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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### shuttle

*n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads

*synonym* : ferry, transport, convey

(1) space **shuttle**, (2) **shuttle** service

The **shuttle** bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.

### countryside

*n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

*synonym* : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

### insist

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

*synonym* : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

## replace

v. to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone  
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

*synonym*: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**  
These results muddied the **prediction**.

## detract

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

*synonym*: take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **detract** from quality of life, (2) **detract** from his fame  
His terrible manners **detract** from his good character.

## predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym*: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive  
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**  
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## 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**.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group  
*synonym*: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## illusion

*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

*synonym*: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

## liberal

*adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

*synonym*: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

## democracy

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

*synonym*: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

*synonym*: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

## recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

*synonym*: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

## participate

v. to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

*synonym*: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

- feat** *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery  
*synonym*: achievement, accomplishment, exploit  
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment  
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- calculated** *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance  
*synonym*: premeditated, willful, deliberate  
(1) **calculated** bankruptcy, (2) **calculated** crime  
The company made a **calculated** decision to invest in new technology.
- degree** *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment  
*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma  
(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade  
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.
- overwhelming** *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it  
*synonym*: overpowering, astounding, amazing  
(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory  
He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.
- estimate** *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something  
*synonym*: calculate, gauge, evaluate  
(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds  
We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

## counterpart

*n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

*synonym*: equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

## recall

*v.* to remember something

*synonym*: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

## maintain

*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

*synonym*: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

## core

*n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

*synonym*: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

## reconsider

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

*synonym*: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

## underestimate

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## **persist**

*v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

*synonym*: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

## **bulk**

*n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

*synonym*: majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

## **consequence**

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

*synonym*: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

## **inclined**

*adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

*synonym*: disposed, prone, likely

(1) **inclined** to think, (2) **inclined** angle

I am **inclined** to believe that she is telling the truth.

## **invest**

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym*: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

## stake

*n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

*synonym* : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

## involve

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

*synonym* : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

## concert

*n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

*synonym* : gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

## susceptible

*adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something

*synonym* : exposed, liable, gullible

(1) a **susceptible** young woman, (2) **susceptible** of proof

Well-stretched muscles are less **susceptible** to injury.

## miscalculation

*n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

*synonym* : error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

## commitment

*n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

*synonym* : burden, obligation, promise



(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## fortunate

*adj.* having good luck or lucky

*synonym*: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

## countless

*adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

*synonym*: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

## historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym*: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

## comfort

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

*synonym*: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. in\_\_\_t capital  
*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
2. 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
3. a com\_\_\_\_\_nt to an alliance  
*n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
4. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork  
*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
5. a sus\_\_\_\_\_le young woman  
*adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something
6. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone  
*v.* to take the place of something
7. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
8. make my pre\_\_\_\_\_ons  
*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
9. cal\_\_\_\_\_ed bankruptcy  
*adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
10. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate  
*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 1. invest, 2. rev, 3. commitment, 4. involve, 5. susceptible, 6. replace, 7. government, 8. prediction, 9. calculated, 10. democracy

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| 11. gov_____nt funding                           | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state   |
| 12. pe_____t in success                          | <i>v.</i> to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable                                   |
| 13. hi_____ic accomplishment                     | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so  |
| 14. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds | <i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something   |
| 15. psy_____gy of crowd                          | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior  |
| 16. in_____t over and over                       | <i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say                           |
| 17. his meal pre_____ces                         | <i>n.</i> a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person  |
| 18. the il_____on of being in the forest         | <i>n.</i> a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation   |
| 19. cal_____ed crime                             | <i>adj.</i> done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance |
| 20. par_____te in the program                    | <i>v.</i> to take part in something  |
| 21. rec_____er my transfer                       | <i>v.</i> to think about a decision or opinion again to  |
| 22. ind_____al freedom                           | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group   |

ANSWERS: 11. government, 12. persist, 13. historic, 14. estimate, 15. psychology, 16. insist, 17. preference, 18. illusion, 19. calculated, 20. participate, 21. reconsider, 22. individual

23. re\_\_\_l the incident *v.* to remember something
24. have a co\_\_\_\_t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
25. pr\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
26. buy in b\_\_k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
27. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
28. f\_\_t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
29. negotiating cou\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
30. co\_\_\_\_\_ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
31. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
32. re\_\_\_\_t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
33. cou\_\_\_\_\_de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
34. pe\_\_\_\_t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 23. recall, 24. concert, 25. predict, 26. bulk, 27. individual, 28. feat, 29. counterpart, 30. countless, 31. highlight, 32. recruit, 33. countryside, 34. persist

35. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
36. an ove\_\_\_\_\_ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
37. common in \_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
38. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
39. cou\_\_\_\_\_rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
40. a benefit co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
41. de\_\_\_\_\_t from his fame *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
42. sh\_\_\_\_\_e service *n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
43. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
44. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
45. pr\_\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
46. the c\_\_e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 35. psychology, 36. overwhelming, 37. invention, 38. participate, 39. counterpart, 40. concert, 41. detract, 42. shuttle, 43. underestimate, 44. consequence, 45. predict, 46. core

47. optical il\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
48. execution by burning at a st\_\_e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
49. ma\_\_\_\_\_in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
50. co\_\_\_\_\_t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
51. sus\_\_\_\_\_le of proof *adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something
52. ove\_\_\_\_\_ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
53. meet his com\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
54. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
55. c\_\_e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
56. in\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
57. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 47. illusion, 48. stake, 49. maintain, 50. comfort, 51. susceptible, 52. overwhelming, 53. commitment, 54. miscalculation, 55. core, 56. invest, 57. assume

58. re\_\_\_\_\_t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
59. fo\_\_\_\_\_te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
60. ma\_\_\_\_\_in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
61. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
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64. a li\_\_\_\_\_l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
65. gloomy pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
66. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
67. es\_\_\_\_\_te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
68. in\_\_\_\_\_t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 58. recruit, 59. fortunate, 60. maintain, 61. democracy, 62. degree, 63. invention, 64. liberal, 65. prediction, 66. trait, 67. estimate, 68. insist

69. cou\_\_\_\_\_de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
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78. words of co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
79. de\_\_\_\_\_t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

ANSWERS: 69. countryside, 70. bulk, 71. highlight, 72. liberal, 73. inclined, 74. feat, 75. consequence, 76. historic, 77. assume, 78. comfort, 79. detract



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82. a particular pre\_\_\_\_\_ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
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88. less fo\_\_\_\_\_te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
89. re\_\_\_l his name *v.* to remember something

ANSWERS: 80. stake, 81. involve, 82. preference, 83. rev, 84. degree, 85. trait, 86. miscalculation, 87. shuttle, 88. fortunate, 89. recall

90. rec\_\_\_\_\_er the determination      *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
91. in\_\_\_\_\_ed angle      *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
92. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy      *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
93. answer co\_\_\_\_\_ss questions      *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
94. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another      *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 90. reconsider, 91. inclined, 92. underestimate, 93. countless, 94. replace

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The colonial government \_\_\_\_\_ militia support when civil war broke out.  
*v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
  
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4. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
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5. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.  
*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
  
6. The company made a \_\_\_\_\_ decision to invest in new technology.  
*adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
  
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.  
*n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
  
8. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.  
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ANSWERS: 1. recruited, 2. estimated, 3. invention, 4. government, 5. preference, 6. calculated, 7. miscalculation, 8. replace

9. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
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*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
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*adj.* having good luck or lucky
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*v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
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15. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.  
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ANSWERS: 9. individual, 10. illusion, 11. fortunate, 12. highlighted, 13. insisted, 14. susceptible, 15. comfort, 16. commitments, 17. recalls

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- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
22. I received a parcel of great \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
23. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.
- v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
24. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
25. 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
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 18. cores, 19. persist, 20. countryside, 21. prediction, 22. bulk, 23. underestimated, 24. traits, 25. rev, 26. stake

27. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
28. This artist always packs the \_\_\_\_\_ halls.
- n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
29. He has shown signs of uneasiness and \_\_\_\_\_ worry.
- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
30. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in his thoughts.
- adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;  
open-minded
31. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.
- n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
33. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
34. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 27. consequences, 28. concert, 29. overwhelming, 30. liberal, 31. invest, 32. shuttle, 33. involves, 34. historic

35. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
36. There are \_\_\_\_\_ methods for dealing with stress.
- adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
37. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
38. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
39. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
40. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
41. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
42. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 35. maintain, 36. countless, 37. degree, 38. psychology, 39. Democracy, 40. participated, 41. feat, 42. assumes

43. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to believe that she is telling the truth.

*adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

44. He humbly \_\_\_\_\_ his conduct.

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

45. His \_\_\_\_\_ in the other company is responsible for marketing.

*n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

46. His terrible manners \_\_\_\_\_ from his good character.

*v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

47. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 43. inclined, 44. reconsidered, 45. counterpart, 46. detract, 47. predict