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Session 1: Word List

arcane

adj. mysterious or known only by a select few

synonym: mysterious, obscure, hidden

(1) **arcane** knowledge, (2) **arcane** subject

The **arcane** rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.

lore

n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

synonym: mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

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.

bloodline

n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family,

group, or species

synonym: ancestry, lineage, descent

(1) **bloodline** inheritance, (2) royal **bloodline**

The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong **bloodlines**.

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

synonym: unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

adjective

n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun

synonym: modifier, accessory, attribute

(1) **adjective** clause, (2) an attributive **adjective**

The **adjective** "red" describes the color of the apple.

providence

n. the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

synonym: protection, care, provision

(1) divine **providence**, (2) **providence** of nature

The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of **providence**.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym: myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
synonym : bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs
The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

meteorite

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

synonym : meteor, shooting star, asteroid

(1) **meteorite** impact, (2) **meteorite** shower

The **meteorite** fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

unearth

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

undiscovered

adj. not yet found or known

synonym : unknown, hidden, unexplored

(1) **undiscovered** territory, (2) **undiscovered** potential

The jungle is full of **undiscovered** species waiting to be found.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym : cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym : destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

indescribable

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

synonym: uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

novella

n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

synonym: short novel, long story, narrative

(1) write a **novella**, (2) a **novella** set in a medieval kingdom

I am reading a famous **novella** about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym : foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

slime

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
synonym: muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

nether

adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body

synonym: inferior, lower, underground

(1) **nether** lip, (2) **nether** garment

The **nether** regions of the building were dark and musty.

outpost

n. a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.

synonym: frontier, settlement

(1) **outpost** area, (2) military **outpost**

With the war's end, they have begun a gradual retreat from their **outposts**.

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

vile

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

monotonous

adj. lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

synonym: tedious, dull, boring

(1) **monotonous** routine, (2) **monotonous** job

The **monotonous** task of data entry required intense concentration.

whine

v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

synonym: complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather

The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

accursed

adj. subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised

synonym: damned, cursed, execrable

(1) **accursed** place, (2) **accursed** scream

The **accursed** curse had been passed down through generations of the family.

inscrutable

adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

synonym: mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable

(1) **inscrutable** expression, (2) **inscrutable** smile

The mystery surrounding the lost city's **inscrutable** ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life
She **stumbled** over the tree root.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power
synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake
He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

speck

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount
synonym: blot, dot, mark

(1) a **speck** of dust, (2) **speck** of suspicion
The plane was just a **speck** in the sky.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
synonym: understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution
The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

tome

n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
synonym: book, volume, opus

(1) **tome** of knowledge, (2) ancient **tome**
I spent the whole weekend reading an academic **tome** about medieval history.

mythos

n. the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society
synonym: myth, legend, folklore

(1) rich **mythos**, (2) **mythos** of heroism
The **mythos** surrounding the famous artist's life has been the subject of many books and movies.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym: devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym: defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

outlive

v. to live longer than another person

synonym: continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ad_____ve clause
n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun
2. uns_____le pain
adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
3. me_____te impact
n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
4. sl__e bacteria
n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
5. cause ha__c
n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
6. rec_____ble landmark
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
7. de__y of commerce
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
8. l__ked behind the words
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
9. s__r his reputation
v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

ANSWERS: 1. adjective, 2. unspeakable, 3. meteorite, 4. slime, 5. havoc, 6. recognizable, 7. deity, 8. lurk, 9. slur

10. mythological l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
11. ar___e knowledge *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
12. ma___n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
13. a no____a set in a medieval kingdom *n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
14. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
15. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
16. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
17. fo____re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
18. v__e language *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

ANSWERS: 10. lore, 11. arcane, 12. madden, 13. novella, 14. startling, 15. slur, 16. lurk, 17. folklore, 18. vile

19. pro_____ce of nature *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
20. un_____h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
21. ar___e subject *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
22. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
23. ins_____le smile *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
24. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
25. military ou_____t *n.* a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.
26. play ha__c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
27. ancient t__e *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
28. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
29. military l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

ANSWERS: 19. providence, 20. unearth, 21. arcane, 22. frightening, 23. inscrutable, 24. insignificant, 25. outpost, 26. havoc, 27. tome, 28. disturb, 29. lore

30. me_____te shower *n.* a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
31. wr__k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
32. fat_____le explanation *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
33. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
34. ne___r garment *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
35. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
36. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
37. wr__k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
38. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
39. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 30. meteorite, 31. wreak, 32. fathomable, 33. eerie, 34. nether, 35. primordial, 36. startling, 37. wreak, 38. transcend, 39. disturb

40. sl__e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
41. mon_____us routine *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
42. ou_____t area *n.* a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.
43. wh__e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
44. ne___r lip *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
45. a sp__k of dust *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
46. pr___l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
47. t__e of knowledge *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
48. mon_____us job *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
49. fat_____le solution *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
50. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 40. slime, 41. monotonous, 42. outpost, 43. whine, 44. nether, 45. speck, 46. primal, 47. tome, 48. monotonous, 49. fathomable, 50. deity

