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### Advanced Words Only

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## **Session 1: Word List**

microorganism	<ul> <li>n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope</li> <li>synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium</li> </ul>			
	(1) pathogenic <b>microorganism</b> , (2) <b>microorganisms</b> in his gut			
	This <b>microorganism</b> is a producer of respiratory disease.			
ancestor	<i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather <i>synonym</i> : forebear, forefather, progenitor			
	(1) ancestor language, (2) earliest human ancestor			
	My remote <b>ancestor</b> immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.			
blueprint	<ul> <li>n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine</li> <li>synonym: draft, prototype, sketch</li> </ul>			
	(1) blueprint for economic reform, (2) architect's blueprint			
	A business plan is a <b>blueprint</b> for your success.			
teem	<ul> <li>v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily synonym: brim, swarm, overflow</li> <li>(1) teem with activity, (2) teem down</li> </ul>			

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

photosynthesis	<ul> <li>n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.</li> </ul>				
	<ol> <li>(1) oxygenic photosynthesis, (2) process of photosynthesis</li> </ol>				
	In <b>photosynthesis</b> , plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.				
compress	v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space				
	synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze				
	(1) <b>compress</b> the chest, (2) <b>compress</b> gas				
	She <b>compressed</b> the files into a single ZIP archive to save				
	space on her computer.				
bury	<i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb <i>synonym</i> : entomb, sink, forget				
	(1) <b>bury</b> in the earth, (2) <b>bury</b> emotion				
	There is plenty of space to <b>bury</b> everyone.				
descend	<ul> <li>v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood</li> <li>synonym: dip, drop, come down</li> </ul>				
	(1) <b>descend</b> a steep hill, (2) <b>descend</b> by elevator				
	She was <b>descended</b> from an old Italian noble family.				
microbe	n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease				
	synonym: germ, microorganism, bacterium				
	(1) pathogenic <b>microbe</b> , (2) <b>microbes</b> sterilizer				
	Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.				
microscopic	<i>adj.</i> tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy				

	<ul> <li>synonym: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic</li> <li>(1) microscopic inquiry, (2) microscopic analysis</li> <li>Inspectors noticed microscopic cracks in the submarine's hull.</li> </ul>
phytoplankton	<i>n.</i> tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
	(1) marine phytoplankton, (2) phytoplankton blooms She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the phytoplankton they feed on.
chow	<ul> <li>a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder</li> </ul>
	synonym: food, grub, eats
	(1) <b>chow</b> time, (2) fast <b>chow</b>
	We decided to order some Chinese <b>chow</b> for dinner tonight.
rainforest	n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
	(1) rainforest destruction, (2) tropical rainforest
	The destruction of the <b>rainforest</b> is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
crank	<ul> <li>n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person</li> <li>synonym: eccentric, oddball, kook</li> </ul>
	(1) crank handle, (2) crank caller
	The fishing reel had a <b>crank</b> that made it easy to reel in the catch.
charismatic	<i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
	synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating
	(1) charismatic chairman, (2) charismatic personality

	He was a <b>charismatic</b> leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
schmutz	<ul> <li>n. (a Yiddish word used in English) dirt, grime, or other small and dirty particles or imperfections, especially on a surface or object</li> <li>synonym: gunk, dirt, grime</li> </ul>
	(1) <b>schmutz</b> on your shirt, (2) <b>schmutz</b> remover
	There was some <b>schmutz</b> on the window that I had to clean off.
rev	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>synonym: revolution, RPM, speed</li> </ul>
	(1) low- rev engine, (2) rev up the crowd
	He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud
	rev.
cytometry	<ul> <li>n. the measurement or analysis of cells and cell components, such as size, shape, and composition, is often done using specialized instruments and techniques such as flow cytometry</li> </ul>
	(1) cell cytometry, (2) cytometry data
	The study of tumor immunology often relies on cytometry
	techniques to characterize tumor immune cell populations.
biomedical	<i>adj.</i> relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
	synonym: medical, clinical, health-related
	(1) <b>biomedical</b> assay, (2) cutting-edge <b>biomedical</b>
	Biomedical engineering focuses on developing new medical
	technologies and innovations to improve patient health

outcomes.

inject	<ul> <li>v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)</li> <li>synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate</li> </ul>
	(1) <b>inject</b> under the skin, (2) <b>inject</b> a personal opinion into a debate
	Let's try to <b>inject</b> a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
capillary	n. a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
	(1) a <b>capillary</b> tube, (2) <b>capillary</b> action
	There are many <b>capillary</b> vessels in the gills of fish.
scatter	<i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions <i>synonym</i> : disperse, spread, bestrew
	(1) <b>scatter</b> seeds, (2) <b>scatter</b> around the internet
	The hunter's approach scattered the geese.
emit	<ul> <li>v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.</li> </ul>
	synonym: give off, radiate, expel
	(1) <b>emit</b> a gamma ray, (2) <b>emit</b> air pollution
	During the unloading, the container box <b>emits</b> a clicking sound.
chlorophyll	n. any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
	(1) chlorophyll pigment, (2) bacterial chlorophyll
	Chlorophyll utilizes sunlight to create sugars.
seawater	<ul> <li><i>n.</i> water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals</li> <li><i>synonym</i>: saltwater, brine, ocean water</li> </ul>
	(1) seawater pollution, (2) seawater bacteria
	The desalination plant turned seawater into drinking water
	through a complex process.

smite	<ul> <li>v. to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction</li> <li>synonym: hit, strike, batter</li> </ul>				
	(1) <b>smite</b> enemies, (2) <b>smite</b> a blow				
	The hero was able to <b>smite</b> the monster with a single blow.				
gyre	<ul> <li>n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents</li> <li>synonym: spiral, vortex, whirl</li> </ul>				
	(1) gyre movement, (2) subtropical gyre				
	The trash caught in the <b>gyre</b> in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.				
ecotype	<ul> <li>n. a population or community of organisms that have adapted to a specific and unique set of environmental conditions, leading to distinct characteristics and behaviors that set it apart from other populations of the same species</li> </ul>				
	synonym: biotype, phenotype, variant				
	(1) forest ecotype, (2) ecotype adaptation				
	The study focused on the genetic diversity of a particular				
	plant <b>ecotype</b> .				
equator	<ul> <li>an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)</li> </ul>				
	(1) south of the <b>equator</b> , (2) above the <b>equator</b>				
	Ecuador is on the equator.				
phosphorus	<ul> <li>n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element</li> </ul>				
	synonym: P, phosphoric, phosphorous				
	(1) phosphorus element, (2) yellow phosphorus				
	Phosphorus compounds are commonly used to manufacture				
	fertilizers to promote plant growth.				

<ul> <li>a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet</li> </ul>
(1) <b>smartphone</b> app developer, (2) <b>smartphone</b> addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of <b>smartphones</b> .
<ul> <li>n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC</li> </ul>
synonym: application, software
(1) killer <b>app</b> , (2) cannot log in to the <b>app</b>
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the <b>app's</b> release.
<ul> <li>v. to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way</li> </ul>
synonym: shake, wiggle, twitch
(1) <b>jiggle</b> the handle, (2) <b>jiggle</b> the keys
The airplane experienced turbulence, causing the passengers to <b>jiggle</b> in their seats.
<ul> <li>n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you</li> <li>synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination</li> </ul>
(1) stimulate <b>daydreaming</b> , (2) the mental process of <b>daydreaming</b>
I often waste a lot of time <b>daydreaming</b> .
<ul> <li>n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways</li> </ul>
synonym: creativity, invention, originality
(1) the infinite <b>ingenuity</b> of man, (2) abound in <b>ingenuity</b>
Creativity and <b>ingenuity</b> are often brought about by extreme concentration.
<i>n.</i> a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of

	time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process synonym: time frame, schedule, duration
	(1) long- <b>timescale</b> , (2) realistic <b>timescale</b>
	The <b>timescale</b> for completing the construction project is three years.
doom	<ul> <li>n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided</li> <li>synonym: judgment, destiny, fate</li> </ul>
	(1) economic <b>doom</b> , (2) prophet of <b>doom</b>
	Everyone was aware of the impending <b>doom</b> but was unable to prevent it.
zooplankton	n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
	(1) freshwater <b>zooplankton</b> , (2) floating <b>zooplankton</b>
	The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of <b>zooplankton</b> in marine areas.
muse	<ul> <li>n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists</li> <li>synonym: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier</li> </ul>
	(1) <b>muse</b> inspiration, (2) creative <b>muse</b>
	She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her <b>muse</b> to strike.

## **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	ded by elevator	v.	to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
2.	floating zooon	n.	very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
3.	phous element	n.	a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
4.	realistic tile	n.	a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
5.	crk caller	n.	a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
6.	cary action	n.	a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
7.	by emotion	<i>v</i> .	to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
8.	process of phosis	n.	the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

ANSWERS: 1. descend, 2. zooplankton, 3. phosphorus, 4. timescale, 5. crank, 6. capillary, 7. bury, 8. photosynthesis

9. micic inquiry	adj.	tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
10. jie the handle	v.	to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way
11. me inspiration	n.	a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
12. scz remover	n.	(a Yiddish word used in English) dirt, grime, or other small and dirty particles or imperfections, especially on a surface or object
13. yellow phous	n.	a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
14. killer a_p	n.	(abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
15. above the eqr	n.	an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
16. scr seeds	ν.	to cause to separate and go in different directions
17. jie the keys	v.	to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way

ANSWERS: 9. microscopic, 10. jiggle, 11. muse, 12. schmutz, 13. phosphorus, 14. app, 15. equator, 16. scatter, 17. jiggle

18. a cary tube	n.	a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
19. int a personal opinion into a debate	v.	to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
20. south of the eqr	n.	an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
21. economic dm	n.	death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
22. sme enemies	v.	to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
23. tropical raist	n.	a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
24. prophet of dm	n.	death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
25. oxygenic phosis	n.	the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
26. subtropical ge	n.	a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
27. chaic chairman	adj.	having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 18. capillary, 19. inject, 20. equator, 21. doom, 22. smite, 23. rainforest, 24. doom, 25. photosynthesis, 26. gyre, 27. charismatic

28. freshwater zooon	n.	very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
29. the infinite inty of man	n.	the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
30. cutting-edge bioal	adj.	relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
31. pathogenic mie	n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
32. et a gamma ray	v.	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
33. raist destruction	n.	a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
34. marine phyton	n.	tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
35. forest ece	n.	a population or community of organisms that have adapted to a specific and unique set of environmental conditions, leading to distinct characteristics and behaviors that set it apart from other populations of the same species
36. scr around the internet	v.	to cause to separate and go in different directions
37. stimulate dayng	n.	the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

ANSWERS: 28. zooplankton, 29. ingenuity, 30. biomedical, 31. microbe, 32. emit, 33. rainforest, 34. phytoplankton, 35. ecotype, 36. scatter, 37. daydreaming

38. anor language	n.	a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
39. cyry data	n.	the measurement or analysis of cells and cell components, such as size, shape, and composition, is often done using specialized instruments and techniques such as flow cytometry
40. pathogenic micism	n.	a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
41. et air pollution	v.	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
42. cw time	n.	a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder
43. chlIl pigment	n.	any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
44. mies sterilizer	n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
45. ge movement	n.	a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
46. crk handle	n.	a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
47. abound in inty	n.	the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 38. ancestor, 39. cytometry, 40. microorganism, 41. emit, 42. chow, 43. chlorophyll, 44. microbe, 45. gyre, 46. crank, 47. ingenuity

48. ded a steep hill	v.	to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
49. coss gas	ν.	to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
50. tm down	v.	to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
51. seer pollution	n.	water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
52. seer bacteria	n.	water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
53. chaic personality	adj.	having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
54. earliest human anor	n.	a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
55. 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
56. cell cyry	n.	the measurement or analysis of cells and cell components, such as size, shape, and composition, is often done using specialized instruments and techniques such as flow cytometry
57. smane app developer	n.	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 48. descend, 49. compress, 50. teem, 51. seawater, 52. seawater, 53. charismatic, 54. ancestor, 55. rev, 56. cytometry, 57. smartphone

58.	cannot log in to the a_p	n.	(abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
59.	coss the chest	v.	to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
60.	scz on your shirt	n.	(a Yiddish word used in English) dirt, grime, or other small and dirty particles or imperfections, especially on a surface or object
61.	micic analysis	adj.	tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
62.	fast cw	n.	a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder
63.	int under the skin	v.	to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
64.	long-tile	n.	a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
65.	the mental process of dayng	n.	the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
66.	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

ANSWERS: 58. app, 59. compress, 60. schmutz, 61. microscopic, 62. chow, 63. inject, 64. timescale, 65. daydreaming, 66. rev

67. smane addict	n.	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
68. sme a blow	ν.	to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
69. by in the earth	ν.	to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
70. micisms in his gut	n.	a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
71. creative me	n.	a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
72. ece adaptation	n.	a population or community of organisms that have adapted to a specific and unique set of environmental conditions, leading to distinct characteristics and behaviors that set it apart from other populations of the same species
73. phyton blooms	n.	tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
74. bacterial chlll	n.	any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
75. architect's blnt	n.	a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
76. blnt for economic reform	n.	a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

ANSWERS: 67. smartphone, 68. smite, 69. bury, 70. microorganism, 71. muse, 72. ecotype, 73. phytoplankton, 74. chlorophyll, 75. blueprint, 76. blueprint

77. t\_\_m with activity
78. bio\_\_\_\_al assay
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70. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
71. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
72. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
73. bio\_\_\_\_al assay
74. adj. relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

ANSWERS: 77. teem, 78. biomedical

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. The hero was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the monster with a single blow.
- *v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
- 2. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
- 3. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her \_\_\_\_\_ to strike.
- *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
- 4. A business plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ for your success.
- *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
- 5. She \_\_\_\_\_\_ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
- 6. The study focused on the genetic diversity of a particular plant \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *n.* a population or community of organisms that have adapted to a specific and unique set of environmental conditions, leading to distinct characteristics and behaviors that set it apart from other populations of the same species
- 7. This \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a producer of respiratory disease.
- *n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope

ANSWERS: 1. smite, 2. rainforest, 3. muse, 4. blueprint, 5. compressed, 6. ecotype, 7. microorganism

- 8. The city \_\_\_\_\_ with traffic on holiday.
- v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
- 9. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.
- *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- *n*. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
- 11. There are many \_\_\_\_\_\_ vessels in the gills of fish.
- *n.* a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
- 12. She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ they feed on.
- *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
- 13. In \_\_\_\_\_\_ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.
- *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
- 14. The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of \_\_\_\_\_\_ in marine areas.
- *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
- 15. The fishing reel had a \_\_\_\_\_ that made it easy to reel in the catch.
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ANSWERS: 8. teems, 9. microscopic, 10. Microbes, 11. capillary, 12. phytoplankton, 13. photosynthesis, 14. zooplankton, 15. crank

- 16. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.
- *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
- 17. We decided to order some Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner tonight.
- *n.* a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.
- *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
- 19. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ for completing the construction project is three years.
- *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
- 20. The study of tumor immunology often relies on \_\_\_\_\_\_ techniques to characterize tumor immune cell populations.
- *n.* the measurement or analysis of cells and cell components, such as size, shape, and composition, is often done using specialized instruments and techniques such as flow cytometry
- 21. The trash caught in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
- *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
- 22. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 16. doom, 17. chow, 18. Phosphorus, 19. timescale, 20. cytometry, 21. gyre, 22. ingenuity

- 23. \_\_\_\_\_\_ engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.
  - *adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
- 24. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_\_ the geese.
- *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
- 25. The airplane experienced turbulence, causing the passengers to \_\_\_\_\_ in their seats.
- v. to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way
- 26. She was \_\_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.
  - v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ utilizes sunlight to create sugars.
- *n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
- 28. I often waste a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_.
- *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
- 29. The desalination plant turned \_\_\_\_\_\_ into drinking water through a complex process.
  - *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
- 30. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of
- *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 23. Biomedical, 24. scattered, 25. jiggle, 26. descended, 27. Chlorophyll, 28. daydreaming, 29. seawater, 30. smartphones

- 31. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- *v*. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
- 32. 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
- 33. He was a \_\_\_\_\_\_ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
- *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
- 34. There was some \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the window that I had to clean off.
- *n.* (a Yiddish word used in English) dirt, grime, or other small and dirty particles or imperfections, especially on a surface or object
- 35. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
- 36. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.
- v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
- 37. Ecuador is on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
- 38. My remote \_\_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 31. bury, 32. rev, 33. charismatic, 34. schmutz, 35. app's, 36. emits, 37. equator, 38. ancestor

- 39. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
  - v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 39. inject