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## Session 1: Word List

### fascist

*adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

*synonym* : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

### casualty

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

*synonym* : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

### frenzied

*adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

*synonym* : frantic, feverish, excited

(1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement

The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

## mural

*adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

*synonym*: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

## aptly

*adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

*synonym*: appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

## symbolism

*n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

*synonym*: iconography, allegory, metaphor

(1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism**

The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

*synonym*: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

## monumental

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

*synonym* : confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

## cubism

n. a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once

*synonym* : abstractionism, geometric art

(1) geometric **cubism**, (2) abstract **cubism**

Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous **cubism** artists.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym* : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

*synonym* : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

## futile

*adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

*synonym* : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

## splinter

*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

*synonym* : shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

## devastation

*n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

*synonym* : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

## slouch

*v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

*synonym* : slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym* : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## hopeless

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym* : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## claustrophobia

*n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

(1) overcome **claustrophobia**,

(2) **claustrophobia-inducing**

She suffered from **claustrophobia** and couldn't take elevators.

## counteract

*v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

*synonym*: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

## atrocities

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

*synonym*: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

## lantern

*n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

*synonym*: lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

## jagged

*adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline

*synonym*: bumpy, irregular, craggy

(1) **jagged** edges, (2) the **jagged** outline of the crags

There are several **jagged** limestone peaks throughout the mountains.

## illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

*synonym* : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding  
That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

*synonym* : casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

## confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## fray

v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

*synonym* : tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) **fray** tempers, (2) **fray** our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

## doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym* : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity  
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## **nationalist**

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym* : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

## **matador**

*n.* the principal performer in a bullfight, responsible for the final kill of the bull

*synonym* : bullfighter, torero, toreador

(1) **matador's** cape, (2) skilled **matador**

The **matador's** graceful movements and bravery in the ring impressed even his toughest critics.

## **strife**

*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

*synonym* : conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

## **carnage**

*n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

*synonym* : slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

## **villager**

*n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

*synonym* : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

## **multifaceted**

*adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied

*synonym*: complex, diverse, versatile

(1) a **multifaceted** undertaking, (2) **multifaceted** problem

The job requires excellent communication skills and a **multifaceted** approach to problem-solving.

## **ignite**

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym*: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## **grapple**

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## **shatter**

*v.* to break suddenly into many pieces

*synonym*: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

## **subtext**

*n.* an underlying and often implicit meaning or message conveyed in a work of art, literature, or conversation; the unspoken thoughts, emotions, or motivations that may be suggested or hinted at through the actions, behaviors, or words of characters or speakers

*synonym*: undercurrent, implication, hidden meaning

(1) **subtext** message, (2) hidden **subtext**

The **subtext** of the novel reveals the characters' true



motivations and emotions.

**sear**

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

*synonym*: scorch, cook, burn

(1) **sear** tissue using a hot iron, (2) **sear** the memory into your mind

Be careful not to **sear** the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_\_r the memory into your mind      *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
2. di\_\_\_\_\_nt his audience      *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
3. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss situation      *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
4. ig\_\_\_e passion      *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
5. cla\_\_\_\_\_bia-inducing      *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
6. mul\_\_\_\_\_ted problem      *adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
7. remove a sp\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
8. geometric cu\_\_\_m      *n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
9. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
10. fr\_\_\_\_\_ed excitement      *adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 1. sear, 2. disorient, 3. hopeless, 4. ignite, 5. claustrophobia, 6. multifaceted, 7. splinter, 8. cubism, 9. profoundly, 10. frenzied

11. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
12. co\_\_\_\_\_e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
13. at st\_\_\_e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
14. political sy\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
15. f\_\_y our relationship *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
16. he\_\_\_\_\_ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
17. fr\_\_\_\_\_ed buying *adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement
18. hu\_\_\_\_\_e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
19. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
20. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
21. the sy\_\_\_\_\_sm of the event *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

ANSWERS: 11. profoundly, 12. confine, 13. strife, 14. symbolism, 15. fray, 16. helpless, 17. frenzied, 18. hurtle, 19. helpless, 20. monumental, 21. symbolism

22. fu\_\_\_e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
23. civilian ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
24. em\_\_\_y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
25. di\_\_\_\_\_nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
26. candle la\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
27. sl\_\_\_h down in a chair *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
28. fa\_\_\_\_\_t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
29. ap\_\_y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
30. skilled ma\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* the principal performer in a bullfight, responsible for the final kill of the bull
31. ap\_\_y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
32. ill\_\_\_\_\_te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

ANSWERS: 22. futile, 23. casualty, 24. embody, 25. disorient, 26. lantern, 27. slouch, 28. fascist, 29. aptly, 30. matador, 31. aptly, 32. illuminate

33. vi\_\_\_\_\_er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
34. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
35. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
36. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
37. a la\_\_\_\_\_n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
38. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
39. ja\_\_\_d edges *adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
40. military ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
41. financial dev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
42. hidden su\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an underlying and often implicit meaning or message conveyed in a work of art, literature, or conversation; the unspoken thoughts, emotions, or motivations that may be suggested or hinted at through the actions, behaviors, or words of characters or speakers

ANSWERS: 33. villager, 34. confuse, 35. illuminate, 36. doe, 37. lantern, 38. grapple, 39. jagged, 40. casualty, 41. devastation, 42. subtext

