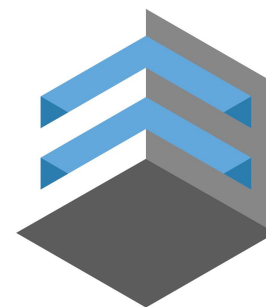


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Session 1: Word List

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

ceremonial

adj. of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one

synonym : ritual, formal, solemn

(1) wear a **ceremonial** dress, (2) **ceremonial** speech

The wedding was a grand **ceremonial** occasion with many traditional elements.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

synonym : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

aphorism

n. a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood

synonym : maxim, adage, proverb

(1) **aphorism** writer, (2) famous **aphorism**

"A penny saved is a penny earned" is a well-known **aphorism** about the value of frugality.

apex

n. the highest point or tip of something

synonym : summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

commend

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

synonym : praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

calligraphy

n. the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one

synonym : penmanship, handwriting, script

(1) **calligraphy** art, (2) **calligraphy** script

The **calligraphy** on the scroll was intricate and beautiful.

vestige

n. a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

synonym : trace, remnant, relic

(1) a **vestige** of a castle wall, (2) a **vestige** of the virus

The abandoned building was a **vestige** of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

sleight

n. the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects

synonym : deception, trickery, skill

(1) **sleight** of tongue, (2) **sleight** of movement

The magician's **sleight** of hand trick left the audience amazed.

taper

v. to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

synonym : decrease, dwindle, diminish

(1) **taper** the medication slowly, (2) **taper** the dose down

Most of the tree trunks **taper** toward the top.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

brash

adj. self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way; impetuous; lacking in consideration for consequences or the opinions or feelings of others

synonym : reckless, impulsive, daring

(1) **brash** behavior, (2) **brash** confidence

The **brash** young CEO made a lot of enemies with his bold decisions.

braggadocio

n. an act or instance of boasting or excessive pride in oneself or one's accomplishments

synonym : boasting, bragging, swaggering

(1) egotistical **braggadocio**, (2) his **braggadocio** attitude

He was full of **braggadocio** about his abilities but failed to deliver results.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym : harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern
This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

ornamentation

n. decorative detail added to something
synonym: decoration, embellishment, adornment

(1) **ornamentation** design, (2) exquisite **ornamentation**
The building's **ornamentation** was intricate and beautiful.

asymmetrical

adj. lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

synonym: uneven, lopsided, crooked

(1) **asymmetrical** design, (2) **asymmetrical** haircut
The **asymmetrical** shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

gutter

n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater

synonym: channel, trench, drain

(1) **gutter** system, (2) a building **gutter**
The **gutter** on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.

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.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**
In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and

"they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

lowercase

n. a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

synonym : small letters, minuscule

(1) **lowercase** alphabet, (2) change to **lowercase**

Please type your password in all **lowercase** letters.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

collage

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

synonym : montage, assemblage, mosaic

(1) **collage** art, (2) digital **collage**

She made a beautiful **collage** of photos from her travels to display in her home.

spartan

adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face

of hardship or adversity

synonym : ascetic, austere, hard

(1) **spartan** training, (2) a **spartan** diet

The soldier lived a **spartan** lifestyle, with few possessions and luxuries.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym : protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

vogue

n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

synonym : trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

knob

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

synonym: handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym: legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**

I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

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.

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.

undergird

v. to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

synonym: support, underpin, reinforce

(1) **undergird** your argument, (2) **undergird** the ship

A strong foundation of customer satisfaction **undergirds** the business's success.

Session 2: Spelling

1. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
2. sl_____t of tongue *n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects
3. co_____d him for his bravery *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
4. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
5. wear a cer_____al dress *adj.* of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one
6. handy k__b *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
7. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
8. digital co_____e *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
9. co_____d a job well done *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

ANSWERS: 1. astronaut, 2. sleight, 3. commend, 4. astound, 5. ceremonial, 6. knob, 7. spit, 8. collage, 9. commend

10. un_____rd your argument *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
11. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
12. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
13. a__x predator *n.* the highest point or tip of something
14. gu___r system *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
15. ap_____sm writer *n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
16. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
17. change to lo_____se *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
18. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
19. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

ANSWERS: 10. undergird, 11. prestige, 12. symmetrical, 13. apex, 14. gutter, 15. aphorism, 16. astound, 17. lowercase, 18. egalitarian, 19. legitimacy

20. un_____rd the ship *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
21. br__h confidence *adj.* self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way; impetuous; lacking in consideration for consequences or the opinions or feelings of others
22. 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
23. a building gu____r *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
24. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
25. asy_____cal haircut *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
26. sp_____n training *adj.* of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity
27. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 20. undergird, 21. brash, 22. capitalize, 23. gutter, 24. promiscuous, 25. asymmetrical, 26. spartan, 27. germ

28. inf_____te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
29. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
30. current vo__e *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
31. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
32. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
33. typ_____er keys *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
34. cal_____hy script *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
35. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 28. infiltrate, 29. typography, 30. vogue, 31. spit, 32. promiscuous, 33. typewriter, 34. calligraphy, 35. prestige

36. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
37. k__b closure *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
38. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
39. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
40. egotistical bra_____io *n.* an act or instance of boasting or excessive pride in oneself or one's accomplishments
41. lo_____se alphabet *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
42. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
43. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
44. bo_____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

ANSWERS: 36. typography, 37. knob, 38. poetic, 39. egalitarian, 40. braggadocio, 41. lowercase, 42. assimilate, 43. conquer, 44. boycott

45. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
46. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
47. inf_____te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
48. 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
49. famous ap_____sm *n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
50. sym_____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
51. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 45. morph, 46. boycott, 47. infiltrate, 48. capitalize, 49. aphorism, 50. symmetrical, 51. poetic

52. br__h behavior *adj.* self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way; impetuous; lacking in consideration for consequences or the opinions or feelings of others
53. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
54. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
55. cer_____al speech *adj.* of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one
56. ta__r the medication slowly *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
57. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
58. co_____e art *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
59. a ve_____e of a castle wall *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
60. exquisite orn_____ion *n.* decorative detail added to something
61. cal_____hy art *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one

ANSWERS: 52. brash, 53. conquer, 54. nerd, 55. ceremonial, 56. taper, 57. assimilate, 58. collage, 59. vestige, 60. ornamentation, 61. calligraphy

62. follow vo__e trends *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
63. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
64. pr____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
65. ta__r the dose down *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
66. his bra____io attitude *n.* an act or instance of boasting or excessive pride in oneself or one's accomplishments
67. electronic typ____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
68. possessive pr____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
69. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
70. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
71. orn____ion design *n.* decorative detail added to something

ANSWERS: 62. vogue, 63. morph, 64. pronoun, 65. taper, 66. braggadocio, 67. typewriter, 68. pronoun, 69. inhabit, 70. germ, 71. ornamentation

72. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
73. in____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
74. a ve____e of the virus *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
75. challenge the leg____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
76. as____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
77. asy____cal design *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
78. a sp____n diet *adj.* of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity
79. a__x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
80. sl____t of movement *n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects

ANSWERS: 72. nerd, 73. inhabit, 74. vestige, 75. legitimacy, 76. astronaut, 77. asymmetrical, 78. spartan, 79. apex, 80. sleight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bellbottoms were in _____ during the 1970s but are not as popular today.
n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
2. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.
adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
3. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
4. The _____ on the scroll was intricate and beautiful.
n. the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
5. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.
n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
6. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
7. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

ANSWERS: 1. vogue, 2. egalitarian, 3. spit, 4. calligraphy, 5. legitimacy, 6. assimilate, 7. pronouns

8. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
- n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
9. The company reached the _____ of success in the market.
- n.* the highest point or tip of something
10. The building's _____ was intricate and beautiful.
- n.* decorative detail added to something
11. "A penny saved is a penny earned" is a well-known _____ about the value of frugality.
- n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
12. The spy was able to _____ the enemy's headquarters undetected.
- v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
13. The abandoned building was a _____ of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.
- n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
14. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
- v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
15. The _____ shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.
- adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

ANSWERS: 8. astronaut, 9. apex, 10. ornamentation, 11. aphorism, 12. infiltrate, 13. vestige, 14. inhabit, 15. asymmetrical

16. He was known for his _____ behavior.

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

17. The _____ young CEO made a lot of enemies with his bold decisions.

adj. self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way; impetuous; lacking in consideration for consequences or the opinions or feelings of others

18. The magician's _____ of hand trick left the audience amazed.

n. the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects

19. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

20. 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

21. The _____ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

22. The wedding was a grand _____ occasion with many traditional elements.

adj. of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one

23. Most of the tree trunks _____ toward the top.

v. to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

ANSWERS: 16. promiscuous, 17. brash, 18. sleight, 19. symmetrical, 20. capitalize, 21. knob, 22. ceremonial, 23. taper

24. Please type your password in all _____ letters.

- n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

25. The _____ on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.

- n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater

26. The university has great _____ in the academic community.

- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

27. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.

- v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

28. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

29. A strong foundation of customer satisfaction _____ the business's success.

- v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

30. The final result was nothing short of _____.

- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 24. lowercase, 25. gutter, 26. prestige, 27. boycott, 28. germ, 29. undergirds, 30. astounding

31. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

32. The soldier lived a _____ lifestyle, with few possessions and luxuries.

adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity

33. This company _____ into an enterprise company.

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

34. He was full of _____ about his abilities but failed to deliver results.

n. an act or instance of boasting or excessive pride in oneself or one's accomplishments

35. She made a beautiful _____ of photos from her travels to display in her home.

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

36. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

37. The coach _____ the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

ANSWERS: 31. poetic, 32. spartan, 33. morphed, 34. braggadocio, 35. collage, 36. typography, 37. commended

38. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

39. I found an old _____ at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

40. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 38. conquer, 39. typewriter, 40. nerd