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## Session 1: Word List

### neolithic

*adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools

*synonym* : ancient, old, primitive

(1) the **neolithic** age, (2) **neolithic** society

The **neolithic** village was located near a river.

### fertile

*adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

*synonym* : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

### crescent

*n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape

(1) **crescent** moon, (2) **crescent** beach

The river formed a **crescent** shape around the bend.

### domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym* : tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## **lactic**

*adj.* relating to or derived from milk, particularly the sour-tasting organic compound produced by the fermentation of lactose

*synonym* : milky, creamy, sour

(1) **lactic** acid bacteria, (2) **lactic** fermentation

The **lactic** acid build-up in my muscles was causing me to feel sore after my workout.

## **coagulate**

*v.* to become thickened or solidified, usually as a result of a chemical reaction or change in temperature; to cause a liquid to become thick or solid

*synonym* : clot, thicken, solidify

(1) **coagulate** bleeding blood vessels, (2) **coagulate** milk

When the blood **coagulates**, it forms a clot to stop bleeding.

## **clump**

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

*synonym* : cluster, bunch, bundle

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

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

## **whey**

*n.* a thin, watery byproduct of cheese or yogurt production that is rich in protein and used in many food products, such as protein powders or sports drinks

*synonym* : milk serum, milk water, lactoserum

(1) **whey** product, (2) **whey** powder

I use **whey** protein powder to supplement my workouts and help build muscle.

## **glob**

*n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

*synonym* : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

## spreader

*n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

*synonym*: distributor, carrier, transmitter

(1) fertilizer **spreader**, (2) **spreader** of germs

The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus **spreader**.

## curd

*n.* the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food

*synonym*: cheese, whey, curdle

(1) yogurt **curd**, (2) lemon **curd**

The **curd** in my cheese sauce was lumpy but still tasted good.

## ripen

*v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe

*synonym*: mature, grow, age

(1) **ripen** the fruit, (2) **ripen** naturally

His tireless efforts **ripen** into success.

## whiz

*v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

*synonym*: zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

## cornucopia

*n.* a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things

*synonym*: abundance, plenty, profusion

(1) **cornucopia** harvest, (2) **cornucopia** of options

The farmers' markets were filled with a **cornucopia** of fresh produce during the fall harvest.

## **lactose**

*n.* a sugar that is present in milk and milk products and is the primary source of energy for newborns

*synonym*: galactose, milk sugar, monohydrate

(1) **lactose** intolerance, (2) **lactose** degradation

**Lactose** metabolism differs between individuals.

## **stockpile**

*n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

*synonym*: reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

## **famine**

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym*: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## **telltale**

*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

*synonym*: revealing, indicative, suggestive

(1) **telltale** evidence, (2) **telltale** heart

The **telltale** signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

## **staple**

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

*synonym*: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

## **rennet**

*n.* an extract from the stomach lining of a ruminant mammal that is used to curdle milk and separate curds and whey in the process of cheese-making

(1) **rennet** cheese, (2) microbial **rennet**

The **rennet** enzyme breaks down the proteins in milk, which results in curdling.

## byproduct

*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

*synonym*: side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## nomadic

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

*synonym*: mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This desert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

## yak

*v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

*synonym*: chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

## sundry

*adj.* various or diverse; of different kinds or sorts; miscellaneous

*synonym*: assorted, various, diverse

(1) **sundry** income, (2) **sundry** expenses

He went to the store to buy **sundry** items such as batteries, a toothbrush, and snacks.

## cot

*n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

*synonym* : bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

## loaf

*n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

*synonym* : bread, boule, brioche

(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day

On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

## saltiness

*n.* the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

## brine

*n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater

*synonym* : saltwater, seawater, saline

(1) **brine** solution, (2) **brine** shrimp

The recipe called for a teaspoon of **brine** to add flavor.

