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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### megacity

*n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

### ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, momentary, brief

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

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

### confluence

*n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

*synonym*: merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

### congregate

*v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

*synonym*: assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

## rebirth

*n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

*synonym*: renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym*: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## monsoon

*n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

*synonym*: rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

## recede

*v.* to pull back or move away or backward

*synonym*: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

## pontoon

*n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing

*synonym*: float, barge, raft

(1) **pontoon** boat, (2) floating **pontoon**

The **pontoon** bridge was built to allow traffic to cross the river during the construction of the new bridge.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## downpour

*n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

*synonym*: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

## sew

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## devolve

*v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

*synonym*: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

## corrugated

*adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

*synonym*: ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing

The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

## disassemble

v. to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components

*synonym*: dismantle, take apart, break down

(1) **disassemble** a machine, (2) **disassemble** furniture

The mechanic had to **disassemble** the engine to locate and fix the problem.

## swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## reabsorption

n. the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation

(1) **reabsorption** of water, (2) glucose **reabsorption**

The tubules are responsible for the **reabsorption** of sodium once filtered by the kidneys.

## hinterland

n. the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

*synonym*: backcountry, wilderness, remote area

(1) **hinterland** tourism, (2) remote **hinterland**

The vast **hinterland** region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.

## reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

*synonym*: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

## obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## permanence

*n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent

*synonym*: durability, continuity, stability

(1) **permanence** factor, (2) long-term **permanence**

The **permanence** of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.

## expiry

*n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license

*synonym*: expiration, termination, end

(1) **expiry** notice, (2) product **expiry**

Make sure to check the **expiry** date on the milk before using it.

## spaceship

*n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

*synonym*: starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

## animate

*v.* to make something full of interest and energy

*synonym*: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## twitch

*v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

*synonym*: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

## slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym*: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## favela

*n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

*synonym*: shantytown, slum, ghetto

(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**

Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

## plaster

*n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

*synonym*: cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**

Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

## anonymity

*n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

*synonym*: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## partake

*v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink

*synonym* : consume, share, participate

(1) **partake** in a celebration, (2) **partake** in an activity

Let's all **partake** in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.

## nomadic

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

*synonym* : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

## deflation

*n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

*synonym* : contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

## inefficient

*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

*synonym* : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

## 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.

## amazement

*n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

*synonym*: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

## priestess

*n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system

(1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition

The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

## amuse

*v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

*synonym*: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

## 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.

## impermanent

*adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

*synonym*: temporary, fleeting

(1) **impermanent** tattoo, (2) **impermanent** hair color

The **impermanent** nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. rea\_\_\_\_\_ion of water *n.* the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation
2. pa\_\_\_\_\_e in a celebration *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
3. daub the ceiling with pl\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
4. he is ob\_\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
5. re\_\_\_\_e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
6. sw\_\_l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
7. re\_\_\_\_\_h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
8. mo\_\_\_\_\_n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
9. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
10. imp\_\_\_\_\_nt tattoo *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

ANSWERS: 1. reabsorption, 2. partake, 3. plaster, 4. obsess, 5. recede, 6. swell, 7. rebirth, 8. monsoon, 9. sew, 10. impermanent

11. arterial con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
12. s\_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
13. ep\_\_\_\_\_al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
14. feeling of am\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
15. cor\_\_\_\_\_ed metal roofing *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
16. po\_\_\_\_\_n boat *n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
17. re\_\_\_e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
18. nu\_\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
19. pa\_\_\_\_\_e in an activity *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
20. glucose rea\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation

ANSWERS: 11. confluence, 12. sew, 13. ephemeral, 14. amazement, 15. corrugated, 16. pontoon, 17. recede, 18. nuanced, 19. partake, 20. reabsorption

21. ep\_\_\_\_\_al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
22. imp\_\_\_\_\_nt hair color *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
23. con\_\_\_\_\_te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
24. floating po\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
25. s\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
26. no\_\_\_\_\_c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
27. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
28. comment with an\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
29. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
30. undergo a re\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

ANSWERS: 21. ephemeral, 22. impermanent, 23. congregate, 24. pontoon, 25. slum, 26. nomadic, 27. liberate, 28. anonymity, 29. liberate, 30. rebirth

31. alien sp\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
32. product ex\_\_\_\_y *n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
33. rev\_\_\_\_\_le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
34. the common but nu\_\_\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
35. mo\_\_\_\_\_n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
36. cor\_\_\_\_\_ed panel *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
37. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
38. torrential do\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
39. rev\_\_\_\_\_le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
40. long-term per\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent

ANSWERS: 31. spaceship, 32. expiry, 33. reversible, 34. nuanced, 35. monsoon, 36. corrugated, 37. electrify, 38. downpour, 39. reversible, 40. permanence

