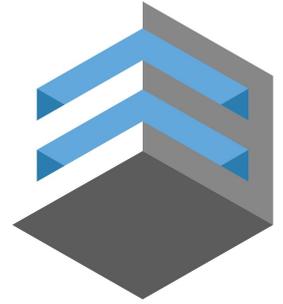


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### squishy

*adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

*synonym*: soft, spongy, mushy

(1) **squishy** texture, (2) a **squishy** story

The **squishy** foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.

### 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.

### zigzag

*adj.* having short sharp turns or angles

*synonym*: bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

### microscopic

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym*: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's

hull.

## **cascade**

*n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

*synonym*: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

## **debilitating**

*adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

*synonym*: weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect

His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

## **complication**

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym*: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

## **sickle**

*n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

*synonym*: scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

## **hemoglobin**

*n.* a protein-based molecule found in red blood cells that transports oxygen throughout the body

*synonym*: red cell pigment, oxygen carrier

(1) **hemoglobin** level, (2) abnormal **hemoglobin**

The **hemoglobin** gene mutation can cause genetic disorders such as sickle cell disease.

## pliable

*adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking

*synonym* : flexible, bendable, malleable

(1) **pliable** dough, (2) keep the skin **pliable**

Certain types of plastic become **pliable** when heated.

## deform

*v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

*synonym* : distort, contort, mangle

(1) **deform** the shape, (2) **deform** his way of life

The heat from the fire **deformed** the plastic parts of the appliance.

## snag

*n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection

*synonym* : barrier, difficulty, hitch

(1) encounter a big **snag**, (2) **snag** her stockings

Another **snag** to quantum computers is a large amount of noise added from the outside.

## stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym* : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## clog

*v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

*synonym* : block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## spleen

*n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration

*synonym*: lien, irascibility, temper

(1) **spleen** function, (2) enlarged **spleen**

The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by **spleen** inflammation.

## retina

*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

## detachment

*n.* a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently

*synonym*: separation, aloofness, indifference

(1) **detachment** from reality, (2) emotional **detachment**

The **detachment** of the soldiers was evident as they carried out their mission with precision and focus.

## obstruct

*v.* to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone

*synonym*: block, impede, hinder

(1) **obstruct** an airway, (2) **obstruct** a bill

The road was blocked by a fallen tree, **obstructing** the path

for all vehicles.

## **lifespan**

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## **deplete**

*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

*synonym*: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

## **anemia**

*n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

*synonym*: bloodlessness, pallor, weakness

(1) **anemia** symptoms, (2) **anemia** disease

The doctor diagnosed the patient with **anemia** due to a lack of iron in their blood.

## **ravage**

*v.* to cause damage to something badly

*synonym*: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

## **parasite**

*n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

*synonym*: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of

humans and animals.

## mosquito

*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

*synonym* : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

## incubator

*n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

*synonym* : hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

## bloodstream

*n.* the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain

Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

## roadblock

*n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

*synonym* : obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**

The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

- rife** *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful  
*synonym* : prevalent, abundant, widespread  
(1) **rife** with rumors, (2) **rife** with uncertainty  
Misinformation is **rife** on social media platforms.
- flourish** *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully  
*synonym* : boom, advance, succeed  
(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide  
The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.
- ancestry** *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from  
*synonym* : ancestor, family, descent  
(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**  
He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.
- endemic** *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area  
*synonym* : prevalent, widespread, native  
(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area  
Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.
- hydroxyurea** *n.* a medication used to treat certain types of cancer and blood disorders by slowing down or stopping the growth of abnormal cells in the body  
*synonym* : anticancer, cytotoxic, chemotherapy agent  
(1) **hydroxyurea** treatment, (2) **hydroxyurea** dosage  
The doctor prescribed **hydroxyurea** to help reduce the frequency of painful episodes for the patient.
- curative** *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing  
*synonym* : healing, therapeutic, medicinal  
(1) **curative** treatment, (2) **curative** effect

The natural hot springs were said to have **curative** properties for those with sore muscles and joints.

## **inaccessible**

*adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available

*synonym*: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an\_\_\_a symptoms *n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something
2. ina\_\_\_\_\_ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
3. s\_\_b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
4. s\_\_g her stockings *n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection
5. business in\_\_\_\_\_or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
6. mo\_\_\_\_\_to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
7. a distinguished an\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
8. pa\_\_\_\_\_te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 1. anemia, 2. inaccessible, 3. stab, 4. snag, 5. incubator, 6. mosquito, 7. ancestry, 8. parasite

9. ina\_\_\_\_\_ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
10. enlarged sp\_\_\_\_n *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
11. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
12. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. cholera-en\_\_\_\_\_c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
14. en\_\_\_\_\_c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
15. si\_\_\_e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
16. abnormal hem\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a protein-based molecule found in red blood cells that transports oxygen throughout the body
17. de\_\_\_\_\_e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 9. inaccessible, 10. spleen, 11. determinant, 12. determinant, 13. endemic, 14. endemic, 15. sickle, 16. hemoglobin, 17. deplete

18. emotional det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently
19. encounter a big s\_\_g *n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection
20. det\_\_\_\_\_nt from reality *n.* a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently
21. zi\_\_\_g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
22. a sq\_\_\_\_\_y story *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
23. re\_\_\_a scanner *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
24. cu\_\_\_\_\_ve treatment *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
25. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
26. harvest si\_\_\_e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
27. cu\_\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing

ANSWERS: 18. detachment, 19. snag, 20. detachment, 21. zigzag, 22. squishy, 23. retina, 24. curative, 25. lifespan, 26. sickle, 27. curative