## pecorino

*n.* a type of Italian cheese that is made from sheep's milk, which is typically hard and flavorful and is often used in Italian cuisine

*synonym* : parmesan, romano, cheese

(1) aged **pecorino**, (2) **pecorino** romano

I added freshly grated **pecorino** cheese to my pasta dish for extra flavor.

## grating

*n.* a framework of metal or wooden bars or slats that are parallel and spaced apart, often used to cover an opening or to protect a machine or structure

*synonym* : grille, mesh, screen

(1) metal **grating**, (2) **grating** hatch

The **grating** sound of the rusty gate made my skin crawl.

## arid

*adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

*synonym* : dry, parched, barren

(1) **arid** terrain, (2) semi- **arid** zone

The desert is known for its **arid** climate and lack of rainfall.

## monastery

*n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

*synonym* : abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym* : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## monk

*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

*synonym* : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

## 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.

## clergyman

*n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

*synonym* : minister, pastor, priest

(1) unfrocked **clergyman**, (2) **clergyman's** duty

The Catholic **clergyman** led the congregation in prayer.

## alpine

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

*synonym* : mountain, highland, elevated

(1) **alpine** region, (2) **alpine** plant

We went on an exhilarating **alpine** adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

## invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

*synonym* : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

## highland

*adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

*synonym* : upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. ri__n naturally       | <i>v.</i> to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe  |
| 2. cor_____ia harvest    | <i>n.</i> a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things |
| 3. artistic ren_____ce   | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music  |
| 4. dom_____te the plant  | <i>v.</i> to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company   |
| 5. w__y product          | <i>n.</i> a thin, watery byproduct of cheese or yogurt production that is rich in protein and used in many food products, such as protein powders or sports drinks                            |
| 6. cor_____ia of options | <i>n.</i> a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things |
| 7. no_____c life         | <i>adj.</i> moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time  |
| 8. g__b of honey         | <i>n.</i> a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance  |
| 9. cr_____nt moon        | <i>n.</i> a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape   |

ANSWERS: 1. ripen, 2. cornucopia, 3. Renaissance, 4. domesticate, 5. whey, 6. cornucopia, 7. nomadic, 8. glob, 9. crescent

10. crusty l\_\_f *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
11. fa\_\_\_e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
12. a\_\_d terrain *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
13. a cl\_\_p of trees *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
14. re\_\_\_t cheese *n.* an extract from the stomach lining of a ruminant mammal that is used to curdle milk and separate curds and whey in the process of cheese-making
15. easy to dom\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
16. unfrocked cl\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
17. la\_\_\_\_\_e degradation *n.* a sugar that is present in milk and milk products and is the primary source of energy for newborns
18. nuclear st\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
19. leave a mo\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

ANSWERS: 10. loaf, 11. famine, 12. arid, 13. clump, 14. rennet, 15. domesticate, 16. clergyman, 17. lactose, 18. stockpile, 19. monastery

20. st\_\_\_e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
21. a sort of ma\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
22. cl\_\_\_\_\_an's duty *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
23. a primitive ma\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
24. hi\_\_\_\_\_nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
25. baby's c\_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
26. the ne\_\_\_\_\_ic age *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
27. st\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
28. m\_\_k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
29. sit and y\_k about life *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

ANSWERS: 20. staple, 21. mammal, 22. clergyman, 23. mammal, 24. highland, 25. cot, 26. neolithic, 27. staple, 28. monk, 29. yak

30. cloistered m\_\_k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
31. fe\_\_\_\_e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
32. g\_\_b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
33. lemon c\_\_d *n.* the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food
34. sp\_\_\_\_er of germs *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
35. su\_\_\_\_y expenses *adj.* various or diverse; of different kinds or sorts; miscellaneous
36. al\_\_\_\_e region *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
37. the taste of sa\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
38. in\_\_\_\_e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
39. toxic by\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
40. coal fa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

ANSWERS: 30. monk, 31. fertile, 32. glob, 33. curd, 34. spreader, 35. sundry, 36. alpine, 37. saltiness, 38. invade, 39. byproduct, 40. famine

