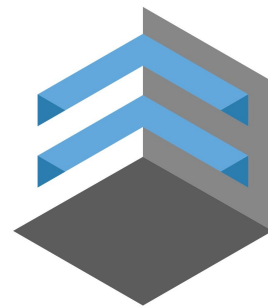


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Session 1: Word List

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the

giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

barista

n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

synonym: coffee maker, coffee expert, espresso artist

(1) **barista** skills, (2) professional **barista**

The **barista** at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.

upbeat

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

synonym: optimistic, positive, hopeful

(1) **upbeat** attitude, (2) remain **upbeat** about the future

The **upbeat** music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

vend

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

synonym: sell, peddle, market

(1) **vend** souvenirs, (2) **vend** delicious meals

The local **vendor** was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

slurp

v. to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming

synonym: sip, gulp, drink noisily

(1) **slurp** tea, (2) **slurp** noodles

The child couldn't resist **slurping** her soup loudly at the dinner table.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

sip v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

blur n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

aroma n. a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object

synonym: fragrance, scent, smell

(1) **aroma** therapy, (2) coffee **aroma**

The **aroma** of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.

musky adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym: musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

hexagon n. a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length

synonym: hexahedron, six-sided figure, six-gon

(1) **hexagon** head bolt, (2) **hexagon** pattern

The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of **hexagons**.

indentation n. a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line

synonym : gouge, dent, division

(1) a broad **indentation** of the gulf, (2) automatic **indentation**

Archaeologists found a slight **indentation** in the middle of the lower jawbone on a bone excavated from that historic site.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym : frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym : eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

grumpy

adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

synonym : crabby, grouchy, irritable

(1) **grumpy** cat, (2) **grumpy** mood

The **grumpy** older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

hairpin

n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn,

where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

(1) **hairpin** clip, (2) **hairpin** curve

She carefully navigated her way around the **hairpin** turns on the mountain road.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

downside

n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

synonym: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

upsurge

n. a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

synonym: surge, increase, rise

(1) population **upsurge**, (2) an **upsurge** of emotion

The country saw an **upsurge** in tourism after the new airport was built.

jingoistic

adj. characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests

synonym:

chauvinistic, nationalist, patriotic

(1) **jingoistic** fervor, (2) **jingoistic** attitudes

The **jingoistic** rhetoric of the political candidate was unsettling to many.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym: content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. flexible mi____t | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 2. v__d souvenirs | <i>v.</i> to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop |
| 3. he____n pattern | <i>n.</i> a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length |
| 4. an__y at the time | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 5. y__l as loud as we can | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 6. coffee ar__a | <i>n.</i> a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object |
| 7. v__d delicious meals | <i>v.</i> to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop |
| 8. ba____a skills | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages |
| 9. y__l for help | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 10. as____t driveway | <i>n.</i> a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen |
| 11. nuclear s__o | <i>n.</i> a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others |

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. vend, 3. hexagon, 4. annoy, 5. yell, 6. aroma, 7. vend, 8. barista, 9. yell, 10. asphalt, 11. silo

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| 12. en___h public services | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 13. mi___r strike | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth |
| 14. em_____ss political enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 15. gr___y cat | <i>adj.</i> easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way |
| 16. ha_____n clip | <i>n.</i> a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply |
| 17. bo___t of his success | <i>v.</i> to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction |
| 18. asp_____on into the lungs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 19. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 20. s___o organization | <i>n.</i> a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others |

ANSWERS: 12. enrich, 13. miner, 14. embarrass, 15. grumpy, 16. hairpin, 17. boast, 18. aspiration, 19. creditor, 20. silo

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| 21. em_____ss my project | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 22. professional ba_____a | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages |
| 23. b_d grafting | <i>n.</i> a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot |
| 24. ha_____n curve | <i>n.</i> a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply |
| 25. as_____d the viewer | <i>v.</i> to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 26. s_p a drink | <i>v.</i> to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink |
| 27. bas_____ze culture | <i>v.</i> to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something |
| 28. up___t attitude | <i>adj.</i> positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music |
| 29. p__e a smoother road | <i>v.</i> to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use |

ANSWERS: 21. embarrass, 22. barista, 23. bud, 24. hairpin, 25. astound, 26. sip, 27. bastardize, 28. upbeat, 29. pave

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| 30. p__e a new path | <i>v.</i> to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use |
| 31. ar__a therapy | <i>n.</i> a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object |
| 32. jin_____ic fervor | <i>adj.</i> characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests |
| 33. population up_____e | <i>n.</i> a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency |
| 34. as_____t pavement | <i>n.</i> a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen |
| 35. com_____nt with past successes | <i>adj.</i> satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes |
| 36. fr___y of activity | <i>n.</i> a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior |
| 37. ag_____ic position | <i>n.</i> a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god |
| 38. as_____d everyone | <i>v.</i> to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |

ANSWERS: 30. pave, 31. aroma, 32. jingoistic, 33. upsurge, 34. asphalt, 35. complacent, 36. frenzy, 37. agnostic, 38. astound

39. no asp_____on for fame	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
40. cr__k handle	<i>n.</i> a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
41. te_____y people	<i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much
42. bo__t a long history	<i>v.</i> to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
43. mu__y perfume	<i>adj.</i> having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
44. pinch off a b_d	<i>n.</i> a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
45. he_____n head bolt	<i>n.</i> a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
46. an__y everyone else	<i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
47. en___h a gas with a balloon	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
48. take a s_p of beer	<i>v.</i> to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
49. human activities int_____ect with the environment	<i>v.</i> to connect similar things
50. tha_____ing traditions	<i>n.</i> an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 39. aspiration, 40. crank, 41. terrify, 42. boast, 43. musky, 44. bud, 45. hexagon, 46. annoy, 47. enrich, 48. sip, 49. interconnect, 50. thanksgiving

51. motion b__r	<i>n.</i> a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
52. sexual pr____ors	<i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
53. do____de of globalization	<i>n.</i> the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
54. mu__y aroma	<i>adj.</i> having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
55. mi__r industry	<i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
56. major do____de	<i>n.</i> the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
57. the mi____t in an education system	<i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
58. bankrupt cr____or	<i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
59. tha_____ing parade	<i>n.</i> an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 51. blur, 52. predator, 53. downside, 54. musky, 55. miner, 56. downside, 57. mindset, 58. creditor, 59. thanksgiving

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| 60. jin_____ic attitudes | <i>adj.</i> characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests |
| 61. sl__p tea | <i>v.</i> to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming |
| 62. automatic ind_____on | <i>n.</i> a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line |
| 63. ag____ic world-view | <i>n.</i> a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god |
| 64. bas_____ze a recipe | <i>v.</i> to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something |
| 65. an up_____e of emotion | <i>n.</i> a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency |
| 66. gr____y mood | <i>adj.</i> easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way |
| 67. sl__p noodles | <i>v.</i> to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming |

ANSWERS: 60. jingoistic, 61. slurp, 62. indentation, 63. agnostic, 64. bastardize, 65. upsurge, 66. grumpy, 67. slurp

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| 68. directly int_____ect with those systems | <i>v.</i> | to connect similar things |
| 69. a broad ind_____on of the gulf | <i>n.</i> | a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line |
| 70. buying fr____y | <i>n.</i> | a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior |
| 71. b__r image | <i>n.</i> | a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision |
| 72. cr__k caller | <i>n.</i> | a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person |
| 73. apex pr____or | <i>n.</i> | an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 74. com_____nt attitude | <i>adj.</i> | satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes |
| 75. remain up____t about the future | <i>adj.</i> | positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music |
| 76. the threats te_____y him | <i>v.</i> | to frighten someone very much |

ANSWERS: 68. interconnect, 69. indentation, 70. frenzy, 71. blur, 72. crank, 73. predator, 74. complacent, 75. upbeat, 76. terrify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
2. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
3. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
4. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
5. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
6. Archaeologists found a slight _____ in the middle of the lower jawbone on a bone excavated from that historic site.
n. a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line
7. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.
n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

ANSWERS: 1. embarrass, 2. bud, 3. frenzy, 4. enriches, 5. silo, 6. indentation, 7. crank

8. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
9. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
10. The _____ at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.
n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
11. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
12. She carefully navigated her way around the _____ turns on the mountain road.
n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
13. This town _____ a national park.
v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
14. The country saw an _____ in tourism after the new airport was built.
n. a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

ANSWERS: 8. creditor, 9. thanksgiving, 10. barista, 11. interconnect, 12. hairpin, 13. boasts, 14. upsurge

15. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
16. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
- n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
17. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.
- v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
18. The _____ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.
- n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
19. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
- adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
20. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
21. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
22. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.
- n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object

ANSWERS: 15. bastardize, 16. agnostic, 17. sipped, 18. downside, 19. musky, 20. mindset, 21. blur, 22. aroma

23. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

24. The final result was nothing short of _____.

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

25. The _____ rhetoric of the political candidate was unsettling to many.

adj. characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests

26. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

27. The _____ music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

28. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

29. The child couldn't resist _____ her soup loudly at the dinner table.

v. to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming

30. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

31. The local _____ was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

ANSWERS: 23. aspiration, 24. astounding, 25. jingoistic, 26. paved, 27. upbeat, 28. yelled, 29. slurping, 30. annoy, 31. vendor

32. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.

- n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

33. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

- n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

34. The _____ older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

- adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

35. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

36. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.

- adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

37. The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of _____.

- n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length

38. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

- v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 32. asphalt, 33. miner, 34. grumpy, 35. predator's, 36. complacent, 37. hexagons, 38. terrify