean, disgrace, impair
- (1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality
You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.
- pretext**
- n.* a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions
synonym : excuse, pretense, cover-up
- (1) flimsy **pretext**, (2) under the **pretext** of illness
He used the **pretext** of going to the gym to sneak out of work early.
- discriminating**
- adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
synonym : selective, critical, discerning
- (1) **discriminating** judgment, (2) **discriminating** eye
The restaurant has **discriminating** tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.
- kink**
- n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
synonym : bend, twist, curl
- (1) **kink** in the neck, (2) sexual **kink**

The **kink** in the hose was preventing water from flowing correctly.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym : recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

coerce

v. to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands

synonym: force, compel, pressure

(1) **coerce** him to follow an order, (2) **coerce** obedience

The boss tried to **coerce** the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

- flirt**
- v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
- synonym* : tease
- (1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl
- My husband never **flirts** with other women.
- brownie**
- n. a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
- synonym* : bar, cake, square
- (1) earn **Brownie** points, (2) **brownie** recipe
- She baked a batch of chocolate chip **brownies** for the office party.
- zucchini**
- n. a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
- synonym* : courgette
- (1) **zucchini** soup, (2) stuffed **zucchini**
- I made a delicious **zucchini** casserole for dinner last night.
- nuanced**
- adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
- synonym* : fine, subtle, slight
- (1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion
- The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.
- tame**
- v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
- synonym* : domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless
- (1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal
- We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

Session 2: Spelling

1. per_____te harassment
v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
2. per_____te a fraud
v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
3. in a me_____ly effective manner
adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
4. com_____ve gambling
adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
5. di_____ct public opinion
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
6. de_____ce a heresy
v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
7. gr_____e with each other
v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
8. bu__y the weak
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 1. perpetrate, 2. perpetrate, 3. medically, 4. compulsive, 5. distract, 6. denounce, 7. grapple, 8. bully

9. stuffed zu____ni *n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
10. an el____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
11. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
12. ho____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
13. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. st____h conviction *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
15. rapt in fas____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
16. cap____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
17. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
18. in the gu__e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 9. zucchini, 10. elusive, 11. slap, 12. horrify, 13. industrious, 14. staunch, 15. fascination, 16. capitalize, 17. distract, 18. guise

19. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
20. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
21. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
22. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
23. co___e obedience *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
24. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
25. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
26. gl__e over eyes *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 19. degrade, 20. ubiquitous, 21. bully, 22. fascination, 23. coerce, 24. nuanced, 25. smartphone, 26. glaze

27. de____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
28. v__e smokes *v.* to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette
29. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
30. nu____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
31. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
32. un____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
33. fell ov____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
34. com____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
35. under the pr____t of illness *n.* a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions

ANSWERS: 27. denounce, 28. vape, 29. spit, 30. nuanced, 31. degrade, 32. unhealthy, 33. overboard, 34. compulsive, 35. pretext

44. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
45. ubi____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
46. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
47. track down an el____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
48. mi____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
49. h__t the actor off the stage *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
50. co____e him to follow an order *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
51. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
52. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

ANSWERS: 44. slap, 45. ubiquitous, 46. industrious, 47. elusive, 48. misogyny, 49. hoot, 50. coerce, 51. explode, 52. tame

53. dis_____ing eye *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
54. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
55. h__t a horn *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
56. under the gu__e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
57. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
58. dis_____ing judgment *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
59. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

ANSWERS: 53. discriminating, 54. empower, 55. hoot, 56. guise, 57. capitalize, 58. discriminating, 59. spit

60. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
61. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
62. st_____h opponent *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
63. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
64. br_____e recipe *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
65. k__k in the neck *n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
66. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
67. sexual k__k *n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
68. flimsy pr_____t *n.* a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions
69. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

ANSWERS: 60. explode, 61. perpetrator, 62. staunch, 63. unhealthy, 64. brownie, 65. kink, 66. horrify, 67. kink, 68. pretext, 69. medically

70. zu____ni soup *n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
71. in____t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
72. dumped ov____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
73. earn Br____e points *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
74. in____t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
75. gr____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
76. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
77. fl__t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

ANSWERS: 70. zucchini, 71. indict, 72. overboard, 73. brownie, 74. indict, 75. grapple, 76. empower, 77. flirt

78. int_____le pain

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn
or obstinate

ANSWERS: 78. intractable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The audience _____ with laughter at the comedian's jokes.
v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
2. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
3. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.
v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
4. Sugar is _____ in food.
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
5. I looked at the painting in _____.
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
6. She was a _____ supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.
adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
7. The restaurant has _____ tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.
adj. having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

ANSWERS: 1. hooted, 2. distract, 3. denounced, 4. ubiquitous, 5. fascination, 6. staunch, 7. discriminating

8. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
9. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
10. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
11. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.
- v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
12. She baked a batch of chocolate chip _____ for the office party.
- n. a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
13. He used the _____ of going to the gym to sneak out of work early.
- n. a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions
14. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.
- v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

ANSWERS: 8. empowered, 9. bully, 10. slap, 11. glaze, 12. brownies, 13. pretext, 14. tame

15. The criminal decided to _____ another robbery despite his previous arrest.
- v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
16. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.
- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
17. I made a delicious _____ casserole for dinner last night.
- n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
18. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.
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19. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
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21. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
- v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 15. perpetrate, 16. guise, 17. zucchini, 18. compulsive, 19. nuanced, 20. grapple, 21. capitalize

22. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

23. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

24. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

25. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

26. She decided to _____ a refreshing mint-flavored e-liquid to satisfy her nicotine cravings.

v. to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette

27. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

28. My husband never _____ with other women.

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

29. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

ANSWERS: 22. intractable, 23. degrade, 24. misogyny, 25. elusive, 26. vape, 27. unhealthy, 28. flirts, 29. spit

30. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust greatly
31. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
32. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
33. A decade ago, it was _____ impossible to cure this disease completely.
adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
34. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
35. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
36. The boss tried to _____ the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.
v. to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands

ANSWERS: 30. horrify, 31. perpetrator, 32. industrious, 33. medically, 34. exploded, 35. indict, 36. coerce

37. The _____ in the hose was preventing water from flowing correctly.

n. a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit

38. He went _____ with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

39. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 37. kink, 38. overboard, 39. smartphones