41. mo\_\_\_\_\_ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
42. gr\_\_\_\_\_g hatch *n.* a framework of metal or wooden bars or slats that are parallel and spaced apart, often used to cover an opening or to protect a machine or structure
43. co\_\_\_\_\_te milk *v.* to become thickened or solidified, usually as a result of a chemical reaction or change in temperature; to cause a liquid to become thick or solid
44. pe\_\_\_\_\_no romano *n.* a type of Italian cheese that is made from sheep's milk, which is typically hard and flavorful and is often used in Italian cuisine
45. co\_\_\_\_\_te bleeding blood vessels *v.* to become thickened or solidified, usually as a result of a chemical reaction or change in temperature; to cause a liquid to become thick or solid
46. br\_\_e solution *n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater
47. no\_\_\_\_\_c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
48. fertilizer sp\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

ANSWERS: 41. monastery, 42. grating, 43. coagulate, 44. pecorino, 45. coagulate, 46. brine, 47. nomadic, 48. spreader

49. la\_\_\_c fermentation *adj.* relating to or derived from milk, particularly the sour-tasting organic compound produced by the fermentation of lactose
50. yogurt c\_\_d *n.* the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food
51. al\_\_\_e plant *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
52. w\_\_y powder *n.* a thin, watery byproduct of cheese or yogurt production that is rich in protein and used in many food products, such as protein powders or sports drinks
53. sc\_\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
54. enhance the sa\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
55. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
56. ri\_\_n the fruit *v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
57. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
58. br\_\_e shrimp *n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater
59. te\_\_\_\_\_le heart *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

ANSWERS: 49. lactic, 50. curd, 51. alpine, 52. whey, 53. scatter, 54. saltiness, 55. ancestor, 56. ripen, 57. scatter, 58. brine, 59. telltale

60. microbial re\_\_\_t                      *n.* an extract from the stomach lining of a ruminant mammal that is used to curdle milk and separate curds and whey in the process of cheese-making
61. c\_t in the tent                      *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
62. cr\_\_\_\_\_nt beach                      *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
63. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or                      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
64. in\_\_\_e his privacy                      *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
65. aged pe\_\_\_\_\_no                      *n.* a type of Italian cheese that is made from sheep's milk, which is typically hard and flavorful and is often used in Italian cuisine
66. st\_\_\_\_\_le weapons                      *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
67. metal gr\_\_\_\_\_g                      *n.* a framework of metal or wooden bars or slats that are parallel and spaced apart, often used to cover an opening or to protect a machine or structure

ANSWERS: 60. rennet, 61. cot, 62. crescent, 63. ancestor, 64. invade, 65. pecorino, 66. stockpile, 67. grating



68. by\_\_\_\_\_ct of technology *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
69. ne\_\_\_\_\_ic society *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
70. w\_\_z through the book *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
71. te\_\_\_\_\_le evidence *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
72. la\_\_\_\_\_e intolerance *n.* a sugar that is present in milk and milk products and is the primary source of energy for newborns
73. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
74. l\_\_f around during the day *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
75. hi\_\_\_\_\_nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
76. la\_\_\_c acid bacteria *adj.* relating to or derived from milk, particularly the sour-tasting organic compound produced by the fermentation of lactose

ANSWERS: 68. byproduct, 69. neolithic, 70. whiz, 71. telltale, 72. lactose, 73. Renaissance, 74. loaf, 75. highland, 76. lactic

77. semi-a\_\_d zone *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
78. cl\_\_p of bacteria *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
79. w\_\_z kid *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
80. domestic y\_k *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
81. su\_\_\_y income *adj.* various or diverse; of different kinds or sorts; miscellaneous
82. repeat en\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
83. fe\_\_\_\_\_e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
84. worry en\_\_\_\_\_ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

ANSWERS: 77. arid, 78. clump, 79. whiz, 80. yak, 81. sundry, 82. endlessly, 83. fertile, 84. endlessly

