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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

### supernatural

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

*synonym*: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

### revered

*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

*synonym*: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

### archipelago

*n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

*synonym*: group of islands, island chain

(1) tropical **archipelago**, (2) volcanic **archipelago**

The Philippines is an **archipelago** made up of over 7,000 islands.

## panhandle

- v. to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support;  
(noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

*synonym*: beg, solicit, plead

(1) **panhandle** for food, (2) the Texas **panhandle**

I must **panhandle** for money if I can't find a job soon.

## intern

- v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## monumental

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

*synonym*: massive, awesome, enormous

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

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

## intricate

- adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

*synonym*: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

## canoe

- n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## unsung

*adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

*synonym* : unknown, unrecognized, unappreciated

(1) **unsung** accomplishment, (2) **unsung** songwriter

The community's **unsung** heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

## cedar

*n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

*synonym* : juniper, redwood, pine

(1) **cedar** wood, (2) **cedar** bark

Tall **cedar** trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

## warp

*v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

*synonym* : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

## 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.

## weft

*n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric

*synonym*: woof, warp, web

(1) **weft** knitting, (2) cotton **weft**

The fabric's **weft** threads run across the width of the fabric while the warp threads run lengthwise.

## 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.

## esoteric

*adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

*synonym*: abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

## inlet

*n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

*synonym*: cove, bayou, estuary

(1) **inlet** valve, (2) **inlet** temperature

The boat sailed through the narrow **inlet** and into the harbor.

## unintended

*adj.* not planned or meant

*synonym*: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

## smallpox

*n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

*synonym*: variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

## firewood

*n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

*synonym*: fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

## ransack

*v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

*synonym*: pillage, loot, plunder

(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town

Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

## 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.

## inaugurate

*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

*synonym*: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym*: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## skim

*v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary

material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

*synonym* : glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

## sleuth

*n.* a person who conducts criminal investigations

*synonym* : gumshoe, detective, investigator

(1) **sleuth-hound**, (2) amateur **sleuth**

He hired a **sleuth** to uncover his rival's wrongdoing.

## billow

*v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

*synonym* : wave, swell, surge

(1) **billow** cloud, (2) **billow** like a sail

The smoke **billowed** out of the chimney and into the sky.

## bonfire

*n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

*synonym* : campfire, fire, pyre

(1) **bonfire** party, (2) victory **bonfire**

We gathered around the **bonfire**, roasting marshmallows and telling stories.

## unveil

*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

*synonym* : reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

## 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.

## 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.

## bohemian

n. a person who leads an unconventional or non-traditional lifestyle, often characterized by creativity, artistic expression, and a disregard for social or cultural norms or conventions

*synonym*: free spirit, nonconformist

(1) **bohemian** vibe, (2) **bohemian** fashion

The **bohemian** lifestyle of the artist appealed to her sense of freedom and creativity.

## awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym*: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

## ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## ashore

adv. on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water

*synonym*: on the beach, on the shore

(1) bring **ashore**, (2) go **ashore** after sunset

The ship finally came **ashore** after a long voyage.

## carver

*n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving

*synonym* : sculptor, engraver, cutter

(1) wood **carver**, (2) pumpkin **carver**

The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled **carver's** hands.

## unwelcome

*adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

*synonym* : uninvited, disliked, undesired

(1) **unwelcome** interruption, (2) **unwelcome** surprise

The **unwelcome** visitor quickly made their presence known.

## cleanse

*v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

*synonym* : purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

## bough

*n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch

*synonym* : branch, limb, twig

(1) **bough** of a tree, (2) snowy **bough**

The squirrel scampered up the **bough** to reach the nuts on the tree.

## beacon

*n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

*synonym* : lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.



## 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.

## caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

*synonym*: custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

## recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

*synonym*: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

## descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

*synonym*: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

## worsen

v. to become or make something worse

*synonym*: languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem

Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of trade.

## well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our

employees.

