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## Session 1: Word List

### **garrulous**

*adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded

*synonym*: talkative, loquacious, chatty

(1) **garrulous** talker, (2) **garrulous** conversation

The **garrulous** salesman wouldn't stop talking about his product.

### **roam**

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

### **bandit**

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

*synonym*: robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

## salesperson

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

*synonym*: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

## lure

*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym*: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## handyman

*n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

*synonym*: handyperson, jack-of-all-trades, DIYer

(1) professional **handyman**, (2) **handyman** tools

The experienced **handyman** fixed my leaky faucet and creaky door in no time.

## scribble

*v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

*synonym*: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

## outcast

*adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;  
(*noun*) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

*synonym*: fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

## intruder

*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

*synonym*: trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

## **misfit**

*n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

*synonym*: outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**

He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

## **sting**

*v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

*synonym*: bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

## **offbeat**

*adj.* unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech

*synonym*: eccentric, unconventional, quirky

(1) **offbeat** design, (2) **offbeat** movie

She has an **offbeat** sense of humor that always keeps me laughing.

## **savory**

*adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

*synonym*: delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

## **brim**

*n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

*synonym*: beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

**urn** *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes  
*synonym*: vase, container, jar  
(1) memorial **urn**, (2) **urn** decoration  
The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an **urn**.

**sly** *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals  
*synonym*: crafty, sneaky, devious  
(1) **sly** tactics, (2) **sly** fox  
He had a **sly** smile on his face as he told his joke.

**crater** *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite  
*synonym*: cavity, hole, pit  
(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**  
An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

**mute** *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated  
*synonym*: silent, unspoken, voiceless  
(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound  
The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

**rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute  
*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed  
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## rattle

*v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

*synonym* : jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

## presumption

*n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

*synonym* : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

## devout

*adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

*synonym* : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## pious

*adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

*synonym* : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

### coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

*synonym*: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

### grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

### passerby

n. a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

*synonym*: spectator, onlooker

(1) curious **passerby**, (2) **passerby** in the street

The police officer questioned the **passerby** for any information they had about the suspect

### bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

### attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

*synonym*: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

## converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

*synonym*: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

## 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.

## bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

*synonym*: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

**Bigotry** and discrimination have no place in our society.

## redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

*synonym*: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

## insufferable

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

*synonym*: unbearable, intolerable, annoying

(1) **insufferable** heat, (2) **insufferable** traffic during rush hour

My **insufferable** neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

## balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to

comply with or agree to something

*synonym*: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

## nuance

*n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

*synonym*: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

## mastery

*n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

*synonym*: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

## grotesque

*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

*synonym*: bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

## insularity

*n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

*synonym*: isolation, provincialism, narrow-mindedness

(1) the **insularity** of the town, (2) the **insularity** of the culture

The island's **insularity** made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.



## superstition

*n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

*synonym*: belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**

There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

## 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.

## lupus

*n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage

(1) drug-induced **lupus**, (2) **lupus** treatment

Treatment for **lupus** depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym*: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## flit

*v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

*synonym*: flutter, dart, skim

(1) **flit** away into the darkness, (2) **flit** from place to place  
The butterfly would **flit** from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

## revulsion

*n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

*synonym*: disgust, repugnance, aversion

(1) sense of **revulsion**, (2) physical **revulsion**

His **revulsion** towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

## endlessly

*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

*synonym*: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. repeat en\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
2. sc\_\_\_\_\_le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
3. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
4. pa\_\_\_\_\_by in the street *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
5. co\_\_\_\_\_e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
6. have gr\_\_\_\_\_ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
7. discrimination against ou\_\_\_\_\_t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
8. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
9. s\_y fox *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

ANSWERS: 1. endlessly, 2. scribble, 3. rev, 4. passerby, 5. confine, 6. grotesque, 7. outcast, 8. Catholic, 9. sly

10. a drapery sal\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
11. sup\_\_\_\_\_ion in religion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
12. professional ha\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
13. social ou\_\_\_\_\_t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
14. self-righteous bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
15. sa\_\_\_\_\_y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
16. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
17. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
18. at\_\_\_\_\_e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
19. the b\_\_m of a hat *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

ANSWERS: 10. salesperson, 11. superstition, 12. handyman, 13. outcast, 14. bigotry, 15. savory, 16. grapple, 17. grapple, 18. attune, 19. brim

20. worry en\_\_\_\_\_ly about our future      *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
21. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation      *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
22. sc\_\_\_\_\_le on paper      *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
23. rich in nu\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
24. st\_\_g his face      *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
25. re\_\_\_m a coupon      *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
26. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child      *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
27. the pelvic b\_\_m      *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
28. co\_\_\_\_\_t with nature      *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
29. lunar cr\_\_\_r      *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 20. endlessly, 21. imaginative, 22. scribble, 23. nuance, 24. sting, 25. redeem, 26. imaginative, 27. brim, 28. coexist, 29. crater

30. pre\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
31. cr\_\_\_r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
32. r\_\_m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
33. b\_\_k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
34. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble traffic during rush hour *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
35. act in a de\_\_\_t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
36. f\_\_t away into the darkness *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
37. of\_\_\_\_\_t movie *adj.* unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech

ANSWERS: 30. presumption, 31. crater, 32. roam, 33. balk, 34. insufferable, 35. devout, 36. flit, 37. offbeat

