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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### curio

*n.* a rare, unusual, or interesting object, often one that is considered to be of historical or cultural significance; a knick-knack or small decorative item

*synonym* : curiosity, oddity, rarity

(1) **curio** shop, (2) exotic **curios**

The antique shop had many interesting **curios** from around the world.

### cornrow

*n.* a hairstyle in which the hair is braided close to the scalp in narrow rows, often having a geometric or symmetrical pattern

*synonym* : plait, braid, weave

(1) **cornrow** bun hairstyles, (2) **cornrow** design

She decided to style her hair in **cornrow** braids for the summer festival.

### plat

*n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

*synonym* : map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the

local properties.

## emanate

v. to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling

*synonym*: radiate, exude, give off

(1) **emanate** light, (2) **emanate** happiness

The fragrance of flowers **emanated** from the garden.

## underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## abound

v. to exist in large numbers or quantities

*synonym*: flourish, proliferate, thrive

(1) fish **abound** in this river, (2) **abound** with screaming children

Rumors **abound** as to the reasons for her resignation.

## obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

*synonym*: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

## perplex

v. to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve

*synonym*: confuse, astonish, puzzle

(1) **perplex** a person, (2) **perplex** him with questions

The major changes in the interface **perplexed** users greatly.

## stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

*synonym*: mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

## stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

*synonym*: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

## brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

*synonym*: splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

## erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

*synonym* : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

## applause

*n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

*synonym* : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

## ovation

*n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

*synonym* : applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym* : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## glitch

*n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

*synonym* : malfunction, bug, fault

(1) computer **glitch**, (2) unanticipated **glitch**

The computer system had a minor **glitch** that caused a delay.

## **misbehavior**

*n.* behavior that is inappropriate or unacceptable, often in violation of rules, norms, or expectations

*synonym*: misconduct, wrongdoing, delinquency

(1) **misbehavior** consequence, (2) school **misbehavior**

The teacher called the parents to discuss the student's **misbehavior** in class.

## **extinguish**

*v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

*synonym*: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

## **irritable**

*adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events

*synonym*: cranky, grumpy, touchy

(1) **irritable** bowel syndrome, (2) **irritable** mood

Lack of sleep can make me **irritable** and easily annoyed.

## **irreparable**

*adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy

*synonym*: irreversible, permanent, unfixable

(1) **irreparable** harm, (2) **irreparable** loss

Unfortunately, the damage to the car was **irreparable**, and it had to be scrapped.

## **flurry**

*n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

*synonym*: burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped

outside.

## **mire**

*n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

*synonym*: swamp, quagmire, bog

(1) stick in the **mire**, (2) **mire** of debt

The project was bogged down in a **mire** of bureaucracy.

## **readjust**

*v.* to change or set something again after an initial failure

*synonym*: rearrange, readjust, alter

(1) **readjust** sections of land, (2) **readjust** a focus

You have to **readjust** your attitude immediately.

## **archetype**

*n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature

*synonym*: prototype, model, paradigm

(1) **archetype** symbol, (2) feminine **archetype**

The hero's journey is a common **archetype** in many myths and stories.

## **pun**

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym*: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## **sham**

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## **unreal**

*adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact

*synonym*: false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation

The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

## nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## mundane

*adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

*synonym*: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

## 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**.

## defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym*: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## verbose

*adj.* using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy

*synonym*: wordy, long-winded, pleonastic

(1) **verbose** language, (2) **verbose** explanation

The author's **verbose** writing style made the book difficult to read.

## poacher

*n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally

(1) crackdown on **poachers**, (2) a suspected **poacher**

An old **poacher** makes the best keeper.

## sisterhood

*n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

*synonym*: sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

## debrief

*v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

*synonym*: brief, summarize, rehash

(1) **debrief** their business trip, (2) **debrief** the result

After the mission, the team gathered to **debrief** and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

## inequity

*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

*synonym*: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs



to be addressed.