## unavoidable

*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

*synonym*: inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. bring as \_\_\_e *adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
2. under una\_\_\_\_\_le circumstances *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
3. bi\_\_\_w cloud *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
4. un\_\_\_\_\_l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
5. un\_\_\_g songwriter *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
6. un\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
7. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
8. ina\_\_\_\_\_te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
9. be\_\_\_n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
10. the role of ca\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

ANSWERS: 1. ashore, 2. unavoidable, 3. billow, 4. unravel, 5. unsung, 6. unveil, 7. prioritize, 8. inaugurate, 9. beacon, 10. caretaker

11. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
12. transistor ca\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
13. re\_\_\_\_\_t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
14. the most re\_\_\_\_\_d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
15. to\_\_\_e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
16. s\_\_\_m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
17. chop fi\_\_\_\_\_od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
18. in\_\_\_\_\_te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
19. bo\_\_\_h of a tree *n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
20. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
21. we\_\_\_e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 11. monumental, 12. cascade, 13. recount, 14. revered, 15. topple, 16. skim, 17. firewood, 18. intricate, 19. bough, 20. intern, 21. weave

22. re\_\_\_\_\_t a conversation with him      *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
23. to\_\_\_\_e communist rule      *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
24. ce\_\_r wood      *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
25. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
26. bo\_\_\_\_\_e party      *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
27. bo\_\_\_\_\_an fashion      *n.* a person who leads an unconventional or non-traditional lifestyle, often characterized by creativity, artistic expression, and a disregard for social or cultural norms or conventions
28. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed bias      *adj.* not planned or meant
29. volcanic arc\_\_\_\_\_go      *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
30. an\_\_\_\_\_or language      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
31. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral intuition      *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
32. sm\_\_\_\_\_ox epidemic      *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

ANSWERS: 22. recount, 23. topple, 24. cedar, 25. inherit, 26. bonfire, 27. bohemian, 28. unintended, 29. archipelago, 30. ancestor, 31. supernatural, 32. smallpox



44. ca\_\_\_\_e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
45. the Texas pa\_\_\_\_\_le *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
46. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
47. ra\_\_\_\_\_k a house *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
48. juice cl\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
49. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
50. ce\_\_r bark *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
51. victory bo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

ANSWERS: 44. cascade, 45. panhandle, 46. supernatural, 47. ransack, 48. cleanse, 49. carve, 50. cedar, 51. bonfire

52. cl\_\_\_\_\_e the face  
*v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
53. in\_\_\_\_\_te details  
*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
54. snowy bo\_\_h  
*n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
55. go as\_\_\_e after sunset  
*adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
56. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
57. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator  
*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
58. an es\_\_\_\_\_ic religion  
*adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
59. des\_\_\_\_\_nt of a pioneer  
*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
60. in\_\_\_n civilians  
*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 52. cleanse, 53. intricate, 54. bough, 55. ashore, 56. inherit, 57. descend, 58. esoteric, 59. descendant, 60. intern



61. bi\_\_\_w like a sail *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
62. es\_\_\_\_ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
63. become w\_\_ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
64. orthogonal re\_\_\_\_le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
65. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
66. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
67. third-generation des\_\_\_\_nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
68. make a ca\_\_e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
69. amateur sl\_\_\_h *n.* a person who conducts criminal investigations
70. un\_\_\_\_me surprise *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure
71. bo\_\_\_\_an vibe *n.* a person who leads an unconventional or non-traditional lifestyle, often characterized by creativity, artistic expression, and a disregard for social or cultural norms or conventions

ANSWERS: 61. billow, 62. esoteric, 63. warp, 64. rectangle, 65. awaken, 66. well-being, 67. descendant, 68. canoe, 69. sleuth, 70. unwelcome, 71. bohemian

72. re\_\_\_\_\_le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
73. un\_\_\_\_\_l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
74. in\_\_t valve *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
75. tropical arc\_\_\_\_\_go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
76. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
77. welfare ca\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
78. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
79. an aerial be\_\_\_n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
80. an una\_\_\_\_\_le accident *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
81. w\_\_p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
82. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
83. un\_\_\_l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

ANSWERS: 72. rectangle, 73. unravel, 74. inlet, 75. archipelago, 76. carve, 77. caretaker, 78. prioritize, 79. beacon, 80. unavoidable, 81. warp, 82. well-being, 83. unveil

84. ina\_\_\_\_\_te a new policy      *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
85. wo\_\_\_n a relation      *v.* to become or make something worse
86. pumpkin ca\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
87. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance      *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
88. sl\_\_\_h-hound      *n.* a person who conducts criminal investigations
89. sm\_\_\_\_\_ox vaccine      *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
90. wo\_\_\_n the food problem      *v.* to become or make something worse
91. pa\_\_\_\_\_le for food      *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
92. w\_\_t knitting      *n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
93. un\_\_\_\_\_me interruption      *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

