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Session 1: Word List

vampire

n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

synonym : undead, bloodsucker, nosferatu

(1) **vampire** fiction, (2) hunting **vampires**

The **vampire's** pale complexion and sharp fangs made him stand out in the crowd.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym : daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

lair

n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal

synonym : den, hideout, shelter

(1) **lair** of a dragon, (2) **lair** of a criminal

The tiger's **lair** was filled with treasure.

stealth

n. the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety

synonym: sneakiness, secrecy, furtiveness

(1) **stealth** technology, (2) **stealth** bomber

The thief moved with **stealth**, careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym: ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

ricochet

- v. to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface

synonym : bounce, rebound, spring

- (1) **ricochet** off the walls, (2) **ricochet** into a crowd

The police officer fired a warning shot that **ricocheted** off the pavement and hit a nearby car.

strike

- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

- (1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

diffuser

- n. a device or object used to disperse or spread out a substance, often a liquid or gas, over a broad area; a type of accessory often attached to a camera lens to soften or disperse light

synonym : vaporizer, dispenser

- (1) scent **diffuser**, (2) light **diffuser**

The **diffuser** on the essential oils helped to calm my nerves and relax my mind.

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.

chamber

- n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

- (1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

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.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

metallic

adj. relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness

synonym : metal

(1) **metallic** taste, (2) **metallic** object

The jewelry shop featured a wide array of **metallic** accessories made of gold, silver, and copper.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym : oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

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.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change
The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**
We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
synonym: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot
Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

riddle

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

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**
The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;

(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym : organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

diagonal

adj. at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

synonym : oblique, sloping, slanting

(1) **diagonal** pattern, (2) place at a **diagonal**

The **diagonal** cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym : corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

diagonally

adv. in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

synonym : obliquely, slantwise, askew

(1) **diagonally** opposite, (2) cut **diagonally**

I walked **diagonally** across the field to reach the other side faster.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

intrusion

n. the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface

synonym : invasion, interference, encroachment

(1) unwarranted **intrusion**, (2) **intrusion** prevention

The **intrusion** of the hackers into the company's database caused significant damage.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
2. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
3. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
4. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
5. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
6. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
7. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
8. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
9. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
10. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

ANSWERS: 1. coffin, 2. stake, 3. odd, 4. odd, 5. horizontal, 6. bounce, 7. sunlight, 8. rectangle, 9. tackle, 10. chamber

11. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
12. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
13. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
14. di_____al pattern *adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle
15. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
16. domiciliary c___es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
17. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
18. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
19. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
20. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 11. spare, 12. coordinate, 13. insight, 14. diagonal, 15. strike, 16. cave, 17. fortunate, 18. spot, 19. beam, 20. insight

21. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
22. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
23. va_____e fiction *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
24. light di_____er *n.* a device or object used to disperse or spread out a substance, often a liquid or gas, over a broad area; a type of accessory often attached to a camera lens to soften or disperse light
25. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
26. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
27. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
28. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
29. dia_____ly opposite *adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

ANSWERS: 21. puzzle, 22. identify, 23. vampire, 24. diffuser, 25. sequence, 26. grid, 27. cave, 28. observation, 29. diagonally

30. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
31. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
32. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
33. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
34. st____h bomber *n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
35. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
36. hunting va____es *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

ANSWERS: 30. puzzle, 31. vice, 32. grid, 33. vice, 34. stealth, 35. degree, 36. vampire

37. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
38. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
39. cut dia_____ly *adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
40. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
41. me_____ic taste *adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
42. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
43. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
44. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
45. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
46. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
47. wooden co____n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

ANSWERS: 37. disturb, 38. precious, 39. diagonally, 40. trace, 41. metallic, 42. flood, 43. mount, 44. fortunate, 45. hunt, 46. unravel, 47. coffin

48. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
49. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
50. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
51. un____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
52. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
53. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
54. st____h technology *n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
55. ve____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
56. ex____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
57. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
58. unwarranted in____on *n.* the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface

ANSWERS: 48. beam, 49. dare, 50. dare, 51. unravel, 52. mount, 53. trace, 54. stealth, 55. vertical, 56. examine, 57. sneak, 58. intrusion

59. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
60. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
61. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
62. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
63. place at a di_____al *adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle
64. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
65. me_____ic object *adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
66. l__r of a criminal *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
67. ri_____et into a crowd *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface

ANSWERS: 59. examine, 60. horizontal, 61. elegant, 62. hunt, 63. diagonal, 64. descend, 65. metallic, 66. lair, 67. ricochet

68. el____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
69. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
70. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
71. ri___e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
72. l__r of a dragon *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
73. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
74. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
75. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
76. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
77. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
78. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 68. elegant, 69. pause, 70. tackle, 71. riddle, 72. lair, 73. sneak, 74. disturb, 75. vertical, 76. degree, 77. bounce, 78. strike

79. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
80. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
81. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
82. ill____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
83. ill____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
84. scent di____er *n.* a device or object used to disperse or spread out a substance, often a liquid or gas, over a broad area; a type of accessory often attached to a camera lens to soften or disperse light
85. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
86. de____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
87. ri____et off the walls *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface

ANSWERS: 79. stake, 80. spare, 81. flood, 82. illuminate, 83. illuminate, 84. diffuser, 85. spot, 86. descend, 87. ricochet

88. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
89. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
90. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
91. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
92. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
93. solve the ri_____e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
94. in_____on prevention *n.* the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface
95. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
96. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
97. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
98. a coo_____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

ANSWERS: 88. rectangle, 89. sunlight, 90. sequence, 91. identify, 92. precious, 93. riddle, 94. intrusion, 95. chamber, 96. pause, 97. observation, 98. coordinate

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
 - n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

2. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.
 - n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

3. 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

4. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
 - v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

5. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
 - n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

6. The _____ on the essential oils helped to calm my nerves and relax my mind.
 - n.* a device or object used to disperse or spread out a substance, often a liquid or gas, over a broad area; a type of accessory often attached to a camera lens to soften or disperse light

7. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.
 - adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

ANSWERS: 1. vice, 2. rectangle-shaped, 3. illuminated, 4. descended, 5. stake, 6. diffuser, 7. elegant

8. I walked _____ across the field to reach the other side faster.
adv. in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
9. The jewelry shop featured a wide array of _____ accessories made of gold, silver, and copper.
adj. relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
10. The tiger's _____ was filled with treasure.
n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal
11. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
12. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
13. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
14. The police officer fired a warning shot that _____ off the pavement and hit a nearby car.
v. to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
15. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 8. diagonally, 9. metallic, 10. lair, 11. sneak, 12. spot, 13. paused, 14. ricocheted, 15. Grid

16. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
17. Detectives are still attempting to _____ the mystery of his death.
- v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
18. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.
- v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
19. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
20. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
21. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
22. The _____ of the hackers into the company's database caused significant damage.
- n.* the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface
23. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
- v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

ANSWERS: 16. riddle, 17. unravel, 18. coordinate, 19. precious, 20. sunlight, 21. floods, 22. intrusion, 23. tackle

24. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

25. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

26. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

27. The thief moved with _____ careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.

n. the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety

28. The _____ cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

adj. at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

29. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

30. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

31. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

ANSWERS: 24. horizontal, 25. caves, 26. puzzle, 27. stealth, 28. diagonal, 29. strike, 30. chambers, 31. spare

32. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

33. His grandfather was an _____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

34. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

35. The _____ pale complexion and sharp fangs made him stand out in the crowd.

n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

36. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

37. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

38. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

39. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

40. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 32. trace, 33. odd, 34. hunt, 35. vampire's, 36. disturb, 37. sequence, 38. dare, 39. fortunate, 40. insights

41. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
42. 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
43. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
44. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
45. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
46. They will _____ between various emotional states.
v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
47. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
48. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 41. mounted, 42. coffin, 43. vertical, 44. degree, 45. examine, 46. bounce, 47. observation, 48. identify

49. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.
- n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 49. beam