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Session 1: Word List

intern

- v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

hush

- v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

synonym : clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

muffle

- v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

synonym : mute, stifle, embower

(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries

He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

nihilist

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

synonym: anarchist, cynic, skeptic

(1) violent **nihilist**, (2) militant **nihilist**

The professor accused the student of being a **nihilist** for constantly challenging the course material.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life
He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

redline

n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

synonym: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

surmise

v. to guess or assume something based on incomplete or limited information; to make an educated guess or inference based on what is known

synonym: guess, conjecture, speculate

(1) **surmise** the truth, (2) **surmise** the situation

I can only **surmise** what happened while I was away.

ordain

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

synonym: consecrate, appoint, order

(1) **ordain** a deacon, (2) **ordain** a minister

The bishop will **ordain** new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

bootstrap

n. a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance

synonym: boot, self-starting, load

(1) **bootstrap** method, (2) **bootstrap** framework

Many startups use **bootstrap** funding to get their businesses off the ground.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

ascent

n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

synonym : climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym : beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

ambush

n. the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

synonym : trap, surprise, lure

(1) attacking from **ambush**, (2) **ambush** marketing

Armed police officers lay in **ambush** in front of the criminal's house.

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**.

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.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

undocumented

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

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.

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym: murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

ceasefire

n. a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties

synonym: truce, armistice, ceasefire agreement

(1) **ceasefire** agreement, (2) call for a **ceasefire**

The two sides agreed to a **ceasefire**, pausing the conflict to allow for peace talks to begin.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

restructure

v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

synonym: reorganize, revamp, reconstruct

(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts

The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

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.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

transphobia

n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

synonym : gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**
Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture
The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

ableism

n. discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities

synonym : discrimination, bias, prejudice

(1) **ableism** awareness, (2) **ableism** discrimination
Many people with disabilities face **ableism** daily in the workplace or public spaces.

phobia

n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

synonym : fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**
She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

ism

n. a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory

synonym : ideology, doctrine, philosophy

(1) the diversity of **isms**, (2) different **isms**
The professor discussed the impact of various **isms** on society and how they have shaped our world.

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

alienable

adj. capable of being transferred or conveyed to another person or party, usually about property or rights

synonym: transferable, assignable, conveyable

(1) **alienable** assets, (2) **alienable** rights

Property is considered **alienable** if the owner has the legal right to sell or transfer it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
2. ab_____m discrimination *n.* discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
3. ap_____y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
4. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
5. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
6. the as_____t of a rocket *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
7. und_____ted worker *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
8. or_____n a minister *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
9. mu_____e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

ANSWERS: 1. perpetrator, 2. ableism, 3. apathy, 4. powerless, 5. empathy, 6. ascent, 7. undocumented, 8. ordain, 9. muffle

10. und_____ted command *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
11. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
12. al_____le rights *adj.* capable of being transferred or conveyed to another person or party, usually about property or rights
13. co_____ve to growth *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
14. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
15. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
16. su_____e the situation *v.* to guess or assume something based on incomplete or limited information; to make an educated guess or inference based on what is known
17. re_____e speed *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
18. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
19. dy_____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

ANSWERS: 10. undocumented, 11. disparity, 12. alienable, 13. conducive, 14. incarcerate, 15. intern, 16. surmise, 17. redline, 18. enact, 19. dynasty

20. pa____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
21. different i_ms *n.* a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
22. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
23. h__h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
24. social ph____a *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
25. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
26. anti-Se____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
27. overcome tra______ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
28. su____cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 20. parable, 21. ism, 22. empathy, 23. hush, 24. phobia, 25. capita, 26. Semitic, 27. transphobia, 28. supremacy

29. spiritual as___t *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
30. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
31. ph___a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
32. ri___e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
33. bo_____ap framework *n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
34. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
35. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
36. re_____e level *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
37. res_____re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

ANSWERS: 29. ascent, 30. endow, 31. phobia, 32. riddle, 33. bootstrap, 34. reinvent, 35. insecure, 36. redline, 37. restructure

38. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
40. h__h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
41. the mi_____ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
42. attacking from am____h *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
43. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
44. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
45. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
46. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
47. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

ANSWERS: 38. opportune, 39. conducive, 40. hush, 41. misogyny, 42. ambush, 43. apathy, 44. pave, 45. inherit, 46. homophobia, 47. Semitic

48. su_____e the truth *v.* to guess or assume something based on incomplete or limited information; to make an educated guess or inference based on what is known
49. violent ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
50. or____n a deacon *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
51. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
52. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
53. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
54. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
55. ce_____re agreement *n.* a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties

