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## Session 1: Word List

### Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church  
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

### diplomacy

*n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

*synonym*: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**  
Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

### imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym*: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds  
He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

### trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## satire

*n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

*synonym*: irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

## outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## tweet

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

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

## merry

*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

*synonym*: jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

## cybersecurity

*n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

*synonym*: information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

## dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym* : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

## timeless

*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

*synonym* : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

## 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.

## egomaniac

*n.* a person who is obsessively focused on themselves, their desires, and their power and success, often to the point of disregarding and exploiting others

*synonym* : egotist, narcissist, self-obsessed person

(1) arrogant **egomaniac**, (2) **egomaniac** behavior

The office **egomaniac** always took credit for everyone else's ideas.

## 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**.

## selfie

*n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

*synonym*: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

## emperor

*n.* the male ruler of an empire

*synonym*: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

## monarch

*n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

*synonym*: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

## autocracy

*n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society

*synonym*: dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism

(1) fight against **autocracy**, (2) absolute **autocracy**

An **autocracy** with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.

## exile

*n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

*synonym*: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym* : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

## laureate

*n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

## herald

*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

*synonym* : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

## tribune

*n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

*synonym* : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

## 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.

## 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.

## scramble

*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

*synonym*: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

## countermeasure

*n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action

*synonym*: response, remedy, antidote

(1) **countermeasure** strategy, (2) **countermeasure** plan

The government implemented several **countermeasures** to combat the spread of the virus.

## fury

*n.* intense and often violent anger

*synonym*: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

## time-consuming

*adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

*synonym*: lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

## curate

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions;  
(verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

*synonym*: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym*: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## mimic

*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

*synonym*: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## burkini

*n.* a type of swimsuit that covers most of the body, worn by some Muslim women for modesty purposes

*synonym*: full-coverage swimsuit, Islamic swimsuit

(1) **burkini** ban, (2) swim in a **burkini**

The **burkini** debate in certain countries raises questions about religious freedom and women's rights.

## provoke

*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym* : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

## intolerant

*adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

*synonym* : failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

## cancel

*n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

*synonym* : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

## sanitize

*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

*synonym* : clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

## massacre

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

*synonym* : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**



The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

### satirical

*adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

*synonym* : mocking, ironic, sarcastic

(1) **satirical** article, (2) **satirical** humor

The **satirical** cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.

### extremist

*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

*synonym* : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

### autocrat

*n.* a ruler with complete power over a country, typically one who has obtained power by force

*synonym* : despot, tyrant, dictator

(1) the **autocrat** of the school, (2) **autocrat** regime

Authoritarian policies and a lack of personal freedoms characterized the **autocrat's** rule.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. mi__c numerous instruments | v.   | to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh  |
| 2. ex__e community            | n.   | the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons  |
| 3. ti____ss masterpiece       | adj. | not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion   |
| 4. a false ru__r              | n.   | a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth  |
| 5. the au____at of the school | n.   | a ruler with complete power over a country, typically one who has obtained power by force  |
| 6. fight against au____cy     | n.   | a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society   |
| 7. pr____e a reaction         | v.   | to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect   |
| 8. cu__e an art website       | n.   | a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation |

ANSWERS: 1. mimic, 2. exile, 3. timeless, 4. rumor, 5. autocrat, 6. autocracy, 7. provoke, 8. curate

9. me\_\_y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
10. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
11. 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
12. 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
13. market f\_\_y *n.* intense and often violent anger
14. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
15. 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
16. a di\_\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
17. radical ex\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
18. f\_\_y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger

ANSWERS: 9. merry, 10. timeless, 11. Semitic, 12. Semitic, 13. fury, 14. tweet, 15. dynasty, 16. dictator, 17. extremist, 18. fury

19. sc\_\_\_\_\_le my mind  
*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
20. the position of tr\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
21. sa\_\_\_\_\_ze the kitchen  
*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
22. sa\_\_\_e magazine  
*n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
23. sa\_\_\_\_\_al article  
*adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
24. mi\_\_c a human voice  
*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
25. eg\_\_\_\_\_ac behavior  
*n.* a person who is obsessively focused on themselves, their desires, and their power and success, often to the point of disregarding and exploiting others

ANSWERS: 19. scramble, 20. tribune, 21. sanitize, 22. satire, 23. satirical, 24. mimic, 25. egomaniac

26. editorial tr\_\_\_\_e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
27. em\_\_\_\_r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
28. absolute au\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
29. arrogant eg\_\_\_\_ac *n.* a person who is obsessively focused on themselves, their desires, and their power and success, often to the point of disregarding and exploiting others
30. im\_\_\_\_e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
31. sma\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
32. cyb\_\_\_\_ity threat *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
33. cou\_\_\_\_ure strategy *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action

ANSWERS: 26. tribune, 27. emperor, 28. autocracy, 29. egomaniac, 30. imitate, 31. smartphone, 32. cybersecurity, 33. countermeasure

34. the Ca\_\_\_\_ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
35. tim\_\_\_\_\_ing process *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
36. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
37. se\_\_\_e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
38. im\_\_\_\_\_e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
39. tim\_\_\_\_\_ing project *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
40. ce\_\_\_r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
41. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
42. de\_\_\_\_\_ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
43. de\_\_\_\_\_ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

ANSWERS: 34. Catholic, 35. time-consuming, 36. amplify, 37. selfie, 38. imitate, 39. time-consuming, 40. censor, 41. provocative, 42. denounce, 43. denounce

