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Session 1: Word List

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

cursive

adj. written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy

synonym: flowing, joined-up, script

(1) **cursive** letter, (2) **cursive** script

The teacher encouraged the students to improve their **cursive** handwriting skills.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

cubbyhole

n. a small, enclosed space or compartment, often used for storage or as a hiding place

synonym : nook, compartment, pigeonhole

(1) mail **cubbyhole**, (2) shoe **cubbyhole**

I found the missing document hidden in a forgotten **cubbyhole** on my desk.

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**.

monologue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym : soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

terrifying *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

onstage *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience

in awe.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

inky

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

synonym : dark, ink-stained

(1) **inky** fingerprints, (2) **inky** pen

The **inky** shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

typecast

v. to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability

(1) **typecast** as a villain, (2) **typecast** for the role of a gangster

She didn't want to be **typecast** as a stupid blonde.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

clomp

v. to walk heavily or clumsily, often with a loud noise; to stomp or tramp loudly

synonym: stomp, trudge, clump

(1) **clomp** through the mud, (2) **clomp** in heavy boots

The horse's hooves **clomped** loudly on the pavement as it descended the street.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

synonym: easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

synonym: sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

knead

v. to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device

synonym: massage, rub, manipulate

(1) **knead** clay, (2) **knead** muscles

I need to **knead** the dough before I can bake the bread.

foyer

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

synonym: lobby, entrance hall, vestibule

(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**

The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

stash

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

synonym: hoard, stockpile, reserve

(1) **stash** gems in a safe, (2) **stash** your phone

He **stashed** away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym: precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

chasm

n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

synonym : gap, ravine, crevasse

(1) a deep and wide **chasm**, (2) **chasm** of death

The **chasm** of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.

aurora

n. a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic

(1) **aurora** watching, (2) polar **aurora**

Northern and southern hemispheres alike experience the **aurora**.

boreal

adj. relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga

synonym : arctic, northern, tundra

(1) **boreal** conifer, (2) **boreal** ecosystem

The **boreal** forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational

models of the **cosmos**.

obelisk

n. a tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument that typically ends in a pyramid-like shape at the top; ancient Egyptian architecture and often used today as a monument or commemoration

synonym: monolith, pillar, column

(1) **obelisk** monument, (2) granite **obelisk**

The **obelisk** in the center of the square was an impressive monument.

mountainside

n. the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity

synonym: slope, hillside, incline

(1) climb a **mountainside**, (2) enjoy the view from the **mountainside**

The hiker slipped and fell down the **mountainside**, injuring herself.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

synonym: realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision
I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

plexiglas

n. a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums

synonym: acrylic, lucite, perspex

(1) **plexiglas** partition, (2) **plexiglas** window

The **plexiglass** shield protected the workers from flying

debris.

deify

v. to worship or regard someone or something as divine or almost perfect; to idealize or elevate someone or something to a godlike status

synonym: worship, idolize, revere

(1) **deify** a hero, (2) **deify** a political figure

Some cultures **deify** their rulers, considering them godlike and infallible.

puddle

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

synonym: pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

veer

v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

synonym: swerve, diverge, shift

(1) **veer** toward danger, (2) **veer** to the left

The car **veered** off the road and crashed into a tree.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

Session 2: Spelling

1. medium da____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
2. pu___e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
3. cl__p in heavy boots *v.* to walk heavily or clumsily, often with a loud noise; to stomp or tramp loudly
4. Peruvian ar____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
5. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
6. pre_____us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
7. walk-in wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
8. 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
9. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
10. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 1. darling, 2. puddle, 3. clomp, 4. artifact, 5. terrifying, 6. precarious, 7. wardrobe, 8. rev, 9. tweak, 10. slam

11. minimalist wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
12. ma____n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
13. ty____st as a villain *v.* to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability
14. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
15. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
16. authoritarian vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
17. eff____ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
18. cl__p through the mud *v.* to walk heavily or clumsily, often with a loud noise; to stomp or tramp loudly
19. mail cu____le *n.* a small, enclosed space or compartment, often used for storage or as a hiding place
20. twisty ca____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 11. wardrobe, 12. madden, 13. typecast, 14. slam, 15. onstage, 16. villain, 17. effortless, 18. clomp, 19. cubbyhole, 20. canyon

21. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
22. shoe cu_____le *n.* a small, enclosed space or compartment, often used for storage or as a hiding place
23. ac_____ze the company's vision *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
24. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
25. cu_____e letter *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
26. deliver a mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
27. climb a mou_____ide *n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity
28. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
29. de__y a political figure *v.* to worship or regard someone or something as divine or almost perfect; to idealize or elevate someone or something to a godlike status

ANSWERS: 21. wreck, 22. cubbyhole, 23. actualize, 24. rev, 25. cursive, 26. monologue, 27. mountainside, 28. hallway, 29. deify

30. m__d allergy
31. ma___n with rage
32. a worthless wr__k
33. bo___l conifer
34. hotel fo__r
35. paleolithic ar_____cts
36. have a da_____g baby
37. enjoy the view from the
mou_____ide
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
- v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
- n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
- adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
- n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
- n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity

ANSWERS: 30. mold, 31. madden, 32. wreck, 33. boreal, 34. foyer, 35. artifact, 36. darling, 37. mountainside