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The procession of demonstrators was \_\_\_\_\_ continuing.  
*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ enzyme breaks down the proteins in milk, which results in curdling.  
*n.* an extract from the stomach lining of a ruminant mammal that is used to curdle milk and separate curds and whey in the process of cheese-making
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the rusty gate made my skin crawl.  
*n.* a framework of metal or wooden bars or slats that are parallel and spaced apart, often used to cover an opening or to protect a machine or structure
4. The river formed a \_\_\_\_\_ shape around the bend.  
*n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
5. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.  
*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
6. The farmer had a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of hay for the winter.  
*n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
7. The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

ANSWERS: 1. endlessly, 2. rennet, 3. grating, 4. crescent, 5. mammal, 6. stockpile, 7. spreader

8. She squeezed a \_\_\_\_\_ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.  
*n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ in my cheese sauce was lumpy but still tasted good.  
*n.* the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food
10. I added freshly grated \_\_\_\_\_ cheese to my pasta dish for extra flavor.  
*n.* a type of Italian cheese that is made from sheep's milk, which is typically hard and flavorful and is often used in Italian cuisine
11. He went to the store to buy \_\_\_\_\_ items such as batteries, a toothbrush, and snacks.  
*adj.* various or diverse; of different kinds or sorts; miscellaneous
12. I use \_\_\_\_\_ protein powder to supplement my workouts and help build muscle.  
*n.* a thin, watery byproduct of cheese or yogurt production that is rich in protein and used in many food products, such as protein powders or sports drinks
13. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.  
*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ village was located near a river.  
*adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
15. The Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ led the congregation in prayer.  
*n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 8. glob, 9. curd, 10. pecorino, 11. sundry, 12. whey, 13. invade, 14. neolithic, 15. clergyman

16. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.  
*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
17. The ascetic \_\_\_\_\_ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.  
*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
18. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.  
*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
19. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of his boots in the hallway.  
*n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ acid build-up in my muscles was causing me to feel sore after my workout.  
*adj.* relating to or derived from milk, particularly the sour-tasting organic compound produced by the fermentation of lactose
21. This region has a humid subtropical and \_\_\_\_\_ climate.  
*adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
22. His tireless efforts \_\_\_\_\_ into success.  
*v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
23. When the blood \_\_\_\_\_ it forms a clot to stop bleeding.  
*v.* to become thickened or solidified, usually as a result of a chemical reaction or change in temperature; to cause a liquid to become thick or solid
24. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.  
*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 16. domesticate, 17. monk, 18. famine, 19. clump, 20. lactic, 21. highland, 22. ripen, 23. coagulates, 24. staple

25. This desert is the territory of \_\_\_\_\_ tribes.

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

26. The desert is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ climate and lack of rainfall.

*adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

28. She tasted the dish and detected a slight \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality or state of being salty

29. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

30. The friends met at the local pub every Friday to \_\_\_\_\_ about their week.

*v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

31. On my way home from work, I picked up a \_\_\_\_\_ of bread from the bakery.

*n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

32. We went on an exhilarating \_\_\_\_\_ adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

ANSWERS: 25. nomadic, 26. arid, 27. byproduct, 28. saltiness, 29. scattered, 30. yak, 31. loaf, 32. alpine

33. Herbs require \_\_\_\_\_ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.  
*adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
34. This ancient \_\_\_\_\_ was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.  
*n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
35. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.  
*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
37. \_\_\_\_\_ metabolism differs between individuals.  
*n.* a sugar that is present in milk and milk products and is the primary source of energy for newborns
38. The recipe called for a teaspoon of \_\_\_\_\_ to add flavor.  
*n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater
39. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
40. The racing car \_\_\_\_\_ past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.  
*v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

ANSWERS: 33. fertile, 34. monastery, 35. renaissance, 36. telltale, 37. Lactose, 38. brine, 39. ancestor, 40. whizzed

41. The farmers' markets were filled with a \_\_\_\_\_ of fresh produce during the fall harvest.

- n.* a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things

42. The hospital provides \_\_\_\_\_ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

- n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

ANSWERS: 41. cornucopia, 42. cots