## **intimidate**

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. un\_\_\_l situation *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
2. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
3. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
4. spontaneous ov\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
5. irr\_\_\_\_\_le loss *adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
6. d\_\_m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
7. 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
8. s\_\_n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
9. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. unreal, 2. intimidate, 3. pun, 4. ovation, 5. irreparable, 6. deem, 7. rev, 8. stun, 9. defy

10. computer gl\_\_\_h *n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
11. fish ab\_\_\_d in this river *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
12. exotic cu\_\_\_os *n.* a rare, unusual, or interesting object, often one that is considered to be of historical or cultural significance; a knick-knack or small decorative item
13. irr\_\_\_\_\_le harm *adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
14. co\_\_\_\_\_w bun hairstyles *n.* a hairstyle in which the hair is braided close to the scalp in narrow rows, often having a geometric or symmetrical pattern
15. economic bri\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
16. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
17. a former p\_\_t of farmland *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
18. pe\_\_\_\_\_x him with questions *v.* to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve
19. er\_\_t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 10. glitch, 11. abound, 12. curio, 13. irreparable, 14. cornrow, 15. brilliance, 16. nurture, 17. plat, 18. perplex, 19. erupt

20. we are st\_\_ped with the problem      *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
21. sq\_\_m uncomfortably      *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
22. bri\_\_\_\_\_ce of diamond      *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
23. mis\_\_\_\_\_or consequence      *n.* behavior that is inappropriate or unacceptable, often in violation of rules, norms, or expectations
24. sis\_\_\_\_\_od solidarity      *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
25. 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
26. silly p\_n      *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
27. earn ap\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
28. ext\_\_\_\_\_sh a cigarette      *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

ANSWERS: 20. stump, 21. squirm, 22. brilliance, 23. misbehavior, 24. sisterhood, 25. rev, 26. pun, 27. applause, 28. extinguish

29. de\_\_\_\_f their business trip      *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
30. di\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
31. in\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation      *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
32. ext\_\_\_\_sh the street lamp      *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
33. cu\_\_o shop      *n.* a rare, unusual, or interesting object, often one that is considered to be of historical or cultural significance; a knick-knack or small decorative item
34. ab\_\_\_\_d with screaming children      *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
35. s\_\_n an audience      *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
36. co\_\_\_\_w design      *n.* a hairstyle in which the hair is braided close to the scalp in narrow rows, often having a geometric or symmetrical pattern
37. em\_\_\_\_e happiness      *v.* to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
38. stick in the m\_\_e      *n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

ANSWERS: 29. debrief, 30. distract, 31. instinct, 32. extinguish, 33. curio, 34. abound, 35. stun, 36. cornrow, 37. emanate, 38. mire

39. ve\_\_\_\_e explanation *adj.* using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy
40. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
41. ve\_\_\_\_e language *adj.* using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy
42. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
43. em\_\_\_\_e light *v.* to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
44. d\_\_m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
45. the riddle st\_\_ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
46. fl\_\_\_y of emails *n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
47. ir\_\_\_\_le bowel syndrome *adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events
48. ir\_\_\_\_le mood *adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events

ANSWERS: 39. verbose, 40. defy, 41. verbose, 42. empower, 43. emanate, 44. deem, 45. stump, 46. flurry, 47. irritable, 48. irritable

49. a suspected po\_\_\_\_\_r                    *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
50. p\_\_t book                                    *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
51. mu\_\_\_\_\_e affairs                    *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
52. crackdown on po\_\_\_\_\_rs                    *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
53. de\_\_\_\_\_f the result                    *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
54. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct                    *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
55. a s\_\_m battle                                *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
56. er\_\_t into tears                            *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
57. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy                    *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
58. school mis\_\_\_\_\_or                    *n.* behavior that is inappropriate or unacceptable, often in violation of rules, norms, or expectations

ANSWERS: 49. poacher, 50. plat, 51. mundane, 52. poacher, 53. debrief, 54. instinct, 55. sham, 56. erupt, 57. underestimate, 58. misbehavior

59. fl\_\_\_y of activity *n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
60. market in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
61. m\_\_e of debt *n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through
62. sq\_\_\_m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
63. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
64. re\_\_\_\_\_st a focus *v.* to change or set something again after an initial failure
65. in\_\_\_\_\_ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
66. feminine ar\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
67. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
68. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 59. flurry, 60. inequity, 61. mire, 62. squirm, 63. sham, 64. readjust, 65. inequity, 66. archetype, 67. underestimate, 68. obsess



69. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief      *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
70. round of ap\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
71. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
72. pe\_\_\_\_\_x a person      *v.* to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve
73. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
74. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
75. sis\_\_\_\_\_od bond      *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
76. re\_\_\_\_\_st sections of land      *v.* to change or set something again after an initial failure
77. have an un\_\_\_\_\_l feeling      *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
78. ar\_\_\_\_\_pe symbol      *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
79. mu\_\_\_\_\_e objects      *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 69. intimidate, 70. applause, 71. empower, 72. perplex, 73. nurture, 74. distract, 75. sisterhood, 76. readjust, 77. unreal, 78. archetype, 79. mundane

80. ob\_\_\_s over her weight

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

81. standing ov\_\_\_\_n

*n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

82. unanticipated gl\_\_\_h

*n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 80. obsess, 81. ovation, 82. glitch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After returning from the war, he had a pretty \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
2. The boss tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his subordinate with threats.  
*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
3. The computer system had a minor \_\_\_\_\_ that caused a delay.  
*n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
4. There's an \_\_\_\_\_ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.  
*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
5. The antique shop had many interesting \_\_\_\_\_ from around the world.  
*n.* a rare, unusual, or interesting object, often one that is considered to be of historical or cultural significance; a knick-knack or small decorative item
6. Firefighters made every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ the blaze immediately.  
*v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.  
*n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
8. Rumors \_\_\_\_\_ as to the reasons for her resignation.  
*v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities

ANSWERS: 1. mundane, 2. intimidate, 3. glitch, 4. inequity, 5. curios, 6. extinguish, 7. flurry, 8. abound

9. The teacher called the parents to discuss the student's \_\_\_\_\_ in class.  
*n.* behavior that is inappropriate or unacceptable, often in violation of rules, norms, or expectations
10. The fragrance of flowers \_\_\_\_\_ from the garden.  
*v.* to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
11. She decided to style her hair in \_\_\_\_\_ braids for the summer festival.  
*n.* a hairstyle in which the hair is braided close to the scalp in narrow rows, often having a geometric or symmetrical pattern
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*n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through
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14. Unfortunately, the damage to the car was \_\_\_\_\_ and it had to be scrapped.  
*adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
15. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
16. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 9. misbehavior, 10. emanated, 11. cornrow, 12. mire, 13. archetype, 14. irreparable, 15. obsessed, 16. distract

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21. An old \_\_\_\_\_ makes the best keeper.

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22. The idea of winning the lottery seemed so \_\_\_\_\_ that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

- adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact

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24. Playing on the same sports team has created a \_\_\_\_\_ between the athletes.

- n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

ANSWERS: 17. stumped, 18. debrief, 19. rev, 20. plats, 21. poacher, 22. unreal, 23. erupted, 24. sisterhood

25. The major changes in the interface \_\_\_\_\_ users greatly.
- v.* to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve
26. The scientist's \_\_\_\_\_ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.
- n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
27. The singer received an \_\_\_\_\_ from the crowd after her performance.
- n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
28. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
29. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
30. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ burst from the audience.
- n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
32. The author's \_\_\_\_\_ writing style made the book difficult to read.
- adj.* using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy

ANSWERS: 25. perplexed, 26. brilliance, 27. ovation, 28. sham, 29. pun, 30. nurture, 31. applause, 32. verbose

33. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

- v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

34. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.

- n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

35. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.

- v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

36. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ your attitude immediately.

- v. to change or set something again after an initial failure

37. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

38. Lack of sleep can make me \_\_\_\_\_ and easily annoyed.

- adj. easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events

39. This sprinter \_\_\_\_\_ the world with his speed.

- v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

40. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were \_\_\_\_\_ unsafe.

- v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 33. defy, 34. instinct, 35. underestimated, 36. readjust, 37. empowered, 38. irritable, 39. stunned, 40. deemed

41. The child \_\_\_\_\_ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

- v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

ANSWERS: 41. squirmed