38. ac_____ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
39. origin of the co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
40. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
41. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
42. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
43. step in a pu____e *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
44. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
45. ty____st for the role of a gangster *v.* to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability
46. kn__d clay *v.* to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device

ANSWERS: 38. actualize, 39. cosmos, 40. chalk, 41. carve, 42. mold, 43. puddle, 44. canyon, 45. typecast, 46. knead

47. tw__k his cheek
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
48. a deep and wide ch__m
n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
49. pre_____us financial situation
adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
50. eff_____ss beauty
adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
51. ter_____ng events
adj. very frightening or intimidating
52. au___a watching
n. a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
53. grand fo__r
n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
54. st__h your phone
v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
55. opp_____ve governments
adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
56. de__y a hero
v. to worship or regard someone or something as divine or almost perfect; to idealize or elevate someone or something to a godlike status

ANSWERS: 47. tweak, 48. chasm, 49. precarious, 50. effortless, 51. terrifying, 52. aurora, 53. foyer, 54. stash, 55. oppressive, 56. deify

57. pl_____as partition *n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
58. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
59. kn__d muscles *v.* to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device
60. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
61. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
62. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
63. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
64. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
65. st__h gems in a safe *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
66. v__r to the left *v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
67. ch__m of death *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

ANSWERS: 57. plexiglas, 58. disrespect, 59. knead, 60. onstage, 61. congratulation, 62. doe, 63. hallway, 64. villain, 65. stash, 66. veer, 67. chasm

68. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
69. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
70. granite ob_____k *n.* a tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument that typically ends in a pyramid-like shape at the top; ancient Egyptian architecture and often used today as a monument or commemoration
71. i__y pen *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
72. ob_____k monument *n.* a tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument that typically ends in a pyramid-like shape at the top; ancient Egyptian architecture and often used today as a monument or commemoration
73. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
74. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
75. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
76. cu_____e script *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
77. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 68. glide, 69. disrespect, 70. obelisk, 71. inky, 72. obelisk, 73. oppressive, 74. swath, 75. doe, 76. cursive, 77. chalk

78. polar au___a *n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
79. exploration of co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
80. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
81. pl_____as window *n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
82. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
83. v__r toward danger *v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
84. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
85. bo___l ecosystem *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
86. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 78. aurora, 79. cosmos, 80. carve, 81. plexiglas, 82. congratulation, 83. veer, 84. glide, 85. boreal, 86. monologue

87. sl__k in the shadows *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
88. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
89. sl__k back home *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
90. i__y fingerprints *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

ANSWERS: 87. slink, 88. swath, 89. slink, 90. inky

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
2. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
3. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.
n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
4. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
5. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
6. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
7. The thief tried to _____ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.
v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

ANSWERS: 1. monologue, 2. carved, 3. cosmos, 4. villain, 5. swath, 6. doe, 7. slink

8. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
- n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
9. The _____ in the center of the square was an impressive monument.
- n.* a tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument that typically ends in a pyramid-like shape at the top; ancient Egyptian architecture and often used today as a monument or commemoration
10. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
11. The _____ of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.
- n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
12. The _____ shield protected the workers from flying debris.
- n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
13. 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
14. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
- n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
15. I found the missing document hidden in a forgotten _____ on my desk.
- n.* a small, enclosed space or compartment, often used for storage or as a hiding place

ANSWERS: 8. chalk, 9. obelisk, 10. slammed, 11. chasm, 12. plexiglass, 13. rev, 14. Canyon, 15. cubbyhole

16. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

17. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

18. He _____ away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

19. The political situation has become increasingly _____.

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

20. The teacher encouraged the students to improve their _____ handwriting skills.

adj. written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy

21. The car _____ off the road and crashed into a tree.

v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

22. The hiker slipped and fell down the _____ injuring herself.

n. the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity

23. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

ANSWERS: 16. disrespectful, 17. terrifying, 18. stashed, 19. oppressive, 20. cursive, 21. veered, 22. mountainside, 23. precarious

24. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

25. The rain had formed a large _____ on the sidewalk.

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

26. The eagle gracefully _____ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

27. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

28. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

29. My _____ child, I love you so much.

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

30. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

31. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

32. The elegant chandelier in the _____ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

ANSWERS: 24. hallway, 25. puddle, 26. glided, 27. actualize, 28. wardrobe, 29. darling, 30. onstage, 31. tweak, 32. foyer

33. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
34. Some cultures _____ their rulers, considering them godlike and infallible.
- v.* to worship or regard someone or something as divine or almost perfect; to idealize or elevate someone or something to a godlike status
35. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
- n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
36. The _____ forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.
- adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
37. Northern and southern hemispheres alike experience the _____.
- n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
38. I need to _____ the dough before I can bake the bread.
- v.* to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device
39. The horse's hooves _____ loudly on the pavement as it descended the street.
- v.* to walk heavily or clumsily, often with a loud noise; to stomp or tramp loudly
40. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 33. maddened, 34. deify, 35. wreck, 36. boreal, 37. aurora, 38. knead, 39. clomped, 40. congratulations

41. The ____ shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

42. The dancer made her performance look _____ and graceful.

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

43. Mushrooms and ____ are fungi.

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

44. She didn't want to be _____ as a stupid blonde.

v. to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability

45. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 41. inky, 42. effortless, 43. mold, 44. typecast, 45. artifacts