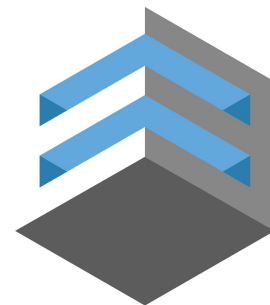


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Session 1: Word List

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

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.

insistent

adj. characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective

synonym: demanding, persistent, assertive

(1) **insistent** tone, (2) **insistent** demand

The **insistent** chatter from the other room made it impossible for her to focus on her work.

sententious

adj. given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome

synonym : moralistic, preachy, didactic

(1) **sententious** proverb, (2) **sententious** comment

He spoke in a **sententious** tone, making it seem like he was above us all.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels
The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym: germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym: unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

intermittent

adj. occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

synonym: sporadic, irregular, periodic

(1) **intermittent** fever, (2) **intermittent** Wi-Fi

The **intermittent** rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

melodic

adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

synonym: harmonious, pleasing, musical

(1) **melodic** scale, (2) transcribe **melodic** patterns

She played a **melodic** piece on the piano.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

dissolution

n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

synonym: disintegration, decay, breakup

(1) **dissolution** of a company, (2) **dissolution** of the sugar

The **dissolution** of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

rambling

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

synonym : disorganized, incoherent, sprawling

(1) **rambling** speech, (2) **rambling** narrative

The hiking trail was a long and **rambling** route through the mountains.

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.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

accompaniment

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

synonym : support, aide, attendant

(1) the piano **accompaniment**, (2) **accompaniment** to the main course

The piano provided a beautiful **accompaniment** to the singer's voice.

prelude

n. an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

synonym : introduction, opening, prologue

(1) **prelude** music, (2) ominous **prelude**

The book's introductory chapter provided a **prelude** to the rest of the story.

reaffirm

v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

synonym : declare, acknowledge, advocate

(1) **reaffirm** a relationship, (2) **reaffirm** the basic points

The board member of the pharmaceutical company **reaffirmed** the commitment to public health.

rapt

adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

synonym : entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym : unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym :

captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind
He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything
After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**
The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym: successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law
She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

decadent

adj. characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline

synonym : effete, depraved, corrupt

(1) **decadent** country, (2) have a **decadent** time

He had been living a **decadent** life after being fired from his job.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

suggestive

adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

synonym : evocative, allusive, provocative

(1) **suggestive** gesture, (2) **suggestive** image

The **suggestive** artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

provocative

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

synonym : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

faun

n. a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world

synonym: sylvan, satyr, woodland creature

(1) **faun** statue, (2) the **faun** of the grasslands

The children's book featured a whimsical and imaginary **faun** as its main character.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

lucubration

n. intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration

synonym: study, research, scholarship

(1) political **lucubration**, (2) **lucubration** session

His work was the product of many long nights of **lucubration**.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym: ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. measures to pr_____g the lifespan | v. | to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event |
| 2. dis_____on of the sugar | n. | the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization |
| 3. re_____te a single country | v. | to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again |
| 4. red_____er a value | v. | to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost |
| 5. di_____t the economy | v. | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 6. elegant wa__z | n. | a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure |
| 7. sug_____ve gesture | adj. | evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message |
| 8. sp__k the children | v. | to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost |

ANSWERS: 1. prolong, 2. dissolution, 3. recreate, 4. rediscover, 5. distort, 6. waltz, 7. suggestive, 8. spook

9. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
10. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
11. have a de_____nt time *adj.* characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
12. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
13. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
14. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
15. r__t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
16. re_____rm the basic points *v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
17. er_____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
18. dis_____on of a company *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

ANSWERS: 9. speculate, 10. sprout, 11. decadent, 12. conquest, 13. betray, 14. dedicate, 15. rapt, 16. reaffirm, 17. erratic, 18. dissolution

19. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
20. com_____ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
21. sen_____us proverb *adj.* given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome
22. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
23. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
24. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
25. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
26. political luc_____on *n.* intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration

ANSWERS: 19. seduce, 20. compulsive, 21. sententious, 22. optimism, 23. confuse, 24. sect, 25. onslaught, 26. lucubration

27. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
28. rigid ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
29. pro_____ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
30. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
31. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
32. pu_____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
33. ev_____ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
34. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
35. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
36. luc_____on session *n.* intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration
37. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 27. heir, 28. insistence, 29. provocative, 30. sprout, 31. contagious, 32. puzzled, 33. evocative, 34. distort, 35. contagious, 36. lucubration, 37. confuse

38. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
39. transcribe me _____c patterns *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
40. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
41. im_____ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
42. ra_____ng speech *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus
43. the piano acc _____ent *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
44. sen _____us comment *adj.* given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome
45. f__n statue *n.* a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world

