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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sanction

- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

- (1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

### wheelbarrow

- n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

*synonym* : cart, handcart, trolley

- (1) empty the **wheelbarrow**, (2) **wheelbarrow** tire

I loaded up the **wheelbarrow** with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.

### unfold

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was

previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## banter

*n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way

*synonym* : teasing, raillery, chitchat

(1) **banter** back and forth, (2) playful **banter**

The **banter** between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.

## anecdotal

*adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

*synonym* : hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## reimburse

*v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent

*synonym*: compensate, repay, refund

(1) **reimburse** expenses, (2) **reimburse** money

The insurance company will **reimburse** the cost of the damage caused by the storm.

## sketchy

*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

*synonym*: suspicious, dubious, questionable

(1) **sketchy** sources, (2) **sketchy** behavior

The neighborhood had a **sketchy** reputation due to its high crime rate.

## denomination

*n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

*synonym*: sect, faith, creed

(1) a religious **denomination**, (2) notes of small **denomination**

He flashed a fistful of large **denomination** bills.

## bankrupt

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

*synonym*: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

## boardwalk

*n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic

*synonym*: promenade, walkway, pier

(1) **boardwalk** trail, (2) oceanfront **boardwalk**

Walking along the seaside **boardwalk**, I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.

## 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.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## kaleidoscope

*n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events

(1) **kaleidoscope** of cultures, (2) **kaleidoscope** pattern

The **kaleidoscope** of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.

## societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym*: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

## checkbook

*n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail

*synonym*: check register, bank ledger, account book

(1) update your **checkbook**, (2) keep a **checkbook**

I need to balance my **checkbook** to ensure I spend my money wisely.

## equate

*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym*: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

## 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.

## zap

*v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

*synonym*: destroy, kill, exterminate

(1) **zap** a huge target, (2) **zap** bar code

They provided allies with powerful weapons that could **zap** the enemy from thousands of miles away.

## biometric

*adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

(1) **biometric** recognition, (2) **biometrics** for visitors

The new smartphone has **biometric** authentication, such as facial recognition and fingerprint scanning.

## uneducated

*adj.* lacking knowledge or education

*synonym*: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

## limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym*: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

## firsthand

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

*synonym*: direct

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

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

## untold

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

*synonym*: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

## delinquent

*n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

*synonym*: offender, lawbreaker, criminal

(1) a juvenile **delinquent**, (2) **delinquent** payments

The high rate of **delinquents** in the community has led to increased crime.

**dun** *adj.* having a dull brownish-gray color, often used to describe the color of certain animals, such as a dun horse; (verb) to repeatedly and insistently demand payment of a debt or money owed  
*synonym* : dark, gloomy, somber  
(1) **dun** horse, (2) **dun** him for the unpaid bills  
The spider was camouflaged on the **dun-colored** rock, waiting for its next prey.

**domino** *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events  
*synonym* : tile, block, ivory  
(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect  
We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

**insolvent** *adj.* unable to pay one's debts or obligations, often leading to bankruptcy or financial ruin; lacking adequate resources or assets to cover liabilities and expenses  
*synonym* : bankrupt, broke, penniless  
(1) **insolvent** business, (2) **insolvent** debtor  
The company filed for bankruptcy and was declared **insolvent**.

**simplistic** *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms  
*synonym* : basic, uncomplicated, elementary  
(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design  
The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

**mentorship** *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person  
*synonym* :

guidance, coaching, tutorship

(1) **mentorship** program, (2) under his **mentorship**

He was grateful for the **mentorship** opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

## chore

*n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

*synonym*: task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

## stipend

*n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

*synonym*: allowance, grant, scholarship

(1) full-time **stipend**, (2) **stipend** amount

As a graduate student, I receive a monthly **stipend** to cover my living expenses.

## cashless

*adj.* operating without the use of physical currency or cash, often relying instead on electronic forms of payment and exchange, such as credit cards or digital wallets

*synonym*: electronic, digital, virtual

(1) **cashless** payment, (2) **cashless** transactions

Many countries are moving towards a **cashless** society, where all transactions are made electronically.

## toiletry

*n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

*synonym*: grooming kit, hygiene products

(1) travel **toiletry**, (2) **toiletry** bag

Remember to pack your **toiletry** goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.

## resent

*v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards



someone or something

*synonym* : dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

## exude

*v.* to emit or release a liquid, smell, or expression gradually and slowly; to display an emotion, quality, or characteristic in a spontaneous and natural way

*synonym* : emit, ooze, radiate

(1) **exude** confidence, (2) **exude** charm

The flowers **exude** a sweet fragrance.