43. overcome cla\_\_\_\_\_bia                    *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
44. a mu\_\_l decoration                    *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
45. nat\_\_\_\_\_st revolt                    *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
46. sp\_\_\_\_\_er cell                    *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
47. abstract cu\_\_\_m                    *n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
48. cou\_\_\_\_\_ct global warming                    *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
49. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_\_ty                    *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
50. a mul\_\_\_\_\_ted undertaking                    *adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
51. ma\_\_\_\_\_r's cape                    *n.* the principal performer in a bullfight, responsible for the final kill of the bull
52. ig\_\_\_e a boom                    *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

ANSWERS: 43. claustrophobia, 44. mural, 45. nationalist, 46. splinter, 47. cubism, 48. counteract, 49. atrocity, 50. multifaceted, 51. matador, 52. ignite

53. the ja\_\_\_d outline of the crags      *adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
54. nat\_\_\_\_\_st sentiment      *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
55. the ch\_\_\_\_\_c economic situation      *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
56. sh\_\_\_\_\_r a world record      *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
57. f\_\_y tempers      *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
58. ca\_\_\_\_\_e on the battlefield      *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
59. sl\_\_\_h along the street      *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
60. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
61. sh\_\_\_\_\_r the plate      *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
62. s\_\_r tissue using a hot iron      *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

ANSWERS: 53. jagged, 54. nationalist, 55. chaotic, 56. shatter, 57. fray, 58. carnage, 59. slouch, 60. grapple, 61. shatter, 62. sear

63. civil st\_\_\_e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
64. ch\_\_\_\_c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
65. ho\_\_\_\_ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
66. make a fu\_\_\_e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
67. mu\_\_l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
68. su\_\_\_\_t message *n.* an underlying and often implicit meaning or message conveyed in a work of art, literature, or conversation; the unspoken thoughts, emotions, or motivations that may be suggested or hinted at through the actions, behaviors, or words of characters or speakers
69. dev\_\_\_\_on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
70. em\_\_\_y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
71. wooden co\_\_\_n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
72. commit at\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
73. mon\_\_\_\_al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

ANSWERS: 63. strife, 64. chaotic, 65. hopeless, 66. futile, 67. mural, 68. subtext, 69. devastation, 70. embody, 71. coffin, 72. atrocity, 73. monumental



74. co\_\_\_\_\_e the scope of use      *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
75. hu\_\_\_e through life      *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
76. local vi\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
77. brutal ca\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
78. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
79. buck and d\_e      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
80. co\_\_\_n lid      *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
81. cou\_\_\_\_\_ct the effect of poison      *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
82. fa\_\_\_\_\_t propaganda      *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

ANSWERS: 74. confine, 75. hurtle, 76. villager, 77. carnage, 78. confuse, 79. doe, 80. coffin, 81. counteract, 82. fascist

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Unfortunately, the driver was the only \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident.  
*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
  
2. The priest prayed over the \_\_\_\_\_ before it was lowered into the ground.  
*n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.  
*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
  
4. The regime was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ for their oppressive tactics.  
*adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
  
5. The car window shattered into a million little \_\_\_\_\_ during the crash.  
*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
  
6. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.  
*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
  
7. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.  
*adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

ANSWERS: 1. casualty, 2. coffin, 3. atrocity, 4. fascist, 5. splinters, 6. confined, 7. futile

8. She suffered from \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't take elevators.  
*n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
9. Be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.  
*v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
10. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to \_\_\_\_\_ disease.  
*v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
11. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
12. Her husband's death \_\_\_\_\_ her life entirely.  
*v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.  
*n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
14. The rural \_\_\_\_\_ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.  
*n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
15. The job requires excellent communication skills and a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem-solving.  
*adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied

ANSWERS: 8. claustrophobia, 9. sear, 10. counteract, 11. doe, 12. shattered, 13. symbolism, 14. villagers, 15. multifaceted

16. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.
- v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
17. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
18. There are several \_\_\_\_\_ limestone peaks throughout the mountains.
- adj. having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.
- v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
20. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.
- adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
21. The country has been wracked by political \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.
- n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
23. The battlefield was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.
- n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

ANSWERS: 16. illuminated, 17. grapple, 18. jagged, 19. ignited, 20. hopeless, 21. strife, 22. nationalist, 23. carnage,

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall depicted the history of the city.

*adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

25. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might \_\_\_\_\_ dolphins and whales.

*v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ graceful movements and bravery in the ring impressed even his toughest critics.

*n.* the principal performer in a bullfight, responsible for the final kill of the bull

27. Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous \_\_\_\_\_ artists.

*n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once

28. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ reform.

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

29. The economic recession caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

*n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

30. She \_\_\_\_\_ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

*adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

ANSWERS: 24. mural, 25. disorient, 26. matador's, 27. cubism, 28. chaotic, 29. devastation, 30. aptly

31. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to physics.

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

*adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

33. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

34. The edges of the old blanket had started to \_\_\_\_\_ so I decided to sew them up.

*v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

35. After hearing the results, he \_\_\_\_\_ against a wall.

*v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

36. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

37. The paper-covered \_\_\_\_\_ glowed softly in the darkness.

*n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel reveals the characters' true motivations and emotions.

*n.* an underlying and often implicit meaning or message conveyed in a work of art, literature, or conversation; the unspoken thoughts, emotions, or motivations that may be suggested or hinted at through the actions, behaviors, or words of characters or speakers

ANSWERS: 31. monumental, 32. frenzied, 33. helpless, 34. fray, 35. slouched, 36. confused, 37. lantern, 38. subtext

39. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

40. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

41. The car \_\_\_\_\_ down the highway at breakneck speed.

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

ANSWERS: 39. embody, 40. profoundly, 41. hurtled