41. ex\_\_\_y notice *n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
42. tw\_\_\_h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
43. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
44. sw\_\_\_l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
45. do\_\_\_\_\_ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
46. anti-de\_\_\_\_\_on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
47. dis\_\_\_\_\_le furniture *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
48. con\_\_\_\_\_ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
49. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
50. s\_\_\_m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 41. expiry, 42. twitch, 43. electrify, 44. swell, 45. downpour, 46. deflation, 47. disassemble, 48. confluence, 49. inefficient, 50. slum

51. a sp\_\_\_\_\_ip to survey the moon      *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
52. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss of the Moon      *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
53. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management      *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
54. per\_\_\_\_\_ce factor      *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
55. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
56. ancient pr\_\_\_\_\_ss tradition      *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
57. fa\_\_\_a neighborhood      *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
58. 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
59. me\_\_\_\_\_ty pollution      *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
60. 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

ANSWERS: 51. spaceship, 52. priestess, 53. inefficient, 54. permanence, 55. resilient, 56. priestess, 57. favela, 58. whisper, 59. megacity, 60. whisper

61. hin\_\_\_\_\_nd tourism *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
62. people in the fa\_\_\_as *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
63. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
64. express am\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
65. dis\_\_\_\_\_le a machine *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
66. remote hin\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
67. con\_\_\_\_\_te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
68. de\_\_\_\_\_e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

ANSWERS: 61. hinterland, 62. favela, 63. institutionalize, 64. amazement, 65. disassemble, 66. hinterland, 67. congregate, 68. devolve

69. tw\_\_\_h of an eye      *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
70. de\_\_\_\_\_on of the lung      *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
71. am\_\_\_e a baby with a rattle      *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
72. no\_\_\_\_\_c herdsmen      *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
73. ob\_\_\_s over her weight      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
74. de\_\_\_\_\_e into chaos      *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
75. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul      *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
76. cracks in the pl\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
77. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 69. twitch, 70. deflation, 71. amuse, 72. nomadic, 73. obsess, 74. devolve, 75. animate, 76. plaster, 77. resilient



78. am\_\_e guests v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
79. protect an\_\_\_\_\_ty n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
80. an\_\_\_\_\_e the body v. to make something full of interest and energy
81. me\_\_\_\_\_ty project n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
82. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 78. amuse, 79. anonymity, 80. animate, 81. megacity, 82. institutionalize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As time has passed, the responsibility has \_\_\_\_\_ to the younger generation.
  - v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.
  - n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
  
3. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their \_\_\_\_\_ online.
  - n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
  
4. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
  - v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
  
5. The protesters plan to \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.
  - v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
  
6. Many \_\_\_\_\_ residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.
  - n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

ANSWERS: 1. devolved, 2. priestess, 3. anonymity, 4. electrify, 5. congregate, 6. favela

7. Let's all \_\_\_\_\_ in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.  
*v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
8. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
9. The positive attitude of the supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.  
*v.* to make something full of interest and energy
10. The jacket is \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.  
*adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
11. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
12. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
13. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.  
*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
14. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 7. partake, 8. obsessed, 9. animated, 10. reversible, 11. ephemeral, 12. amazement, 13. liberated, 14. slums

15. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.
- n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
17. The sommelier can distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
18. The phoenix is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.
- n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself by playing video games during his free time.
- v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
20. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
21. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
22. 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
23. The concentrated \_\_\_\_\_ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.
- n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

ANSWERS: 15. megacity, 16. permanence, 17. nuanced, 18. rebirth, 19. amused, 20. sew, 21. resilient, 22. whispered, 23. downpour

24. This desert is the territory of \_\_\_\_\_ tribes.

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

25. Patience is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all sores.

*n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

26. The mechanic had to \_\_\_\_\_ the engine to locate and fix the problem.

*v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components

27. The tubules are responsible for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sodium once filtered by the kidneys.

*n.* the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation

28. Make sure to check the \_\_\_\_\_ date on the milk before using it.

*n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license

29. The king's political power \_\_\_\_\_ even further.

*v.* to pull back or move away or backward

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

*n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ bridge was built to allow traffic to cross the river during the construction of the new bridge.

*n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing

ANSWERS: 24. nomadic, 25. plaster, 26. disassemble, 27. reabsorption, 28. expiry,

29. receded, 30. monsoon, 31. pontoon

32. She couldn't stop her leg from \_\_\_\_\_ nervously.

- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

33. A \_\_\_\_\_ of two smaller streams formed the river.

- n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

34. The vast \_\_\_\_\_ region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.

- n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

35. The system is still so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is useless.

- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

- adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

37. The economy is experiencing severe \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

38. They launched a crewless \_\_\_\_\_ into space.

- n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

ANSWERS: 32. twitching, 33. confluence, 34. hinterland, 35. inefficient, 36. corrugated, 37. deflation, 38. spaceship

39. 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.)

40. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.

- v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.

- adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

ANSWERS: 39. institutionalize, 40. swelling, 41. impermanent