## proWess

*n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

*synonym* : expertise, skill, ability

(1) economic **proWess**, (2) intellectual **proWess**

The athlete's **proWess** in her sport earned her many accolades.

## unmistakable

*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

*synonym* : apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3. ca\_\_\_\_\_ss transactions *adj.* operating without the use of physical currency or cash, often relying instead on electronic forms of payment and exchange, such as credit cards or digital wallets
4. intellectual pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
5. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
6. une\_\_\_\_\_ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
7. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
8. in\_\_\_\_\_nt debtor *adj.* unable to pay one's debts or obligations, often leading to bankruptcy or financial ruin; lacking adequate resources or assets to cover liabilities and expenses
9. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. creditor, 3. cashless, 4. prowess, 5. inherit, 6. uneducated, 7. firsthand, 8. insolvent, 9. opportune

10. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
11. sk\_\_\_\_y behavior      *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
12. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
13. re\_\_\_t their success      *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
14. bi\_\_\_\_\_ics for visitors      *adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals
15. an\_\_y everyone else      *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
16. notes of small den\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
17. do\_\_\_o chain      *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 10. equate, 11. sketchy, 12. equate, 13. resent, 14. biometric, 15. annoy, 16. denomination, 17. domino

18. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
19. travel to\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
20. co\_\_\_\_\_e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
21. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. z\_p bar code *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
23. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
24. d\_n him for the unpaid bills *adj.* having a dull brownish-gray color, often used to describe the color of certain animals, such as a dun horse; (verb) to repeatedly and insistently demand payment of a debt or money owed
25. an\_\_y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
26. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 18. simplistic, 19. toiletry, 20. confine, 21. industrious, 22. zap, 23. grandchild, 24. dun, 25. annoy, 26. sanction

27. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
28. oceanfront bo\_\_\_\_\_lk *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
29. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
30. empty the whe\_\_\_\_\_ow *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
31. an\_\_\_\_\_al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
32. kal\_\_\_\_\_ope of cultures *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
33. ba\_\_\_\_\_pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
34. a juvenile del\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

ANSWERS: 27. firsthand, 28. boardwalk, 29. inherit, 30. wheelbarrow, 31. anecdotal, 32. kaleidoscope, 33. bankrupt, 34. delinquent

35. for a li\_\_\_\_\_ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
36. under his men\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
37. keep a ch\_\_\_\_\_ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
38. ba\_\_\_\_r back and forth *n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
39. li\_\_\_\_\_ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
40. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
41. d\_n horse *adj.* having a dull brownish-gray color, often used to describe the color of certain animals, such as a dun horse; (verb) to repeatedly and insistently demand payment of a debt or money owed
42. update your ch\_\_\_\_\_ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail

ANSWERS: 35. limitless, 36. mentorship, 37. checkbook, 38. banter, 39. limitless, 40. app, 41. dun, 42. checkbook

43. full-time st\_\_\_\_d *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
44. playful ba\_\_\_\_r *n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
45. del\_\_\_\_nt payments *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
46. so\_\_\_\_al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
47. re\_\_\_\_se money *v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
48. pre\_\_\_\_us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
49. pre\_\_\_\_us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
50. so\_\_\_\_al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
51. co\_\_\_\_e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 43. stipend, 44. banter, 45. delinquent, 46. societal, 47. reimburse, 48. precarious, 49. precarious, 50. societal, 51. confine



52. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
53. a religious den\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
54. household ch\_\_es *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
55. un\_\_\_d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
56. un\_\_\_d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
57. financially ba\_\_\_\_\_pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
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59. sk\_\_\_\_\_y sources *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
60. st\_\_\_\_\_d amount *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

ANSWERS: 52. creditor, 53. denomination, 54. chore, 55. unfold, 56. untold, 57. bankrupt, 58. domino, 59. sketchy, 60. stipend

61. unm\_\_\_\_\_ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
62. in\_\_\_\_\_nt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts or obligations, often leading to bankruptcy or financial ruin; lacking adequate resources or assets to cover liabilities and expenses
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67. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
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ANSWERS: 61. unmistakable, 62. insolvent, 63. simplistic, 64. prowess, 65. reimburse, 66. exude, 67. grandchild, 68. cashless, 69. biometric

