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Session 1: Word List

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

untitled

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

synonym: nameless, unidentified, anonymous

(1) **untitled** song, (2) **untitled** manuscript

The exhibit featured several **untitled** paintings by the famous artist.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

mischief

n. playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

synonym: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

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

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym: tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be

a fatal shot.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

foray

n. a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

synonym: raid, attack, incursion

(1) make a quick **foray**, (2) **foray** into politics

The company made a **foray** into the Chinese market.

cryptic

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

synonym: enigmatic, mysterious, obscure

(1) **cryptic** language, (2) **cryptic** crossword

The message was so **cryptic** that I had no idea what it meant.

moniker

n. a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given

synonym: name, nickname, alias

(1) royal **moniker**, (2) commonly used **moniker**

The **moniker** of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.

rebellious

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

synonym: disobedient, defiant, insubordinate

(1) **rebellious** teenager, (2) **rebellious** spirit

Her **rebellious** attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

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.

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**.

avant-garde

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

synonym : innovative, experimental, unconventional

(1) **avant-garde** art, (2) **avant-garde** music

The artist's **avant-garde** approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (*noun*) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym : rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

cutup

n. a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others

synonym : shredded, scraps, fragments

(1) **cutup** fashion design, (2) **cutup** comedian

The poet and artist William Burroughs is known for popularizing the **cutup** technique in literature.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym : chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

splinter

n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

synonym : shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities
The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car
The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach
All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

collage

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

synonym: montage, assemblage, mosaic

(1) **collage** art, (2) digital **collage**

She made a beautiful **collage** of photos from her travels to display in her home.

overture

n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion

synonym: prelude, introduction, opening

(1) musical **overture**, (2) diplomatic **overture**

The orchestra began its performance with a stunning **overture** that set the tone for the rest of the concert.

undiscovered

adj. not yet found or known

synonym: unknown, hidden, unexplored

(1) **undiscovered** territory, (2) **undiscovered** potential

The jungle is full of **undiscovered** species waiting to be found.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

resurface

v. to restore or repair the surface of something, particularly a road, pavement, or sports field; to come to the surface or become visible again after a period of obscurity or concealment

synonym: renew, restore, revamp

(1) **resurface** more than once, (2) **resurface** a tennis court

The city plans to **resurface** the roads downtown to fix potholes and cracks.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

prolific

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

synonym: productive, fertile, abundant

(1) **prolific** apple tree, (2) **prolific** period

The **prolific** author had written over 20 books in just five years.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic**

reform.

acclaim

n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

synonym: praise, admiration, welcome

(1) **acclaim** the winner, (2) treated with royal **acclaim**

The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread **acclaim** from the theater community.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

janitor

n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

synonym: keeper, guardian, custodian

(1) part-time **janitor**, (2) duty of the **janitor**

The school **janitor** was laid off.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

meteoric

adj. relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving

synonym : swift, rapid, sudden

(1) **meteoric** explosion, (2) **meteoric** success

The athlete's **meteoric** rise to fame was the talk of the sports world.

flair

n. natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching

synonym : talent, aptitude, gift

(1) **flair** for design, (2) creative **flair**

The chef's artistic **flair** was evident in the beautifully presented dish.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr____c language *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature
2. op____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
3. playful mi____ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
4. musical ov____re *n.* an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
5. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
6. op____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
7. sp____er cell *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 1. cryptic, 2. oppress, 3. mischief, 4. overture, 5. reimagine, 6. oppress, 7. splinter

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| 8. de___t a scene | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 9. a re_____ss person | <i>adj.</i> unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy |
| 10. co_____e art | <i>n.</i> a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements |
| 11. sh__d lettuce for a salad | <i>v.</i> to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount |
| 12. ev__e sympathy | <i>v.</i> to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 13. duty of the ja_____r | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats |
| 14. fo__y into politics | <i>n.</i> a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging |
| 15. ch_____c theory | <i>adj.</i> without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing |
| 16. sw__l the wine | <i>v.</i> to move in a circular or spiral pattern |
| 17. re__x a couple of tracks | <i>v.</i> to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item |
| 18. digital co_____e | <i>n.</i> a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements |

ANSWERS: 8. depict, 9. restless, 10. collage, 11. shred, 12. evoke, 13. janitor, 14. foray, 15. chaotic, 16. swirl, 17. remix, 18. collage

19. und_____red potential *adj.* not yet found or known
20. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
21. un_____ed manuscript *adj.* not named or titled; not given a title or official designation
22. cu__p fashion design *n.* a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others
23. commonly used mo_____r *n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
24. part-time ja_____r *n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
25. si__w injury *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
26. cr___n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
27. reb_____us teenager *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

ANSWERS: 19. undiscovered, 20. gutsy, 21. untitled, 22. cutup, 23. moniker, 24. janitor, 25. sinew, 26. crayon, 27. rebellious

28. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
29. 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
30. sc____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
31. ava_____de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
32. vi____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
33. creative fl__r *n.* natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching
34. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
35. pr____ic apple tree *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
36. malicious mi____ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

ANSWERS: 28. shred, 29. rev, 30. scribble, 31. avant-garde, 32. visceral, 33. flair, 34. scatter, 35. prolific, 36. mischief

37. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
38. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
39. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
40. re_____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
41. ava_____de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
42. ac_____m the winner *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
43. cu__p comedian *n.* a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others
44. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
45. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 37. obsession, 38. repurpose, 39. remix, 40. restless, 41. avant-garde, 42. acclaim, 43. cutup, 44. repurpose, 45. charismatic

46. 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
47. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
48. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
49. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
50. royal mo____r *n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
51. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
52. have the in____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
53. pr____ic period *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
54. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
55. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
56. fl__r for design *n.* natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching

ANSWERS: 46. rev, 47. ignite, 48. depict, 49. evoke, 50. moniker, 51. scatter, 52. inventive, 53. prolific, 54. gutsy, 55. exert, 56. flair

57. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
58. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
59. re_____ce more than once *v.* to restore or repair the surface of something, particularly a road, pavement, or sports field; to come to the surface or become visible again after a period of obscurity or concealment
60. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
61. make a quick fo__y *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
62. re_____ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
63. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
64. remove a sp_____er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
65. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

ANSWERS: 57. charismatic, 58. reimagine, 59. resurface, 60. fascination, 61. foray, 62. reappear, 63. improvisation, 64. splinter, 65. inventive

66. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
67. reb_____us spirit *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
68. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
69. re_____ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
70. me_____ic success *adj.* relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving
71. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
72. cr___n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (*v.*) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
73. und_____red territory *adj.* not yet found or known
74. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
75. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

ANSWERS: 66. swirl, 67. rebellious, 68. chaotic, 69. reappear, 70. meteoric, 71. ignite, 72. crayon, 73. undiscovered, 74. improvisation, 75. exert

76. national ob_____on
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
77. me_____ic explosion
adj. relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving
78. vi_____al fear
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
79. treated with royal ac_____m
n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
80. the fas_____on with classical music
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
81. diplomatic ov_____re
n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
82. re_____ce a tennis court
v. to restore or repair the surface of something, particularly a road, pavement, or sports field; to come to the surface or become visible again after a period of obscurity or concealment
83. cr_____c crossword
adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

ANSWERS: 76. obsession, 77. meteoric, 78. visceral, 79. acclaim, 80. fascination, 81. overture, 82. resurface, 83. cryptic

84. un____ed song

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

85. sc____le on paper

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

86. flexible si__ws

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

ANSWERS: 84. untitled, 85. scribble, 86. sinew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.
v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

2. The company made a _____ into the Chinese market.
n. a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

3. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

4. The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread _____ from the theater community.
n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

5. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

6. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

7. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 1. shred, 2. foray, 3. inventive, 4. acclaim, 5. evoke, 6. gutsy, 7. improvisation

8. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
9. She made a beautiful _____ of photos from her travels to display in her home.
- n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
10. The city plans to _____ the roads downtown to fix potholes and cracks.
- v.* to restore or repair the surface of something, particularly a road, pavement, or sports field; to come to the surface or become visible again after a period of obscurity or concealment
11. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.
- n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
12. The _____ of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.
- n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
13. The car window shattered into a million little _____ during the crash.
- n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
14. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 8. depicted, 9. collage, 10. resurface, 11. crayons, 12. moniker, 13. splinters, 14. visceral

15. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

16. The words were _____ in pencil.

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

17. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

18. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

19. The orchestra began its performance with a stunning _____ that set the tone for the rest of the concert.

n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion

20. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

21. The school _____ was laid off.

n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

22. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 15. swirled, 16. scribbled, 17. remixed, 18. reimagine, 19. overture, 20. chaotic, 21. janitor, 22. scattered

23. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

24. Her _____ attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

25. The chef's artistic _____ was evident in the beautifully presented dish.

n. natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching

26. The poet and artist William Burroughs is known for popularizing the _____ technique in literature.

n. a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others

27. I looked at the painting in _____.

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

28. The athlete's _____ rise to fame was the talk of the sports world.

adj. relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving

29. The message was so _____ that I had no idea what it meant.

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

30. Cancer has _____ at the same site.

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

ANSWERS: 23. exerted, 24. rebellious, 25. flair, 26. cutup, 27. fascination, 28. meteoric, 29. cryptic, 30. reappeared

31. The _____ author had written over 20 books in just five years.

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

32. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

33. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

34. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

35. 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

36. The exhibit featured several _____ paintings by the famous artist.

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

37. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

38. The dog's _____ led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

n. playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

ANSWERS: 31. prolific, 32. repurposed, 33. oppressed, 34. charismatic, 35. rev, 36. untitled, 37. ignited, 38. mischief

39. The hunter aimed at the animal's _____ knowing it would be a fatal shot.

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

40. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

41. He felt _____ and constantly changed his postures.

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

42. The artist's _____ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

43. The jungle is full of _____ species waiting to be found.

adj. not yet found or known

ANSWERS: 39. sinew, 40. obsession, 41. restless, 42. avant-garde, 43. undiscovered