ANSWERS: 38. destabilize, 39. melodic, 40. heir, 41. impending, 42. rambling, 43. accompaniment, 44. sententious, 45. faun

46. a pro_____ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
47. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
48. have a r__t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
49. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
50. re_____rm a relationship *v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
51. pr_____e music *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
52. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
53. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
54. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
55. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

ANSWERS: 46. provocative, 47. stabilize, 48. rapt, 49. rediscover, 50. reaffirm, 51. prelude, 52. symphony, 53. waltz, 54. speculate, 55. complicit

56. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
57. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
58. political op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
59. ominous pr____e *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
60. com____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
61. me____c scale *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
62. ra____ng narrative *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus
63. int____ent fever *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
64. pu____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

ANSWERS: 56. cling, 57. cling, 58. optimism, 59. prelude, 60. compulsive, 61. melodic, 62. rambling, 63. intermittent, 64. puzzled

65. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
66. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
67. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
68. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
69. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
70. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
71. collective ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
72. a beautiful sy_____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
73. in_____nt tone *adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective
74. er_____c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

ANSWERS: 65. impending, 66. hopeless, 67. onslaught, 68. instinctive, 69. prolong, 70. conquest, 71. insistence, 72. symphony, 73. insistent, 74. erratic

75. acc_____ent to the main course *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
76. des_____ze a good relationship *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
77. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
78. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
79. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
80. int_____ent Wi-Fi *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
81. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
82. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
83. se____e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
84. ins_____ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
85. ev_____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind

ANSWERS: 75. accompaniment, 76. destabilize, 77. hopeless, 78. recreate, 79. unnoticed, 80. intermittent, 81. fascinate, 82. dedicate, 83. seduce, 84. instinctive, 85. evocative

86. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
87. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
88. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
89. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
90. in_____nt demand *adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective
91. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
92. de_____nt country *adj.* characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
93. the f__n of the grasslands *n.* a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world
94. sug_____ve image *adj.* evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

ANSWERS: 86. betray, 87. complicit, 88. spook, 89. fascinate, 90. insistent, 91. unnoticed, 92. decadent, 93. faun, 94. suggestive

95. st_____ze prices

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

96. s__t beliefs

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 95. stabilize, 96. sect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
2. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
3. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.
v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
4. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
5. We must prepare for the _____ storm expected to hit our area.
adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
6. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.
adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
7. He spoke in a _____ tone, making it seem like he was above us all.
adj. given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome

ANSWERS: 1. sprout, 2. sect, 3. spooked, 4. rediscovered, 5. impending, 6. instinctive, 7. sententious

8. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.
v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
9. She recognized me as her lawful _____.
n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
10. The _____ of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.
n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
11. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
12. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.
adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
13. The children's book featured a whimsical and imaginary _____ as its main character.
n. a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world
14. His _____ style frequently sparked controversies.
adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
15. Despite her _____ he refused to change his mind.
n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

ANSWERS: 8. seduce, 9. heir, 10. dissolution, 11. recreated, 12. puzzled, 13. faun, 14. provocative, 15. insistence,

16. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
17. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.
n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
18. The _____ rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.
adj. occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
19. The stock market has been behaving in an _____ manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.
adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
20. His research went largely _____ until a prominent researcher cited it.
adj. not seen or noticed
21. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
22. She played a _____ piece on the piano.
adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
23. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

ANSWERS: 16. clings, 17. waltz, 18. intermittent, 19. erratic, 20. unnoticed, 21. hopeless, 22. melodic, 23. destabilized

24. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

25. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

26. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

27. The _____ chatter from the other room made it impossible for her to focus on her work.

adj. characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective

28. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

29. The _____ artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.

adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

30. The board member of the pharmaceutical company _____ the commitment to public health.

v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

ANSWERS: 24. complicit, 25. compulsive, 26. prolong, 27. insistent, 28. dedicated, 29. suggestive, 30. reaffirmed

31. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

32. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

33. The hiking trail was a long and _____ route through the mountains.

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

34. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

35. The music was _____ of a bygone era.

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

36. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

37. The piano provided a beautiful _____ to the singer's voice.

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

38. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 31. confused, 32. contagious, 33. rambling, 34. speculated, 35. evocative, 36. fascinated, 37. accompaniment, 38. betrayed

39. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
40. The book's introductory chapter provided a _____ to the rest of the story.
n. an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
41. The village was unprepared for the sudden _____ of the enemy army.
n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
42. She was _____ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.
adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
43. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
44. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
45. He had been living a _____ life after being fired from his job.
adj. characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
46. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
47. His work was the product of many long nights of _____.
n. intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration

ANSWERS: 39. optimism, 40. prelude, 41. onslaught, 42. rapt, 43. stabilizes, 44. symphony, 45. decadent, 46. conquest, 47. lucubration

48. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.

- v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 48. distort