51. und_____red territory *adj.* not yet found or known
52. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
53. royal bl_____ne *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
54. bl_____ne inheritance *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
55. rich my____s *n.* the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society
56. giant oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
57. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
58. divine pro_____ce *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
59. ac_____ed place *adj.* subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised

ANSWERS: 51. undiscovered, 52. insignificant, 53. bloodline, 54. bloodline, 55. mythos, 56. octopus, 57. anthropology, 58. providence, 59. accursed

60. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
61. ac_____ed scream *adj.* subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised
62. v__e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
63. write a no_____a *n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
64. sp__k of suspicion *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
65. ind_____ble horror *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
66. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
67. an attributive ad_____ve *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
68. ma___n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
69. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

ANSWERS: 60. reimagine, 61. accursed, 62. vile, 63. novella, 64. speck, 65. indescribable, 66. indifference, 67. adjective, 68. madden, 69. dread

70. ou____e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
71. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
72. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
73. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
74. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
75. un_____h burial mound *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
76. und_____red potential *adj.* not yet found or known
77. ou____e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
78. fo_____re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
79. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
80. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 70. outlive, 71. reimagine, 72. indifference, 73. stumble, 74. unspeakable, 75. unearh, 76. undiscovered, 77. outlive, 78. folklore, 79. stereotype, 80. anthropology

81. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
82. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
83. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
84. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
85. my____s of heroism *n.* the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society
86. pr____l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
87. ins_____le expression *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
88. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
89. ind_____ble experience *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
90. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
91. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

ANSWERS: 81. primordial, 82. transcend, 83. stumble, 84. frightening, 85. mythos, 86. primal, 87. inscrutable, 88. inhabitant, 89. indescribable, 90. eerie, 91. froth

92. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
93. venomous oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
94. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
95. wh__e about homework *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
96. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
97. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
98. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

ANSWERS: 92. recognizable, 93. octopus, 94. dread, 95. whine, 96. inhabitant, 97. stereotype, 98. froth

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ____ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.
adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
2. The plane was just a _____ in the sky.
n. a very small spot, piece, or amount
3. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
4. The _____ rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.
adj. mysterious or known only by a select few
5. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.
n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
6. The _____ surrounding the famous artist's life has been the subject of many books and movies.
n. the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society
7. I spent the whole weekend reading an academic ____ about medieval history.
n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

ANSWERS: 1. vile, 2. speck, 3. wreaked, 4. arcane, 5. octopus, 6. mythos, 7. tome

8. The child began to _____ when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.
v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
9. The beauty of the sunset was _____ leaving me in awe of its splendor.
adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
10. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
11. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
12. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.
v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
13. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
14. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

ANSWERS: 8. whine, 9. indescribable, 10. recognizable, 11. frightening, 12. maddened, 13. primordial, 14. froth,

15. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

16. The detective _____ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

17. The _____ fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

18. The kids loved playing with the green _____ but it was a nightmare to clean up.

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

19. The _____ regions of the building were dark and musty.

adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body

20. She _____ her husband for many years.

v. to live longer than another person

21. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

22. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

23. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

ANSWERS: 15. startling, 16. unearthed, 17. meteorite, 18. slime, 19. nether, 20. outlived, 21. stumbled, 22. dread, 23. eerie

24. With the war's end, they have begun a gradual retreat from their _____.
- n.* a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.
25. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
26. The jungle is full of _____ species waiting to be found.
- adj.* not yet found or known
27. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
28. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
- adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
29. He made me feel small and _____.
- adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
30. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
31. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 24. outposts, 25. deity, 26. undiscovered, 27. disturb, 28. primal, 29. insignificant, 30. inhabitant, 31. anthropology

32. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
33. The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong _____.
- n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
34. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
35. The area's _____ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.
- n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
36. The mystery surrounding the lost city's _____ ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.
- adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
37. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.
- adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
38. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
39. The scientific theories presented in the book were _____ even to non-experts.
- adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

ANSWERS: 32. stereotypes, 33. bloodlines, 34. transcended, 35. folklore, 36. inscrutable, 37. unspeakable, 38. reimagine, 39. fathomable

40. The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of _____.

- n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

41. The _____ task of data entry required intense concentration.

- adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

42. I tried to assume an air of _____.

- n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

43. The _____ "red" describes the color of the apple.

- n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun

44. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.

- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

45. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

46. The _____ curse had been passed down through generations of the family.

- adj.* subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised

47. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.

- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

ANSWERS: 40. providence, 41. monotonous, 42. indifference, 43. adjective, 44. slur, 45. havoc, 46. accursed, 47. lurks

48. The village's _____ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.
- n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
49. I am reading a famous _____ about a group of friends who go on a road trip.
- n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

ANSWERS: 48. lore, 49. novella