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## Session 1: Word List

### obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

### fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

### terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

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

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

### unrelenting

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

*synonym*: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

## mason

*n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete

*synonym*: bricklayer, stonemason, masonry worker

(1) **mason** jar, (2) the craft of a **mason**

The accomplished **mason** expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.

## midair

*n.* some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

## blur

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

*synonym*: smudge, smear, fuzz

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

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

## Newtonian

*adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

*synonym*: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

## squirm

*v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

*synonym*: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

## kangaroo

*n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the

mother's belly

*synonym*: bouncy, marsupial, joey

(1) giant **kangaroo**, (2) red **kangaroo**

The female **kangaroo** carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.

**fable**

*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

*synonym*: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

**peel**

*v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

*synonym*: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

**seize**

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

**compulsion**

*n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit

*synonym*: urge, obsession, drive

(1) **compulsion** to clean, (2) resistance to **compulsion**

She felt the **compulsion** to check her phone for messages every few minutes.

**primordial**

*adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

*synonym*: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

## **mimic**

*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

*synonym*: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

## **infest**

*v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

*synonym*: invade, overrun

(1) **infest** a building, (2) **infest** a garden

The old storage shed was **infested** with rats and had to be torn down.

## **loft**

*n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space

*synonym*: attic, garret, upper chamber

(1) **loft** apartment, (2) warehouse **loft**

The artist's **loft** was filled with natural light and creative energy.

## **hurl**

*v.* to throw something with great force

*synonym*: throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

## **humming**

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## redefine

*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym* : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

## plywood

*n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

*synonym* : panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

## flinch

*v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

*synonym* : shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

## wham

*n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film

*synonym* : bang, crash, slam

(1) **wham** sound effect, (2) **wham** noise

The car hit the curb with a loud **wham**, causing some damage to the tire.

## hawk

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

*synonym* : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

## wright

*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

*synonym*: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

## broth

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

*synonym*: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

## acquaint

*v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

*synonym*: familiarize, inform, enlighten

(1) **acquaint** himself with a subject, (2) **acquaint** me with business

I recently **acquainted** myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

*synonym*: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## habitual

*adj.* commonly used or repeated

*synonym*: chronic, frequent, accustomed

(1) **habitual** absence, (2) **habitual** overeating

**Habitual** smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## turbulence

*n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

*synonym*: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

## piccolo

*n.* a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands

*synonym*: flute, fife, whistle

(1) **piccolo** solo, (2) **piccolo** flute

The orchestra's **piccolo** player had a solo during the concert.

## spaceship

*n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

*synonym*: starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

## zenith

*n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something

*synonym*: pinnacle, peak, summit

(1) **zenith** of success, (2) **zenith** of popularity

Reaching the **zenith** of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.

## speck

*n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount

*synonym*: blot, dot, mark

(1) a **speck** of dust, (2) **speck** of suspicion

The plane was just a **speck** in the sky.

## 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.

## mustard

*n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

*synonym*: condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

## petri

*n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

## timid

*adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

*synonym*: shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

## outcast

*adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

*synonym*: fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.



## obsessive

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym* : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## relish

*v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

*synonym* : enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite

He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym* : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym* : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ha\_\_\_\_al absence *adj.* commonly used or repeated
2. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
4. h\_\_l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
5. ac\_\_\_\_nt me with business *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
6. fa\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
7. sq\_\_\_\_m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
8. in\_\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
9. a few years af\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
10. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
11. ma\_\_n jar *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
12. pri\_\_\_\_al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

ANSWERS: 1. habitual, 2. confuse, 3. humming, 4. hurl, 5. acquaint, 6. fascinate, 7. squirm, 8. incite, 9. afterward, 10. terrify, 11. mason, 12. primordial

13. a sp\_\_k of dust *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
14. thrown out into mi\_\_\_r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
15. bacteria on pe\_\_i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
16. red ka\_\_\_\_\_oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
17. a sp\_\_\_\_\_ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
18. fl\_\_\_h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
19. com\_\_\_\_\_on to clean *n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
20. se\_\_e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
21. p\_\_l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
22. social ou\_\_\_\_\_t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

ANSWERS: 13. speck, 14. midair, 15. petri, 16. kangaroo, 17. spaceship, 18. flinch, 19. compulsion, 20. seize, 21. peel, 22. outcast