28. de\_\_\_m his way of life      *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
29. keep the skin pl\_\_\_\_\_e      *adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking
30. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension      *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
31. de\_\_\_\_\_e customer confidence      *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
32. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
33. hyd\_\_\_\_\_ea treatment      *n.* a medication used to treat certain types of cancer and blood disorders by slowing down or stopping the growth of abnormal cells in the body
34. r\_\_e with rumors      *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful
35. c\_\_g artery      *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
36. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
37. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 28. deform, 29. pliable, 30. lifespan, 31. deplete, 32. inherit, 33. hydroxyurea, 34. rife, 35. clog, 36. inherit, 37. stab

38. hyd\_\_\_\_\_ea dosage *n.* a medication used to treat certain types of cancer and blood disorders by slowing down or stopping the growth of abnormal cells in the body
39. sq\_\_\_\_\_y texture *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
40. deb\_\_\_\_\_ing virus *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
41. ja\_\_\_\_d edges *adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
42. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
43. infant in\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
44. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
45. sp\_\_\_\_n function *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
46. ca\_\_\_\_\_e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
47. bypass ro\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 38. hydroxyurea, 39. squishy, 40. debilitating, 41. jagged, 42. flourish, 43. incubator, 44. complication, 45. spleen, 46. cascade, 47. roadblock

48. an\_\_\_a disease *n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something
49. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
50. blo\_\_\_\_\_am to the brain *n.* the blood flowing through the body
51. mo\_\_\_\_\_to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
52. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
53. c\_\_g a filter *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
54. biological ro\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
55. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
56. the ja\_\_\_d outline of the crags *adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
57. r\_\_e with uncertainty *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful

ANSWERS: 48. anemia, 49. microscopic, 50. bloodstream, 51. mosquito, 52. flourish, 53. clog, 54. roadblock, 55. parasite, 56. jagged, 57. rife

58. transistor ca\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
59. re\_\_\_al cells *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
60. hem\_\_\_\_\_in level *n.* a protein-based molecule found in red blood cells that transports oxygen throughout the body
61. a zi\_\_\_g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
62. prehuman an\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
63. ra\_\_\_e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
64. ob\_\_\_\_\_ct a bill *v.* to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone
65. ra\_\_\_e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
66. pl\_\_\_\_\_e dough *adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking
67. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
68. com\_\_\_\_\_ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
69. deb\_\_\_\_\_ing effect *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
70. blo\_\_\_\_\_am in an artery *n.* the blood flowing through the body
71. ob\_\_\_\_\_ct an airway *v.* to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone

ANSWERS: 58. cascade, 59. retina, 60. hemoglobin, 61. zigzag, 62. ancestry, 63. ravage, 64. obstruct, 65. ravage, 66. pliable, 67. microscopic, 68. complication, 69. debilitating, 70. bloodstream, 71. obstruct

72. de\_\_\_m the shape

v. to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

ANSWERS: 72. deform

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Heavy snow made it \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the mountain village.  
*adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
2. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.  
*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
3. Another \_\_\_\_\_ to quantum computers is a large amount of noise added from the outside.  
*n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection
4. The heat from the fire \_\_\_\_\_ the plastic parts of the appliance.  
*v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
5. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.  
*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
6. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.  
*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
7. Malaria is \_\_\_\_\_ in many tropical countries.  
*adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 1. inaccessible, 2. deplete, 3. snag, 4. deformed, 5. microscopic, 6. stabbed, 7. endemic

8. The accident caused a \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.
- n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ gene mutation can cause genetic disorders such as sickle cell disease.
- n.* a protein-based molecule found in red blood cells that transports oxygen throughout the body
10. The road was blocked by a fallen tree, \_\_\_\_\_ the path for all vehicles.
- v.* to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone
11. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
12. A large fire \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.
- v.* to cause damage to something badly
13. There are several \_\_\_\_\_ limestone peaks throughout the mountains.
- adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
14. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
15. He looked down on the royal \_\_\_\_\_ of the neighboring country.
- n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

ANSWERS: 8. roadblock, 9. hemoglobin, 10. obstructing, 11. inherited, 12. ravaged, 13. jagged, 14. flourished, 15. ancestry

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.  
*adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
17. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.  
*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the soldiers was evident as they carried out their mission with precision and focus.  
*n.* a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently
19. The eggs were placed in an artificial \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure proper hatching conditions.  
*n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.  
*n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
21. The natural hot springs were said to have \_\_\_\_\_ properties for those with sore muscles and joints.  
*adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
22. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the blood flowing through the body

ANSWERS: 16. squishy, 17. lifespan, 18. detachment, 19. incubator, 20. cascade, 21. curative, 22. bloodstream

23. The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by \_\_\_\_\_ inflammation.
- n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
24. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
25. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
26. Tapeworms are \_\_\_\_\_ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
- n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
27. Certain types of plastic become \_\_\_\_\_ when heated.
- adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking
28. The drain was \_\_\_\_\_ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
- v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
29. We had to go through a \_\_\_\_\_ course.
- adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
30. Damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.
- n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

ANSWERS: 23. spleen, 24. determinant, 25. mosquitos, 26. parasites, 27. pliable, 28. clogged, 29. zigzag, 30. retina

31. Misinformation is \_\_\_\_\_ on social media platforms.

*adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful

32. The blade of the \_\_\_\_\_ glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

*n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

33. His \_\_\_\_\_ illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

*adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

34. The doctor diagnosed the patient with \_\_\_\_\_ due to a lack of iron in their blood.

*n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

35. The doctor prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ to help reduce the frequency of painful episodes for the patient.

*n.* a medication used to treat certain types of cancer and blood disorders by slowing down or stopping the growth of abnormal cells in the body

36. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

ANSWERS: 31. rife, 32. sickle, 33. debilitating, 34. anemia, 35. hydroxyurea, 36. complications