70. find unm\_\_\_\_\_ble evidence      *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
71. kal\_\_\_\_\_ope pattern      *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
72. re\_\_\_t being called a fool      *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
73. ex\_\_\_e charm      *v.* to emit or release a liquid, smell, or expression gradually and slowly; to display an emotion, quality, or characteristic in a spontaneous and natural way
74. an\_\_\_\_\_al evidence      *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
75. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
76. ch\_\_\_e list      *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
77. z\_p a huge target      *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

ANSWERS: 70. unmistakable, 71. kaleidoscope, 72. resent, 73. exude, 74. anecdotal, 75. industrious, 76. chore, 77. zap

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79. bo\_\_\_\_\_lk trail      *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
80. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
81. whe\_\_\_\_\_ow tire      *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
82. an un\_\_\_d number of people      *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
83. une\_\_\_\_\_ed society      *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
84. un\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
85. cannot log in to the a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 78. mentorship, 79. boardwalk, 80. sanction, 81. wheelbarrow, 82. untold, 83. uneducated, 84. unfold, 85. app

86. to\_\_\_\_ry bag

*n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

ANSWERS: 86. toiletry

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The neighborhood had a \_\_\_\_\_ reputation due to its high crime rate.  
*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
2. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
3. Remember to pack your \_\_\_\_\_ goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.  
*n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
4. The politician's solution to the problem was too \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the underlying issue.  
*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
5. I need to balance my \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure I spend my money wisely.  
*n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
6. As a graduate student, I receive a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my living expenses.  
*n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
7. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ in her sport earned her many accolades.  
*n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

ANSWERS: 1. sketchy, 2. inherited, 3. toiletry, 4. simplistic, 5. checkbook, 6. stipend, 7. prowess

8. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
9. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
10. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.  
*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
11. The insurance company will \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of the damage caused by the storm.  
*v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
12. His talent for singing is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
13. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.  
*v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.  
*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
15. The spider was camouflaged on the \_\_\_\_\_ rock, waiting for its next prey.  
*adj.* having a dull brownish-gray color, often used to describe the color of certain animals, such as a dun horse; (verb) to repeatedly and insistently demand payment of a debt or money owed

ANSWERS: 8. industrious, 9. creditor, 10. app's, 11. reimburse, 12. unmistakable, 13. resent, 14. untold, 15. dun-colored



16. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

17. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

18. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.

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

19. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

20. The flowers \_\_\_\_\_ a sweet fragrance.

*v.* to emit or release a liquid, smell, or expression gradually and slowly; to display an emotion, quality, or characteristic in a spontaneous and natural way

21. Many countries are moving towards a \_\_\_\_\_ society, where all transactions are made electronically.

*adj.* operating without the use of physical currency or cash, often relying instead on electronic forms of payment and exchange, such as credit cards or digital wallets

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

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

23. He flashed a fistful of large \_\_\_\_\_ bills.

*n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

ANSWERS: 16. societal, 17. opportune, 18. annoy, 19. confined, 20. exude, 21. cashless, 22. firsthand, 23. denomination

24. My friend shared an \_\_\_\_\_ story about her experience in customer service.

*adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

25. I loaded up the \_\_\_\_\_ with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.

*n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

26. The government imposed economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

27. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.

*n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way

29. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

30. The company filed for bankruptcy and was declared \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts or obligations, often leading to bankruptcy or financial ruin; lacking adequate resources or assets to cover liabilities and expenses

ANSWERS: 24. anecdotal, 25. wheelbarrow, 26. sanctions, 27. unfolded, 28. banter, 29. limitless, 30. insolvent

31. Walking along the seaside \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.

*n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic

32. The new smartphone has \_\_\_\_\_ authentication, such as facial recognition and fingerprint scanning.

*adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

33. Unfortunately, the company went \_\_\_\_\_ and had to close its doors permanently.

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

34. They provided allies with powerful weapons that could \_\_\_\_ the enemy from thousands of miles away.

*v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

35. 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

36. The lack of access to education has left many people \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* lacking knowledge or education

ANSWERS: 31. boardwalk, 32. biometric, 33. bankrupt, 34. zap, 35. precarious, 36. uneducated

37. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
38. Cleaning the house is a \_\_\_\_\_ that only some enjoy.  
*n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
39. He was grateful for the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity given to him by his supervisor.  
*n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
40. It isn't very reasonable to \_\_\_\_\_ money with happiness.  
*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.  
*n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
42. We knocked over a stack of \_\_\_\_\_ and watched them fall one by one.  
*n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
43. The high rate of \_\_\_\_\_ in the community has led to increased crime.  
*n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

ANSWERS: 37. grandchild, 38. chore, 39. mentorship, 40. equate, 41. kaleidoscope, 42. dominoes, 43. delinquents