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Session 1: Word List

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

midsummer

n. the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light

synonym: solstice, longest day, high summer

(1) **midsummer** night, (2) **midsummer** festival

The **midsummer** heat made it difficult to work outside for too long.

psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s

counterculture movement.

frisky

adj. playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way

synonym : playful, sportful, lively

(1) **frisky** young couple, (2) **frisky** behavior

The **frisky** puppy ran around the yard, playing with its toys.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

rollicking

adj. lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly

synonym : lively, stirring, rollicking

(1) **rollicking** carnival, (2) **rollicking** comedy

The **rollicking** party went on late into the night, with music and laughter filling the whole house.

dissolution

n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

synonym : disintegration, decay, breakup

(1) **dissolution** of a company, (2) **dissolution** of the sugar

The **dissolution** of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

bard

n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

synonym: poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym: run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym: company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

jovial

adj. characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness

synonym : jolly, gleeful, merry

(1) **jovial** atmosphere, (2) **jovial** personality

The **jovial** host made sure all of his guests felt welcome.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

splendor

n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

synonym : brightness, magnificence, grandeur

(1) **splendor** of nature, (2) **splendor** of art

The **splendor** of the palace was breathtaking.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

trickster

n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

synonym : swindler, cheat, deceiver

(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**

The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who scammed people out of their money.

puck

n. a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology

synonym : disc, rubber

(1) hockey **puck**, (2) **puck** handling

The hockey player took a shot but missed the **puck** entirely.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym : delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym : rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym : horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

synonym : flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

bewitch

v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

synonym : charm, enchant, fascinate

(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog

Her beauty **bewitched** him.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym : grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

transfigure

v. to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent

synonym : transform, metamorphose, transmute

(1) **transfigure** the appearance, (2) **transfigure** a landscape

The magical spell was able to **transfigure** the prince into a frog.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

moonbeam

n. a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal

synonym : moonlight, ray, beam

(1) **moonbeam** reflection, (2) silver **moonbeam**

The dreamy light of the **moonbeam** lent the forest a magical quality.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

elf

n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, faerie

(1) mischievous **elf**, (2) helpful **elf**

I dressed up as an **elf** for the Christmas party.

overlook

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

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

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

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

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym : unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

- imp** *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child
(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**
The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.
- offend** *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
synonym: insult, hurt, anger
(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer
His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.
- mend** *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
synonym: fix, repair, rectify
(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways
He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.
- slumber** *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
synonym: sleep, doze, snooze
(1) fall into a **slumber**, (2) **slumber** in class
She couldn't resist the temptation to **slumber** on the couch after lunch.
- evoke** *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
synonym: arouse, raise, inspire
(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy
This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.
- dram** *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
synonym: drachm, whisky, scotch
(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**
He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fr___y behavior *adj.* playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way
2. tra_____re the appearance *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
3. el__e secretly *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
4. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
5. fall into a sl____r *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
6. enjoy a la____h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
7. el__e together *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
8. m__d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
9. have not one d__m of learning *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
10. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

ANSWERS: 1. frisky, 2. transfigure, 3. elope, 4. unbeknownst, 5. slumber, 6. lavish, 7. elope, 8. mend, 9. dram, 10. obsession

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| 11. je____sy feeling towards another person | <i>n.</i> | a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire |
| 12. hold the charm to be ____h | <i>v.</i> | to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way |
| 13. mo____am reflection | <i>n.</i> | a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal |
| 14. rol____ng comedy | <i>adj.</i> | lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly |
| 15. ov____ok a street | <i>v.</i> | to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 16. pl__k out weeds | <i>v.</i> | to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers |
| 17. a famous b__d | <i>n.</i> | a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song |
| 18. ev__e sympathy | <i>v.</i> | to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 19. di____t sleep | <i>v.</i> | to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 20. tr___e rehearsal | <i>n.</i> | a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production |

ANSWERS: 11. jealousy, 12. bewitch, 13. moonbeam, 14. rollicking, 15. overlook, 16. pluck, 17. bard, 18. evoke, 19. disrupt, 20. troupe

21. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
22. circus tr___e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
23. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
24. psy_____ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
25. hockey p__k *n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology
26. fl_____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
27. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
28. sl_____r in class *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap

ANSWERS: 21. sneak, 22. troupe, 23. disrupt, 24. psychedelic, 25. puck, 26. flicker, 27. sprinkler, 28. slumber

29. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
30. er_____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
31. helpful e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
32. silver mo_____am *n.* a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal
33. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
34. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
35. sp_____or of nature *n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
36. tra_____re a landscape *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
37. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
38. cunning tr_____er *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

ANSWERS: 29. imp, 30. erratic, 31. elf, 32. moonbeam, 33. nod, 34. offend, 35. splendor, 36. transfigure, 37. sprinkler, 38. trickster

39. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
40. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
41. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
42. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
43. political tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
44. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
45. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
46. mi_____er festival *n.* the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light
47. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 39. offend, 40. sneak, 41. glee, 42. obsession, 43. trickery, 44. furious, 45. nap, 46. midsummer, 47. nod

48. sp____or of art *n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
49. jo___l personality *adj.* characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness
50. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
51. mi_____er night *n.* the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light
52. fl_____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
53. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
54. re_____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
55. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
56. male do___y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

ANSWERS: 48. splendor, 49. jovial, 50. imp, 51. midsummer, 52. flicker, 53. evoke, 54. rehearse, 55. jealousy, 56. donkey

57. do___y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
58. psy_____ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
59. fr___y young couple *adj.* playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way
60. tr_____er character *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
61. scotch d__m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
62. cunning tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
63. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
64. jo___l atmosphere *adj.* characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness

ANSWERS: 57. donkey, 58. psychedelic, 59. frisky, 60. trickster, 61. dram, 62. trickery, 63. pluck, 64. jovial

65. la___h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
66. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
67. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
68. be____h him into a frog *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
69. unb____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
70. rol____ng carnival *adj.* lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly
71. dis____on of a company *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
72. medieval b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
73. mischievous e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
74. re____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

ANSWERS: 65. lavish, 66. furious, 67. overlook, 68. bewitch, 69. unbeknownst, 70. rollicking, 71. dissolution, 72. bard, 73. elf, 74. rehearse

75. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
76. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
77. dis_____on of the sugar *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
78. er____c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
79. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
80. p__k handling *n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology

ANSWERS: 75. glee, 76. nap, 77. dissolution, 78. erratic, 79. mend, 80. puck

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

2. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

3. The magical spell was able to _____ the prince into a frog.
v. to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent

4. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

5. The _____ host made sure all of his guests felt welcome.
adj. characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness

6. Her beauty _____ him.
v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

7. He _____ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.
v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

8. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 1. plucked, 2. sprinkler, 3. transfigure, 4. evoke, 5. jovial, 6. bewitched, 7. mended, 8. overlook

9. The young couple decided to _____ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.
- v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
10. The Beatles' _____ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
11. He poured himself a _____ of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.
- n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
12. The _____ party went on late into the night, with music and laughter filling the whole house.
- adj.* lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly
13. The mischievous _____ caused trouble wherever it went.
- n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
14. He has earned _____ praise for his achievement.
- adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
15. The con artist was known as a notorious _____ who scammed people out of their money.
- n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

ANSWERS: 9. elope, 10. psychedelic, 11. dram, 12. rollicking, 13. imp, 14. lavish, 15. trickster

16. The little boy rode the _____ at the county fair.
n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
17. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
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19. The _____ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.
n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
20. I dressed up as an _____ for the Christmas party.
n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
21. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
22. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
23. She couldn't resist the temptation to _____ on the couch after lunch.
n. a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
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n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 16. donkey, 17. furious, 18. puck, 19. bard's, 20. elf, 21. offended, 22. flickered, 23. slumber, 24. jealousy

25. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
26. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.
- n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
27. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
28. The actors needed to _____ their lines before the performance.
- v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
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- adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
30. She woke the kids up from their _____.
- n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
31. The dreamy light of the _____ lent the forest a magical quality.
- n.* a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal

ANSWERS: 25. disrupt, 26. glee, 27. sneak, 28. rehearse, 29. erratic, 30. nap, 31. moonbeam

32. The _____ puppy ran around the yard, playing with its toys.
adj. playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way
33. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
34. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.
n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
35. The _____ heat made it difficult to work outside for too long.
n. the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light
36. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.
n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
37. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.
adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
38. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.
n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
39. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

ANSWERS: 32. frisky, 33. nodded, 34. splendor, 35. midsummer, 36. troupe, 37. Unbeknownst, 38. trickery, 39. obsession

40. The _____ of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

- n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

ANSWERS: 40. dissolution