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Session 1: Word List

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

stasis

n. a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease

synonym : stillness, inactivity, stagnation

(1) renal **stasis**, (2) **stasis** in development

The patient's **stasis** in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

recipient

n. a person who receives something

synonym: receiver, beneficiary

(1) a **recipient** of a Nobel prize, (2) a **recipient** of a lung transplant

When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test for compatibility between the donor and **recipient**.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym: forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop

out.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym: compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

hedge

n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

synonym: border, fence, barrier

(1) snip at a **hedge**, (2) **hedge** fund firm

The best way to **hedge** financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

lockpicking

n. the process of opening a lock without a key by manipulating its components, often performed for security testing or locksmith practice

synonym: locksmithing, lock cracking, lock bypassing

(1) **lockpicking** kit, (2) illegal **lockpicking**

The detective used his **lockpicking** skills to gain access to the abandoned building.

outline

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

synonym: recap, summarize, digest

(1) **outlined** the plan, (2) **outline** the findings

This page **outlines** our response planning for an emergency.

- dial**
- v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
- synonym* : adjust, set, turn
- (1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension
He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.
- rot**
- v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
- synonym* : perish, decay, corrode
- (1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.
- spin**
- v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
- synonym* : rotate, twirl, swirl
- (1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton
The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- unlock**
- v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
- synonym* : open, solve, unravel
- (1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value
The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.
- command**
- n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
- synonym* : control, authority, leadership
- (1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery
The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

tedious

adj. tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

synonym: boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

entirety

n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something

synonym: totality, completeness, wholeness

(1) the **entirety** of the situation, (2) the **entirety** of the book

They refused to accept the proposal in its **entirety**, demanding revisions.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by

cycle

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym : substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

rotation

n. the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center

synonym : revolution, spin, turning

(1) job **rotation**, (2) a period of **rotation**

The **rotation** of the Earth causes day and night.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym : quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

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.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym: save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

nefarious

adj. extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities

synonym: wicked, evil, villainous

(1) **nefarious** intentions, (2) **nefarious** activities

The undercover investigator exposed the **nefarious** plan before any harm could be done.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
2. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
3. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
4. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
5. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
6. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
7. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
8. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
9. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
10. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
11. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 1. cycle, 2. repetition, 3. specific, 4. combination, 5. unlock, 6. mysterious, 7. efficiently, 8. adventure, 9. artifact, 10. instruction, 11. loop

12. he__e fund firm *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
13. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
14. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
15. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
16. loc_____ng kit *n.* the process of opening a lock without a key by manipulating its components, often performed for security testing or locksmith practice
17. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
18. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
19. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
20. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
21. st___s in development *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
22. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 12. hedge, 13. specific, 14. adventure, 15. unfortunate, 16. lockpicking, 17. instruction, 18. pause, 19. alternate, 20. repetition, 21. stasis, 22. stick

23. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
25. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
26. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
27. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
28. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
29. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
30. te_____s routine *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
31. a period of ro_____on *n.* the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center

ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. concept, 25. rot, 26. giant, 27. squeeze, 28. efficient, 29. command, 30. tedious, 31. rotation

32. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
33. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
34. cr_____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
35. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
36. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
37. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
38. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
39. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
40. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
41. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 32. rescue, 33. hint, 34. crystal, 35. rot, 36. instruct, 37. giant, 38. concept, 39. spin, 40. instruct, 41. stick

42. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
43. ne_____us intentions *adj.* extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities
44. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
45. liquid cr_____l *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
46. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
47. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
48. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 42. mysterious, 43. nefarious, 44. jail, 45. crystal, 46. command, 47. combination, 48. ethic

49. the en____ty of the situation *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
50. te____s task *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
51. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. the en____ty of the book *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
53. childhood am____a *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
54. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
55. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
56. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
57. sp____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
58. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
59. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 49. entirety, 50. tedious, 51. opportune, 52. entirety, 53. amnesia, 54. loop, 55. dial, 56. efficiently, 57. specify, 58. vague, 59. crack

60. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
61. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
62. un_____k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
63. ne_____us activities *adj.* extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities
64. ou_____ed the plan *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
65. renal st_____s *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
66. illegal loc_____ng *n.* the process of opening a lock without a key by manipulating its components, often performed for security testing or locksmith practice
67. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
68. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
69. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 60. involve, 61. turmoil, 62. unlock, 63. nefarious, 64. outline, 65. stasis, 66. lockpicking, 67. specify, 68. artifact, 69. squeeze

70. the tu____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
71. a re_____nt of a Nobel prize *n.* a person who receives something
72. snip at a he__e *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
73. am_____a by trauma *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
74. a re_____nt of a lung transplant *n.* a person who receives something
75. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
76. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
77. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
78. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
79. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
80. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
81. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 70. turmoil, 71. recipient, 72. hedge, 73. amnesia, 74. recipient, 75. unfortunate, 76. ethic, 77. rescue, 78. hint, 79. involve, 80. emerging, 81. alternate

82. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
83. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
84. ou____e the findings *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
85. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
86. job ro____on *n.* the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center
87. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
88. energy-ef____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
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90. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
91. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
92. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

ANSWERS: 82. pause, 83. emerging, 84. outline, 85. cycle, 86. rotation, 87. spin, 88. efficient, 89. jail, 90. crack, 91. vague, 92. dial

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
2. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
3. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
4. This page _____ our response planning for an emergency.
v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
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6. The undercover investigator exposed the _____ plan before any harm could be done.
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7. _____ is the mother of all learning.
n. the act of doing or saying something many times
8. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 1. rescue, 2. adventures, 3. concept, 4. outlines, 5. cycle, 6. nefarious, 7. Repetition, 8. rot

9. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
10. The best way to _____ financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.
n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
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adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
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15. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
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ANSWERS: 9. efficiently, 10. hedge, 11. opportune, 12. involves, 13. unfortunate, 14. unlock, 15. instructed, 16. entirety,

17. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.

- v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

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19. The patient's _____ in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.

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20. There was no _____ of a problem.

- n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

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- v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly

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- n.* a person who receives something

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- n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 17. dialed, 18. tedious, 19. stasis, 20. hint, 21. specify, 22. recipient, 23. ethic, 24. crystal

25. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
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v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
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adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
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adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
29. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
30. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
31. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
32. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.
adj. not clearly expressed or understood

ANSWERS: 25. instruction, 26. stick, 27. efficient, 28. giant, 29. crack, 30. squeezed, 31. jail, 32. vague

33. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

34. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

35. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

36. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

37. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

38. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

39. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

ANSWERS: 33. specific, 34. command, 35. combination, 36. alternate, 37. mysterious, 38. artifacts, 39. amnesia,

40. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

41. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

42. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

43. The _____ of the Earth causes day and night.

n. the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center

44. The detective used his _____ skills to gain access to the abandoned building.

n. the process of opening a lock without a key by manipulating its components, often performed for security testing or locksmith practice

45. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

46. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

ANSWERS: 40. Emerging, 41. paused, 42. spinning, 43. rotation, 44. lockpicking, 45. loop, 46. turmoil