44. political ex\_\_e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
45. Oscar la\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
46. he\_\_\_\_d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
47. me\_\_y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
48. poet la\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
49. cou\_\_\_\_\_ure plan *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
50. swim in a bu\_\_\_\_i *n.* a type of swimsuit that covers most of the body, worn by some Muslim women for modesty purposes
51. perpetual cu\_\_\_e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 44. exile, 45. laureate, 46. herald, 47. merry, 48. laureate, 49. countermeasure, 50. burkini, 51. curate

52. a pungent sa\_\_\_e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
53. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ity measures *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
54. an int\_\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
55. ru\_\_r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
56. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
57. int\_\_\_\_\_nt of criticism *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
58. ex\_\_\_\_\_st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
59. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 52. satire, 53. cybersecurity, 54. intolerant, 55. rumor, 56. provocative, 57. intolerant, 58. extremist, 59. intimidate



60. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
61. sa\_\_\_\_\_al humor *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
62. the art of di\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
63. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
64. ca\_\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
65. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
66. animal ma\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
67. bu\_\_\_\_\_i ban *n.* a type of swimsuit that covers most of the body, worn by some Muslim women for modesty purposes
68. au\_\_\_\_\_at regime *n.* a ruler with complete power over a country, typically one who has obtained power by force

ANSWERS: 60. trump, 61. satirical, 62. diplomacy, 63. smartphone, 64. Catholic, 65. trump, 66. massacre, 67. burkini, 68. autocrat

69. an absolute mo\_\_\_\_h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
70. military di\_\_\_\_or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
71. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
72. sc\_\_\_\_le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
73. ma\_\_\_\_re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
74. ou\_\_o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
75. pose for a se\_\_\_\_e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
76. pr\_\_\_\_e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
77. int\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
78. the language of di\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

ANSWERS: 69. monarch, 70. dictator, 71. tweet, 72. scramble, 73. massacre, 74. outdo, 75. selfie, 76. provoke, 77. intimidate, 78. diplomacy

79. 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
80. mo\_\_\_\_h butterflies      *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
81. ou\_\_o the competition      *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
82. former em\_\_\_\_r      *n.* the male ruler of an empire
83. sa\_\_\_\_ze surfaces      *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
84. ce\_\_\_\_r a TV program      *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
85. am\_\_\_\_y a signal      *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
86. he\_\_\_\_d the news      *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 79. dynasty, 80. monarch, 81. outdo, 82. emperor, 83. sanitize, 84. censor, 85. amplify, 86. herald

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ style frequently sparked controversies.  
*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
2. The Nobel \_\_\_\_\_ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.  
*n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
3. He is very popular at school because he can \_\_\_\_\_ all the teachers' accents.  
*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.  
*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.  
*adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
6. The boss tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his subordinate with threats.  
*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
7. Authoritarian policies and a lack of personal freedoms characterized the \_\_\_\_\_ rule.  
*n.* a ruler with complete power over a country, typically one who has obtained power by force

ANSWERS: 1. provocative, 2. laureate, 3. mimic, 4. trump, 5. intolerant, 6. intimidate, 7. autocrat's

8. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
9. The government implemented several \_\_\_\_\_ to combat the spread of the virus.
- n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ the actions of the corrupt official.
- v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
11. The politician delivered his speech from the \_\_\_\_\_ to a crowd of cheering supporters.
- n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
12. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
14. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the \_\_\_\_\_ of that country.
- n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
15. Local business owners \_\_\_\_\_ to find skilled workers.
- v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 8. satire, 9. countermeasures, 10. denounced, 11. tribune, 12. tweet, 13. imitated, 14. monarch, 15. scrambled

16. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.  
*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.  
*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
18. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
19. Effective \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.  
*n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
20. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
21. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his rival by breaking the world record.  
*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
22. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.  
*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
23. An \_\_\_\_\_ with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.  
*n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society

ANSWERS: 16. provoked, 17. extremist, 18. dictator, 19. diplomacy, 20. amplify, 21. outdo, 22. sanitize, 23. autocracy

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.  
*n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
25. There was a baseless \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was going bankrupt.  
*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
26. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.  
*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
28. She took a \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.  
*n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
29. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect to his most remarkable work.  
*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
30. The crowd's \_\_\_\_\_ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.  
*n.* intense and often violent anger
31. The sound of the trumpet \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the king.  
*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 24. exiled, 25. rumor, 26. catholic, 27. massacre, 28. selfie, 29. timeless, 30. fury, 31. heralded

32. 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
33. The office \_\_\_\_\_ always took credit for everyone else's ideas.
- n.* a person who is obsessively focused on themselves, their desires, and their power and success, often to the point of disregarding and exploiting others
34. Writing a research paper can be a \_\_\_\_\_ task.
- adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
35. The newspaper editor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.
- adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
37. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire
39. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.
- adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

ANSWERS: 32. dynasty, 33. egomaniac, 34. time-consuming, 35. censor, 36. satirical, 37. smartphones, 38. Emperor, 39. merry



40. The \_\_\_\_\_ debate in certain countries raises questions about religious freedom and women's rights.
- n.* a type of swimsuit that covers most of the body, worn by some Muslim women for modesty purposes
41. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, \_\_\_\_\_ awareness and education become even more important
- n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
42. 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
43. The art museum has hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 40. burkini, 41. cybersecurity, 42. Semitic, 43. curate