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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym*: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

### abduct

*v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

*synonym*: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

### unstick

*v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

*synonym*: detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book

I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

### canyon

*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

*synonym*: gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

## optometrist

*n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

*synonym*: eye doctor, optician, oculist

(1) **optometrist** appointment, (2) licensed **optometrist**

I visited an **optometrist** to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.

## captivity

*n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

*synonym*: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

## intergalactic

*adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)

*synonym*: extragalactic, cosmic, interstellar

(1) **intergalactic** travel, (2) **intergalactic** matter

The **intergalactic** spaceship traveled to distant planets.

## slaughterhouse

*n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

*synonym*: abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility

The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

## demolish

*v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

*synonym*: destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and

build a new one.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## spearhead

*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

*synonym*: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

## zany

*adj.* eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester

*synonym*: wacky, absurd, ludicrous

(1) **zany** behavior, (2) **zany** costume

The **zany** comedian had the audience laughing uncontrollably.

## 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**.

## ambiguity

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

*synonym*: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to

complete the task.

## chronology

*n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

*synonym* : history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

## rarefied

*adj.* not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group

*synonym* : esoteric, rare, refined

(1) the **rarefied** world of academics, (2) **rarefied** language

The **rarefied** air at the mountaintop made breathing difficult for those not used to high altitudes.

## luminous

*adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

*synonym* : radiant, glowing, brilliant

(1) **luminous** glow, (2) **luminous** stars

The room was filled with **luminous** decorations that shone in the dark.

## titanic

*adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

*synonym* : colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

## heroic

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## pointless

*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

*synonym* : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

## vantage

*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

*synonym* : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

## infundibulum

*n.* a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system

*synonym* : funnel, channel, duct

(1) **infundibulum** hypothalami, (2) pituitary **infundibulum**

The **infundibulum** of the brain helps to regulate the release of hormones.

## adherent

*n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

*synonym* : follower, supporter, believer

(1) an **adherent** of the ideology, (2) non- **adherent** cell

He was a devout **adherent** of the religion.

## tenet

*n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

*synonym* : dogma, creed, principle

(1) basic **tenets**, (2) a fundamental **tenet** of Judaism

This section explains a central **tenet** of economics.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## meaningless

*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

*synonym*: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task  
This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

## bleak

*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

*synonym*: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

## moralize

*v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

*synonym*: preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics

I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

## intersperse

*v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

*synonym*: scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

## morsel

*n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

*synonym*: bit, bite, fragment

(1) mouth-watering **morsel**, (2) tiny **morsel**

I only had a small **morsel** of cake while trying to watch my weight.

## parable

*n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

*synonym* : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

## suffocate

*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

*synonym* : choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

## excrement

*n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract

*synonym* : waste, feces, dung

(1) animal **excrement**, (2) human **excrement**

As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's **excrement** is responsible.

## insistence

*n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

*synonym* : persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**

Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. z\_\_y behavior *adj.* eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester
2. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. prospects were bl\_\_k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
4. ti\_\_\_\_\_c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
5. ra\_\_\_\_\_ed language *adj.* not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group
6. su\_\_\_\_\_te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
7. int\_\_\_\_\_se his speech *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
8. strategic va\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
9. mouth-watering mo\_\_\_\_l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

ANSWERS: 1. zany, 2. confuse, 3. bleak, 4. titanic, 5. rarefied, 6. suffocate, 7. intersperse, 8. vantage, 9. morsel



10. lu\_\_\_\_us stars *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
11. de\_\_\_\_sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
12. non-ad\_\_\_\_nt cell *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
13. 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
14. un\_\_\_\_k the door *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
15. bl\_\_k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
16. social ant\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
17. inf\_\_\_\_lum hypothalami *n.* a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system
18. ca\_\_\_\_n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 10. luminous, 11. demolish, 12. adherent, 13. rev, 14. unstick, 15. bleak, 16. anthropology, 17. infundibulum, 18. canyon

19. 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
20. int\_\_\_\_\_se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
21. ab\_\_\_t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
22. animals in ca\_\_\_\_\_ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
23. he\_\_\_c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
24. lu\_\_\_\_\_us glow *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
25. chr\_\_\_\_\_gy order *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
26. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
27. po\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
28. escape from ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

ANSWERS: 19. rev, 20. intersperse, 21. abduct, 22. captivity, 23. heroic, 24. luminous, 25. chronology, 26. spearhead, 27. pointless, 28. captivity

29. animal ex\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
30. astronomical chr\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
31. shrine for pi\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
32. gain a va\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
33. free from am\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
34. int\_\_\_\_\_tic matter *adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
35. basic te\_\_ts *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
36. int\_\_\_\_\_tic travel *adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
37. sla\_\_\_\_\_use facility *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
38. pa\_\_\_\_\_e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 29. excrement, 30. chronology, 31. pilgrim, 32. vantage, 33. ambiguity, 34. intergalactic, 35. tenet, 36. intergalactic, 37. slaughterhouse, 38. parable

39. collective ins\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
40. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
41. ti\_\_\_\_\_c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
42. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze about politics *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
43. human ex\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
44. do a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
45. ab\_\_\_t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
46. sla\_\_\_\_\_use operation *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
47. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
48. licensed opt\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

ANSWERS: 39. insistence, 40. pilgrim, 41. titanic, 42. moralize, 43. excrement, 44. meaningless, 45. abduct, 46. slaughterhouse, 47. confuse, 48. optometrist

49. un\_\_\_\_\_k the pages of a book      *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
50. an ad\_\_\_\_\_nt of the ideology      *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
51. a he\_\_\_\_c poem      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
52. avoid am\_\_\_\_\_ty in writing      *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
53. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
54. po\_\_\_\_\_ss argument      *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
55. opt\_\_\_\_\_st appointment      *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
56. tiny mo\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

ANSWERS: 49. unstick, 50. adherent, 51. heroic, 52. ambiguity, 53. anthropology, 54. pointless, 55. optometrist, 56. morsel

57. a fundamental te\_\_t of Judaism      *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
58. rigid ins\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
59. biblical pa\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
60. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad campaign      *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
61. pituitary inf\_\_\_\_\_lum      *n.* a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system
62. the ra\_\_\_\_\_ed world of academics      *adj.* not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group
63. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze a situation      *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
64. de\_\_\_\_\_sh a myth      *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
65. su\_\_\_\_\_te fire      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
66. z\_\_y costume      *adj.* eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester

ANSWERS: 57. tenet, 58. insistence, 59. parable, 60. spearhead, 61. infundibulum, 62. rarefied, 63. moralize, 64. demolish, 65. suffocate, 66. zany

67. a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss endeavor

*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

68. twisty ca\_\_\_n road

*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 67. meaningless, 68. canyon

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.  
*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
  
2. Jesus quoted \_\_\_\_\_ to teach important lessons to his disciples.  
*n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
  
3. This experiment's results are \_\_\_\_\_ because the other conditions are not identical.  
*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ air at the mountaintop made breathing difficult for those not used to high altitudes.  
*adj.* not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group
  
5. I only had a small \_\_\_\_\_ of cake while trying to watch my weight.  
*n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
  
6. I visited an \_\_\_\_\_ to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.  
*n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
  
7. I had to use a knife to \_\_\_\_\_ the envelope from the table.  
*v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

ANSWERS: 1. pilgrims, 2. parables, 3. meaningless, 4. rarefied, 5. morsel, 6. optometrist, 7. unstick



8. The political landscape looks \_\_\_\_\_ without a change of administration.  
*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
9. The CEO decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the new project to ensure its success.  
*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
10. He was a devout \_\_\_\_\_ of the religion.  
*n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
12. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.  
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14. The author \_\_\_\_\_ anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.  
*v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ comedian had the audience laughing uncontrollably.  
*adj.* eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester

ANSWERS: 8. bleak, 9. spearhead, 10. adherent, 11. heroic, 12. confused, 13. ambiguity, 14. interspersed, 15. zany

16. From our \_\_\_\_\_ point, we could see the whole city skyline.  
*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
17. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ spaceship traveled to distant planets.  
*adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
19. As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible.  
*n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of events was important for understanding history.  
*n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
21. The room was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ decorations that shone in the dark.  
*adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the brain helps to regulate the release of hormones.  
*n.* a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system
23. People can \_\_\_\_\_ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.  
*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 16. vantage, 17. abducted, 18. intergalactic, 19. excrement, 20. chronology, 21. luminous, 22. infundibulum, 23. suffocate

24. I don't like it when people try to \_\_\_\_\_ me about my personal choices.  
*v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
25. The meeting was considered \_\_\_\_\_ since nothing was accomplished.  
*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
26. 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
27. The city decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.  
*v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
28. Pandas rarely breed in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
29. The smell of the \_\_\_\_\_ made him feel sick to his stomach.  
*n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
30. Despite her \_\_\_\_\_ he refused to change his mind.  
*n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
31. The Grand \_\_\_\_\_ has an awe-inspiring sight.  
*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 24. moralize, 25. pointless, 26. rev, 27. demolish, 28. captivity, 29. slaughterhouse, 30. insistence, 31. Canyon

32. This section explains a central \_\_\_\_\_ of economics.

*n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

33. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

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*adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

ANSWERS: 32. tenet, 33. anthropology, 34. titanic