38. the ins\_\_\_\_\_ty of the culture      *n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
39. ethnic bi\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
40. social mi\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
41. pre\_\_\_\_\_on against forfeiture      *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
42. b\_\_k in fear      *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
43. infrared in\_\_\_\_\_er system      *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
44. strive for ma\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
45. curious pa\_\_\_\_\_by      *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

ANSWERS: 38. insularity, 39. bigotry, 40. misfit, 41. presumption, 42. balk, 43. intruder, 44. mastery, 45. passerby

46. believe in sup\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
47. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble heat *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
48. ra\_\_\_e and bang at the door *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
49. ga\_\_\_\_\_us conversation *adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded
50. subtle cultural nu\_\_\_e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
51. cast fri\_\_\_\_\_ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
52. illegal in\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
53. a sa\_\_\_y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
54. of\_\_\_\_\_t design *adj.* unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech
55. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 46. superstition, 47. insufferable, 48. rattle, 49. garrulous, 50. nuance, 51. frightening, 52. intruder, 53. savory, 54. offbeat, 55. bury





64. re\_\_\_m a government bond      *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
65. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
66. co\_\_\_\_ge from different points      *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
67. ha\_\_\_\_an tools      *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
68. fri\_\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
69. ca\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes      *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
70. u\_n decoration      *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
71. ga\_\_\_\_\_us talker      *adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded

ANSWERS: 64. redeem, 65. depict, 66. converge, 67. handyman, 68. frightening, 69. Catholic, 70. urn, 71. garrulous

72. at\_\_\_e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
73. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
74. de\_\_\_t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
75. co\_\_\_\_\_e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
76. lu\_\_s treatment *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
77. a sal\_\_\_\_\_on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
78. physical re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
79. f\_\_t from place to place *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
80. co\_\_\_\_\_t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

ANSWERS: 72. attune, 73. rev, 74. devout, 75. confine, 76. lupus, 77. salesperson, 78. revulsion, 79. flit, 80. coexist

81. m\_\_e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
82. ra\_\_\_e along a road *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
83. st\_\_g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
84. de\_\_\_t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
85. sense of re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
86. s\_y tactics *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
87. pi\_\_s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
88. notorious ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
89. corporate mi\_\_\_t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
90. m\_\_e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

ANSWERS: 81. mute, 82. rattle, 83. sting, 84. depict, 85. revulsion, 86. sly, 87. pious, 88. bandit, 89. misfit, 90. mute



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.  
*v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
  
2. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
  
3. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
  
4. The actor played a \_\_\_\_\_ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.  
*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
  
5. My \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.  
*adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
  
6. The police officer questioned the \_\_\_\_\_ for any information they had about the suspect  
*n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
  
7. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.  
*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

ANSWERS: 1. attune, 2. rev, 3. catholic, 4. mute, 5. insufferable, 6. passerby, 7. grapple

8. The procession of demonstrators was \_\_\_\_\_ continuing.  
*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture made me feel uneasy.  
*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
10. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.  
*adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
12. It is a common \_\_\_\_\_ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.  
*n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
13. The two rivers \_\_\_\_\_ into one near this area.  
*v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
14. The island's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.  
*n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

ANSWERS: 8. endlessly, 9. grotesque, 10. frightening, 11. devout, 12. presumption, 13. converge, 14. insularity

15. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't \_\_\_\_\_ at trying again.
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
16. His \_\_\_\_\_ towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.
- n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
17. A group of armed \_\_\_\_\_ attacked the villagers during the night.
- n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
18. There is a surviving \_\_\_\_\_ that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.
- n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
19. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
20. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.
- v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.
- adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
22. The country finally gained \_\_\_\_\_ over the whole land of its neighbors.
- n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

ANSWERS: 15. balk, 16. revulsion, 17. bandits, 18. superstition, 19. depicted, 20. confined, 21. pious, 22. mastery



23. The words were \_\_\_\_\_ in pencil.

*v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

24. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ salesman wouldn't stop talking about his product.

*adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded

26. An enormous \_\_\_\_\_ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

*n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

27. Treatment for \_\_\_\_\_ depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.

*n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage

28. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an \_\_\_\_\_ in their backyard.

*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

29. The experienced \_\_\_\_\_ fixed my leaky faucet and creaky door in no time.

*n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

ANSWERS: 23. scribbled, 24. imaginative, 25. garrulous, 26. crater, 27. lupus, 28. intruder, 29. handyman

30. The vast earthquake caused the house to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
31. The different species can \_\_\_\_\_ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
32. Bees \_\_\_\_\_ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
33. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.
- v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
34. He was an \_\_\_\_\_ from the neighboring village.
- adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.
- adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
36. She has an \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor that always keeps me laughing.
- adj. unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech
37. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
- v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 30. rattle, 31. coexist, 32. sting, 33. lure, 34. outcast, 35. savory, 36. offbeat, 37. redeem

38. The butterfly would \_\_\_\_\_ from flower to flower, collecting nectar.
- v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
39. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ smile on his face as he told his joke.
- adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
40. \_\_\_\_\_ and discrimination have no place in our society.
- n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
41. The glass was filled to the \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.
- n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
42. The painter has tried to express every \_\_\_\_\_ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
43. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
44. The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
45. He received the title of the best \_\_\_\_\_ in all our branches worldwide.
- n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

ANSWERS: 38. flit, 39. sly, 40. Bigotry, 41. brim, 42. nuance, 43. bury, 44. urn, 45. salesperson

46. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

47. He felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ in his new school.

*n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

ANSWERS: 46. roam, 47. misfit