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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

*synonym*: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

### wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym*: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

### plop

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

*synonym*: drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

### paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym* : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## shrewd

*adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner

*synonym* : astute, sharp, clever

(1) **shrewd** negotiation tactics, (2) **shrewd** observation

The **shrewd** businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.

## haunting

*adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

*synonym* : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

## slab

*n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

*synonym* : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

## penetrating

*adj.* able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion

*synonym* : keen, piercing, sharp

(1) **penetrating** gaze, (2) **penetrating** analysis

The **penetrating** smell of freshly brewed coffee filled the room.

## witty

*adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way

*synonym* : clever, humorous, satirical

(1) **witty** cartoon, (2) make **witty** remarks

The comedian's **witty** jokes had the audience in stitches.

## captivate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

*synonym* : enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym* : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## colossus

*n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

*synonym* : giant, titan, mammoth

(1) **colossus** company, (2) ancient **colossus**

The automobile industry is a **colossus** behemoth of the modern economy.

## complexion

*n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

*synonym* : appearance, color, hue

(1) **complexion** cream, (2) dull **complexion**

Her skincare routine paid off, as her **complexion** was glowing and healthy-looking.

## solace

*n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

*synonym* : comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

## topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

*synonym*: overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

## mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

*synonym*: clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

## clump

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

*synonym*: cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees

I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

## heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

*synonym*: protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

## depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

*synonym*: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

## depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym*: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## snob

*n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured

*synonym* : snoot, elitist, pretentious person

(1) have **snob** appeal, (2) rich **snob**

He's a **snob** when it comes to music and only listens to classical.

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym* : illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## forceful

*adj.* having or showing great strength or energy

*synonym* : powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

## testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## unflinching

*adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

*synonym* : resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was impressive.

## touchstone

*n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

*synonym*: benchmark, standard, criterion

(1) artistic **touchstone**, (2) the **touchstone** of truth

The **touchstone** for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

## heartbreak

*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

*synonym*: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

## stasis

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

*synonym*: stillness, inactivity, stagnation

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

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

## tor

*n.* a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain

*synonym*: rock, peak, crag

(1) **tor** hill, (2) rocky **tor**

We had an excellent view of the surrounding landscape from the top of the granite **tor**.

## horseback

*n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

*synonym*: equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

## foreboding

*n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

*synonym*: premonition, omen, portent

(1) **foreboding** sign, (2) ominous **foreboding**

The dark clouds in the sky created a sense of **foreboding** and made everyone anxious.

## cauldron

*n.* a large metal pot or kettle used for cooking or boiling liquids, often associated with witches or magic in folklore or mythology

*synonym*: pot, kettle

(1) steaming **cauldron**, (2) **cauldron** of soup

The witch stirred her bubbling **cauldron** filled with mysterious ingredients.

## relic

*n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

*synonym*: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

## crucify

*v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

*synonym*: execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

## dissatisfy

*v.* to fail to satisfy someone

*synonym*: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

## 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.

## accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other  
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## untimely

*adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

*synonym*: inappropriate, unfortunate, inopportune

(1) die an **untimely** death, (2) **untimely** snowfall in May  
The **untimely** arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

## astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer  
The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

## inexpressible

*adj.* not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication

*synonym*: unutterable, incommunicable, unspeakable

(1) **inexpressible** gratitude, (2) **inexpressible** pain  
The beauty of the sunset was so stunning that it brought **inexpressible** joy to my heart.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. pen\_\_\_\_\_ng gaze *adj.* able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion
2. have s\_\_b appeal *n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
3. go through hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
4. ease her hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
5. holy re\_\_cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
6. pen\_\_\_\_\_ng analysis *adj.* able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion
7. a ha\_\_\_\_\_ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
8. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
9. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 1. penetrating, 2. snob, 3. heartbreak, 4. heartbreak, 5. relic, 6. penetrating, 7. haunting, 8. wrinkle, 9. inherit

10. steaming ca\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large metal pot or kettle used for cooking or boiling liquids, often associated with witches or magic in folklore or mythology
11. rich s\_\_b *n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
12. loud p\_\_p *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
13. to\_\_\_e communist rule *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
14. ac\_\_\_e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
15. historical re\_\_c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
16. de\_\_\_\_s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
17. pa\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
18. to\_\_\_e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
19. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
20. unf\_\_\_\_\_ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

ANSWERS: 10. cauldron, 11. snob, 12. plop, 13. topple, 14. accuse, 15. relic, 16. depress, 17. paralyze, 18. topple, 19. depict, 20. unflinching



31. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
32. p\_\_p of water      *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
33. st\_\_\_s in development      *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
34. un\_\_\_\_\_ly snowfall in May      *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
35. as\_\_\_\_\_d everyone      *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
36. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
37. be\_\_\_n a taxi      *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
38. ca\_\_\_\_\_te the mind      *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
39. a cl\_\_p of trees      *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
40. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble gratitude      *adj.* not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication
41. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness      *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 31. testament, 32. plop, 33. stasis, 34. untimely, 35. astound, 36. inherit, 37. beckon, 38. captivate, 39. clump, 40. inexpressible, 41. accuse

42. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers     *v.*     to be filled with a deep echoing sound
43. mu\_\_\_\_l shells     *n.*     a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
44. mu\_\_\_\_l cultivation     *n.*     a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
45. as\_\_\_\_\_d the viewer     *v.*     to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
46. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency     *v.*     to be filled with a deep echoing sound
47. fo\_\_\_\_\_ul argument     *adj.*     having or showing great strength or energy
48. marble s\_\_b     *n.*     a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
49. ca\_\_\_\_\_te public sentiment     *v.*     to attract and hold the attention or interest of
50. artistic tou\_\_\_\_\_ne     *n.*     a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
51. unf\_\_\_\_\_ng gaze     *adj.*     not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

ANSWERS: 42. resonate, 43. mussel, 44. mussel, 45. astound, 46. resonate, 47. forceful, 48. slab, 49. captivate, 50. touchstone, 51. unflinching

52. take fo\_\_\_\_ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
53. com\_\_\_\_\_on cream *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
54. die an un\_\_\_\_\_ly death *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
55. make wi\_\_y remarks *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
56. rocky t\_r *n.* a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain
57. renal st\_\_\_\_s *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
58. ominous for\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom
59. a s\_\_b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
60. medieval he\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
61. te\_\_\_\_\_nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

ANSWERS: 52. forceful, 53. complexion, 54. untimely, 55. witty, 56. tor, 57. stasis, 58. foreboding, 59. slab, 60. heroine, 61. testament

62. cr\_\_\_\_\_y him for their actions      *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
63. a fine wr\_\_\_\_\_e on a fabric      *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
64. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck adventure      *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
65. sh\_\_\_\_d negotiation tactics      *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
66. de\_\_\_\_t a scene      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
67. de\_\_\_\_\_s their spirits      *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
68. dis\_\_\_\_\_fy people with service      *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
69. offer so\_\_\_\_e      *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
70. ancient co\_\_\_\_\_us      *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
71. t\_r hill      *n.* a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain

ANSWERS: 62. crucify, 63. wrinkle, 64. horseback, 65. shrewd, 66. depict, 67. depress, 68. dissatisfy, 69. solace, 70. colossus, 71. tor

72. tragic he\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
73. dull com\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
74. be\_\_\_\_n with a hand      *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
75. cr\_\_\_\_\_y a criminal      *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
76. the tou\_\_\_\_\_ne of truth      *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
77. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck trek      *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
78. sh\_\_\_\_d observation      *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
79. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng memory      *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

ANSWERS: 72. heroine, 73. complexion, 74. beckon, 75. crucify, 76. touchstone, 77. horseback, 78. shrewd, 79. haunting



80. cl\_\_p of bacteria

*n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. clump

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The warm sun and gentle breeze \_\_\_\_\_ us to spend the day outside.  
*v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
2. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to music and only listens to classical.  
*n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
3. I ordered the \_\_\_\_\_ in a white wine sauce for dinner.  
*n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
4. The company's results \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
*v.* to fail to satisfy someone
5. The beauty of the sunset was so stunning that it brought \_\_\_\_\_ joy to my heart.  
*adj.* not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.  
*adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
7. The religious leaders wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the heretic for his teachings.  
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ANSWERS: 1. beckoned, 2. snob, 3. mussels, 4. dissatisfy, 5. inexpressible, 6. untimely, 7. crucify

8. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.  
*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
9. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.  
*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
10. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.  
*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
11. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
12. His \_\_\_\_\_ courage in the face of danger was impressive.  
*adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
13. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
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ANSWERS: 8. resonates, 9. depressed, 10. accused, 11. inherited, 12. unflinching, 13. paralyzed, 14. heroine, 15. complexion

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ smell of freshly brewed coffee filled the room.

*adj.* able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion

17. We had an excellent view of the surrounding landscape from the top of the granite \_\_\_\_.

*n.* a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain

18. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

19. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of his boots in the hallway.

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22. The \_\_\_\_\_ for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

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ANSWERS: 16. penetrating, 17. tor, 18. wrinkle-proof, 19. clump, 20. witty, 21. foreboding, 22. touchstone

23. We went on a scenic trail ride on \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.  
*n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
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*v.* to serve as a typical example of something
25. The song's \_\_\_\_\_ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.  
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*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
29. This bronze sword is a \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient times.  
*n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
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ANSWERS: 23. horseback, 24. exemplify, 25. haunting, 26. toppled, 27. plop, 28. astounding, 29. relic, 30. colossus, 31. cauldron

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- v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
36. The grieving widow found \_\_\_\_\_ in reading her late husband's letters.
- n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
37. She spoke with a \_\_\_\_\_ tone and made her point clear.
- adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
38. His wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.
- n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.
- adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner

ANSWERS: 32. slab, 33. heartbreak, 34. depicted, 35. captivated, 36. solace, 37. forceful, 38. testament, 39. shrewd

40. The patient's \_\_\_\_\_ in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.

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

ANSWERS: 40. stasis