ANSWERS: 84. inaugurate, 85. worsen, 86. carver, 87. storytelling, 88. sleuth, 89. smallpox, 90. worsen, 91. panhandle, 92. weft, 93. unwelcome

94. cotton w\_\_t *n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
95. in\_\_t temperature *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
96. stacks of fi\_\_\_\_od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
97. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
98. s\_\_m the surface of the water *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

ANSWERS: 94. weft, 95. inlet, 96. firewood, 97. descend, 98. skim

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boat sailed through the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ and into the harbor.  
*n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
2. The lighthouse served as a \_\_\_\_\_ to guide ships safely into port.  
*n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
3. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product at the trade show next week.  
*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
4. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
5. I must \_\_\_\_\_ for money if I can't find a job soon.  
*v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
6. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
7. The president will \_\_\_\_\_ the new embassy building next week.  
*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
8. Burglars \_\_\_\_\_ the store, stealing everything of value.  
*v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

ANSWERS: 1. inlet, 2. beacon, 3. unveil, 4. ancestor, 5. panhandle, 6. prioritized, 7. inaugurate, 8. ransacked

9. The book's content was so \_\_\_\_\_ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

*adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

10. 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

11. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

12. The ship finally came \_\_\_\_\_ after a long voyage.

*adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water

13. We gathered around the \_\_\_\_\_ roasting marshmallows and telling stories.

*n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

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

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

15. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ visitor quickly made their presence known.

*adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

ANSWERS: 9. esoteric, 10. descended, 11. weaves, 12. ashore, 13. bonfire, 14. monumental, 15. unravel, 16. unwelcome

17. The fabric's \_\_\_\_\_ threads run across the width of the fabric while the warp threads run lengthwise.
- n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
18. He acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ until a new president was elected.
- n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
19. The ship's hull was \_\_\_\_\_ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
20. The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled \_\_\_\_\_ hands.
- n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
22. The new diet is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ toxins from the body.
- v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
23. 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

ANSWERS: 17. weft, 18. caretaker, 19. warped, 20. carver's, 21. supernatural, 22. cleanse, 23. cascade

24. After the accident, the police found an empty \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
25. They \_\_\_\_\_ events that have already occurred.
- v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
26. The community's \_\_\_\_\_ heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.
- adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
27. He hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to uncover his rival's wrongdoing.
- n.* a person who conducts criminal investigations
28. An outbreak of \_\_\_\_\_ occurred in the 1920s.
- n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
29. The Philippines is an \_\_\_\_\_ made up of over 7,000 islands.
- n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
30. The squirrel scampered up the \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the nuts on the tree.
- n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
31. Tall \_\_\_\_\_ trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.
- n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle of the artist appealed to her sense of freedom and creativity.
- n.* a person who leads an unconventional or non-traditional lifestyle, often characterized by creativity, artistic expression, and a disregard for social or cultural norms or conventions

ANSWERS: 24. canoe, 25. recount, 26. unsung, 27. sleuth, 28. smallpox, 29. archipelago, 30. bough, 31. cedar, 32. bohemian



33. Those warriors' \_\_\_\_\_ are still skilled archers.  
*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
34. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.  
*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
35. Unilateral import bans have \_\_\_\_\_ that country's terms of trade.  
*v.* to become or make something worse
36. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.  
*v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
37. 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
38. My neighbor gave me some extra \_\_\_\_\_ from their own supply.  
*n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
39. The friend's death \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
40. The smoke \_\_\_\_\_ out of the chimney and into the sky.  
*v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
41. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.  
*adj.* not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 33. descendants, 34. carved, 35. worsened, 36. skim, 37. rectangle-shaped, 38. firewood, 39. awakens, 40. billowed, 41. unintended

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher was loved by her students.  
*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
43. The politician managed to deal with that \_\_\_\_\_ issue.  
*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
44. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.  
*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
45. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
46. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
47. There are now fears that war is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
48. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
49. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily \_\_\_\_\_ over.  
*v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

ANSWERS: 42. revered, 43. intricate, 44. interned, 45. storytelling, 46. inherited, 47. unavoidable, 48. well-being, 49. toppled