ANSWERS: 48. surmise, 49. nihilist, 50. ordain, 51. powerless, 52. homophobia, 53. inherit, 54. overwhelm, 55. ceasefire

56. am___h marketing *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
57. answer in a wh____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
58. bo_____ap method *n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
59. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
60. im___r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
61. ab_____m awareness *n.* discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
62. the wh____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
63. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
64. call for a ce_____re *n.* a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties
65. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 56. ambush, 57. whisper, 58. bootstrap, 59. riddle, 60. impair, 61. ableism, 62. whisper, 63. incarcerate, 64. ceasefire, 65. pave

66. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
67. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
68. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
69. a race for su_____cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
70. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
71. serial ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
72. live in af_____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
73. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
74. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
75. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
76. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 66. Jewish, 67. disparity, 68. institutionalize, 69. supremacy, 70. impair, 71. homicide, 72. affluent, 73. affluent, 74. overwhelm, 75. intern, 76. capita

77. militant ni____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
78. biblical pa____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
79. mass ho____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
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81. Je____h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
82. ins____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
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85. during the Ming dy____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
86. re____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
87. al____le assets *adj.* capable of being transferred or conveyed to another person or party, usually about property or rights

ANSWERS: 77. nihilist, 78. parable, 79. homicide, 80. transphobia, 81. Jewish, 82. institutionalize, 83. perpetrator, 84. insecure, 85. dynasty, 86. reinvent, 87. alienable

88. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
89. res_____re my debts *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
90. mu___e my cries *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
91. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
92. mi_____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
93. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
94. the diversity of i_ms *n.* a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory

ANSWERS: 88. opportune, 89. restructure, 90. muffle, 91. endow, 92. misogyny, 93. enact, 94. ism

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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.)
2. Many people with disabilities face _____ daily in the workplace or public spaces.
 - n. discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
3. The professor discussed the impact of various _____ on society and how they have shaped our world.
 - n. a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
4. I can only _____ what happened while I was away.
 - v. to guess or assume something based on incomplete or limited information; to make an educated guess or inference based on what is known
5. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
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6. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
 - adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
7. Property is considered _____ if the owner has the legal right to sell or transfer it.
 - adj. capable of being transferred or conveyed to another person or party, usually about property or rights

ANSWERS: 1. institutionalize, 2. ableism, 3. isms, 4. surmise, 5. powerless, 6. Jewish, 7. alienable

8. Many startups use _____ funding to get their businesses off the ground.
n. a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
9. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
10. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
11. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
12. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
13. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.
n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
14. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 8. bootstrap, 9. misogyny, 10. capita, 11. whispered, 12. overwhelm, 13. dynasty, 14. opportune, 15. Empathy

16. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
- adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
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- n.* a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties
18. The professor accused the student of being a _____ for constantly challenging the course material.
- n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
19. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.
- adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
20. She has a _____ of spiders and always avoids them.
- n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
21. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
- n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
22. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
23. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
- n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 16. insecure, 17. ceasefire, 18. nihilist, 19. Semitic, 20. phobia, 21. disparity, 22. riddle, 23. apathy

24. The bishop will _____ new priests next week during the religious ceremony.
- v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
25. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
26. The hikers experienced a difficult _____ to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.
- n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
27. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
- v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
28. The quiet and peaceful environment was _____ to concentration and productivity.
- adj. tending to make something likely or possible
29. Some people believe that human is _____ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.
- v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
30. The accident made his vision _____.
- v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
31. The neighborhood was affected by a _____ drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.
- n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

ANSWERS: 24. ordain, 25. inherited, 26. ascent, 27. incarcerated, 28. conducive, 29. endowed, 30. impaired, 31. redline

32. The government _____ this law in 1925.

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

33. Armed police officers lay in _____ in front of the criminal's house.

n. the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

34. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

35. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

36. The economic downturn made it necessary to _____ the business.

v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

37. The empire's military power ensured its _____ over the neighboring states.

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

38. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on _____ non-citizens.

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

39. The detective was called to investigate a _____ in the city.

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

ANSWERS: 32. enacted, 33. ambush, 34. affluent, 35. homophobia, 36. restructure, 37. supremacy, 38. undocumented, 39. homicide

40. 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
41. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
42. Please _____ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
43. He tried to _____ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.
- v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
44. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
- n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
45. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
46. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
47. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of _____ still prevalent in many parts of the world.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

ANSWERS: 40. perpetrator, 41. paved, 42. hush, 43. muffle, 44. parables, 45. interned, 46. reinvent, 47. transphobia

ANSWERS: