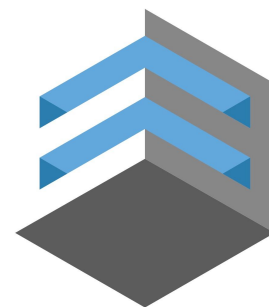


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### hatch

*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

*synonym* : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

### mystical

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

*synonym* : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

### beastie

*n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

*synonym* : critter, creature, animal

(1) cute little **beastie**, (2) monster **beastie**

Scientists discovered a new species of **beastie** in the rainforest.

## scruffy

*adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude

*synonym*: unkempt, messy, shabby

(1) **scruffy** hair, (2) **scruffy** clothes

The old building had a **scruffy** exterior with chipped paint and broken windows.

## swan

*n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

*synonym*: cygnet, waterfowl, bird

(1) **swan** song, (2) black **swan**

The **swan's** feathers glistened in the sunlight.

## tease

*v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

*synonym*: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## unintended

*adj.* not planned or meant

*synonym*: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## imprison

*v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

*synonym*: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

## dishonest

*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest

*synonym*: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

## solicitor

*n.* a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business

*synonym*: suppliant, pleader, advocate

(1) advertising **solicitor**, (2) official **solicitor**

The property dispute was resolved amicably between the two parties with the help of a **solicitor**.

## upbringing

*n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

*synonym*: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

## burglar

*n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

*synonym*: thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

## firsthand

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym*: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## sniff

*v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

*synonym*: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

## unwitting

*adj.* without purpose or intent

*synonym*: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

## **implacable**

*adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding

*synonym*: inflexible, relentless, unyielding

(1) **implacable** criticism, (2) **implacable** hatred

Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained **implacable** and unwilling to compromise.

## **facade**

*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

*synonym*: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

## **crumble**

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## **screwup**

*n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors

*synonym*: blunder, mistake, error

(1) financial **screwup**, (2) career **screwup**

His latest **screwup** at work may cost him his job.

## **lullaby**

*n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

*synonym*: cradle song, lilt, melody

(1) **lullaby** song, (2) soothing **lullaby**

The soft and gentle melody of the **lullaby** filled the room.

## bedtime

*n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

*synonym*: sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

## comet

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

*synonym*: meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

## cupid

*n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

*synonym*: cherub, angel

(1) **cupid** costume, (2) **cupid** love

**Cupid's** arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.

## reindeer

*n.* a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food

*synonym*: caribou, elk, deer

(1) red-nosed **reindeer**, (2) domesticated **reindeer**

The Sami people have been herding **reindeer** in the Arctic for centuries, using them for food, transportation, and clothing.

## snowman

*n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow

(1) melting **snowman**, (2) a picture of a **snowman**

They built a **snowman** in the garden.

## chimpanzee

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

*synonym* : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

## 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**.

## lifeline

*n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

*synonym* : savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

## duckling

*n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown

(1) cute **duckling**, (2) abandoned **duckling**

The mother duck led her **ducklings** across the pond to safety.

## encapsulate

*v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

*synonym* : enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

## marsh

*n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

*synonym*: bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the **marsh**.

## quack

*n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

*synonym*: charlatan, impostor, fraud

(1) **quack** doctor, (2) **quack** product

The healthcare industry is cracking down on **quack** remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

## tiara

*n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

*synonym*: diadem, crown, coronet

(1) **tiara** crown, (2) diamond **tiara**

The princess wore a **tiara** adorned with precious jewels to the ball.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. black s\_\_n *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
2. im\_\_\_\_\_on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
3. sc\_\_\_\_\_y clothes *adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
4. caught the bu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
5. fa\_\_\_e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
6. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
7. emotional li\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
8. cu\_\_d love *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

ANSWERS: 1. swan, 2. imprison, 3. scruffy, 4. burglar, 5. facade, 6. humanize, 7. lifeline, 8. cupid

9. ma\_\_h bird *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
10. qu\_\_k product *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
11. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
12. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
13. co\_\_t Halley *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
14. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
15. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
16. imp\_\_\_\_\_le criticism *adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
17. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 9. marsh, 10. quack, 11. unintended, 12. sham, 13. comet, 14. sham, 15. chimpanzee, 16. implacable, 17. pretension

18. im\_\_\_\_\_on illegal immigrant      *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
19. my\_\_\_\_\_al intuition      *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
20. ex-convict bu\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
21. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd      *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
22. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
23. un\_\_\_\_\_ng victims      *adj.* without purpose or intent
24. ti\_\_a crown      *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
25. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street      *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
26. sc\_\_\_\_\_y hair      *adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
27. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
28. te\_\_e wool      *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 18. imprison, 19. mystical, 20. burglar, 21. firsthand, 22. improvisation, 23. unwitting, 24. tiara, 25. overlook, 26. scruffy, 27. improvisation, 28. tease

29. cu\_\_d costume *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
30. enc\_\_\_\_\_te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
31. melting sn\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
32. abandoned du\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
33. te\_\_e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
34. domesticated re\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food
35. river-delta ma\_\_h *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
36. the outside fa\_\_\_e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
37. financial sc\_\_\_\_\_p *n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors

ANSWERS: 29. cupid, 30. encapsulate, 31. snowman, 32. duckling, 33. tease, 34. reindeer, 35. marsh, 36. facade, 37. screwup

38. career sc\_\_\_\_p *n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors
39. diamond ti\_\_a *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
40. uni\_\_\_\_ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
41. an un\_\_\_\_ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
42. ha\_\_h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
43. cute du\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
44. ha\_\_h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
45. monster be\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
46. qu\_\_k doctor *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
47. di\_\_\_\_st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
48. lu\_\_\_\_y song *n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

ANSWERS: 38. screwup, 39. tiara, 40. unintended, 41. unwitting, 42. hatch, 43. duckling, 44. hatch, 45. beastie, 46. quack, 47. dishonest, 48. lullaby

49. a picture of a sn\_\_\_\_\_n                      *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
50. cute little be\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
51. regular be\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
52. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact                      *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
53. my\_\_\_\_\_al belief                      *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
54. soothing lu\_\_\_\_\_y                      *n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect
55. family upb\_\_\_\_\_ng                      *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
56. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority                      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 49. snowman, 50. beastie, 51. bedtime, 52. overlook, 53. mystical, 54. lullaby, 55. upbringing, 56. pretension

57. s\_\_n song *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
58. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
59. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
60. promote di\_\_\_\_\_st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
61. cr\_\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
62. red-nosed re\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food
63. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
64. Catholic upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
65. enc\_\_\_\_\_te the essence *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
66. sn\_\_f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

ANSWERS: 57. swan, 58. storytelling, 59. firsthand, 60. dishonest, 61. crumble, 62. reindeer, 63. storytelling, 64. upbringing, 65. encapsulate, 66. sniff

67. li\_\_\_\_\_ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
68. the surface of the co\_\_t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
69. be\_\_\_\_\_e meditation *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
70. imp\_\_\_\_\_le hatred *adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
71. sn\_\_f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
72. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
73. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
74. advertising so\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business

ANSWERS: 67. lifeline, 68. comet, 69. bedtime, 70. implacable, 71. sniff, 72. humanize, 73. chimpanzee, 74. solicitor



75. official so\_\_\_\_\_or

*n.* a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business

76. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 75. solicitor, 76. crumble

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old building had a \_\_\_\_\_ exterior with chipped paint and broken windows.  
*adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
2. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
3. \_\_\_\_\_ arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.  
*n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
4. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
5. The charity event aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.  
*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ feathers glistened in the sunlight.  
*n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
7. My best friend has been my \_\_\_\_\_ throughout all of my hardships.  
*n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

ANSWERS: 1. scruffy, 2. storytelling, 3. Cupid's, 4. marsh, 5. humanize, 6. swan's, 7. lifeline

8. Many zoos have \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
- n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
9. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.
- adj.* not planned or meant
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.
- n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
11. Reading \_\_\_\_\_ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.
- n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
12. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
13. His rudeness was \_\_\_\_\_ not intentional.
- adj.* without purpose or intent
14. The skilled \_\_\_\_\_ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.
- n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

ANSWERS: 8. chimpanzee, 9. unintended, 10. comet's, 11. bedtime, 12. sham, 13. unwitting, 14. burglar

15. This ad is intended to \_\_\_\_\_ a competing product.
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
16. The property dispute was resolved amicably between the two parties with the help of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business
17. The mother duck led her \_\_\_\_\_ across the pond to safety.
- n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
18. 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
19. Often in drama, \_\_\_\_\_ personalities gain popularity.
- adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
20. They built a \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.
- n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
21. While meditating, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
22. His latest \_\_\_\_\_ at work may cost him his job.
- n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors

ANSWERS: 15. tease, 16. solicitor, 17. ducklings, 18. improvisation, 19. dishonest, 20. snowman, 21. mystical, 22. screwup

23. Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unwilling to compromise.  
*adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
24. The Sami people have been herding \_\_\_\_\_ in the Arctic for centuries, using them for food, transportation, and clothing.  
*n.* a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food
25. The eggs began to \_\_\_\_\_ and the small chicks emerged.  
*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
26. His strict \_\_\_\_\_ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.  
*n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
27. The movie can \_\_\_\_\_ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.  
*v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
28. The healthcare industry is cracking down on \_\_\_\_\_ remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.  
*n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
29. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.  
*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 23. implacable, 24. reindeer, 25. hatch, 26. upbringing, 27. encapsulate, 28. quack, 29. crumble

30. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

31. The dog stopped to \_\_\_\_\_ around the tree, looking for something interesting.

*v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

32. The soft and gentle melody of the \_\_\_\_\_ filled the room.

*n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

33. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.

*v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

34. A gentle \_\_\_\_\_ concealed his powerfulness.

*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

35. Scientists discovered a new species of \_\_\_\_\_ in the rainforest.

*n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

36. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

37. The princess wore a \_\_\_\_\_ adorned with precious jewels to the ball.

*n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

ANSWERS: 30. firsthand, 31. sniff, 32. lullaby, 33. imprisoned, 34. facade, 35. beastie, 36. overlook, 37. tiara

38. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 38. pretensions