23. black mu\_\_\_\_d seed *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
24. s\_\_m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
25. resistance to com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
26. in\_\_\_e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
27. w\_\_m sound effect *n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film
28. sq\_\_\_m uncomfortably *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
29. flexible pl\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
30. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
31. ac\_\_\_\_\_nt himself with a subject *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

ANSWERS: 23. mustard, 24. slam, 25. compulsion, 26. incite, 27. wham, 28. squirm, 29. plywood, 30. fascinate, 31. acquaint

32. moralize a fa\_\_e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
33. re\_\_\_h every bite *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
34. se\_\_e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
35. bl\_\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
36. p\_\_l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
37. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pressure *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
38. pri\_\_\_\_\_al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
39. in\_\_\_t a garden *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
40. Ne\_\_\_\_\_an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
41. financial tur\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

ANSWERS: 32. fable, 33. relish, 34. seize, 35. blossom, 36. peel, 37. unrelenting, 38. primordial, 39. infest, 40. Newtonian, 41. turbulence

42. ha\_\_\_\_al overeating *adj.* commonly used or repeated
43. a mi\_\_\_\_r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
44. mu\_\_\_\_d leaf *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
45. l\_\_t apartment *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
46. the craft of a ma\_\_n *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
47. motion b\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
48. re\_\_\_\_ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
49. ti\_\_d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
50. ob\_\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
51. re\_\_\_\_ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 42. habitual, 43. midair, 44. mustard, 45. loft, 46. mason, 47. blur, 48. redefine, 49. timid, 50. obsess, 51. redefine

52. pe\_\_i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
53. classic fa\_\_e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
54. remains of br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
55. emotional tur\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
56. w\_\_m noise *n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film
57. congressional h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
58. s\_\_m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
59. fl\_\_\_h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
60. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
61. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 52. petri, 53. fable, 54. broth, 55. turbulence, 56. wham, 57. hawk, 58. slam, 59. flinch, 60. obsess, 61. humming

62. aircraft wr\_\_\_t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
63. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
64. cast off a h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
65. mi\_\_c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
66. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
67. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
68. ze\_\_\_h of popularity *n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
69. ti\_\_d tone *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
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71. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 62. wright, 63. afterward, 64. hawk, 65. mimic, 66. obsessive, 67. terrify, 68. zenith, 69. timid, 70. zenith, 71. blossom



72. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve thoughts      *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
73. mi\_\_c a human voice      *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
74. b\_\_r image      *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
75. warehouse l\_\_t      *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
76. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pursuit      *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
77. chicken br\_\_h      *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
78. giant ka\_\_\_\_\_oo      *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
79. pi\_\_\_\_\_o flute      *n.* a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands

ANSWERS: 72. obsessive, 73. mimic, 74. blur, 75. loft, 76. unrelenting, 77. broth, 78. kangaroo, 79. piccolo

80. pi\_\_\_\_o solo *n.* a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands
81. h\_\_l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
82. pl\_\_\_\_d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
83. a car-wr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
84. discrimination against ou\_\_\_\_t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
85. in\_\_\_\_t a building *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
86. Ne\_\_\_\_an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
87. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
88. alien sp\_\_\_\_ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
89. sp\_\_k of suspicion *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
90. re\_\_\_\_h my food *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

ANSWERS: 80. piccolo, 81. hurl, 82. plywood, 83. wright, 84. outcast, 85. infest, 86. Newtonian, 87. confuse, 88. spaceship, 89. speck, 90. relish

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. She flawlessly performed a \_\_\_\_\_ somersault.  
*n.* some point in the air; above ground level
  
3. Her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
  
4. He was an \_\_\_\_\_ from the neighboring village.  
*adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
  
5. He had to endure the \_\_\_\_\_ gas attack during the war.  
*n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
  
6. The plane was just a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.  
*n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
  
7. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
  
8. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when the door slammed shut.  
*v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

ANSWERS: 1. slammed, 2. midair, 3. obsessive, 4. outcast, 5. mustard, 6. speck, 7. obsessed, 8. flinch

9. He is very popular at school because he can \_\_\_\_\_ all the teachers' accents.
- v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
10. The orchestra's \_\_\_\_\_ player had a solo during the concert.
- n. a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands
11. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
12. Reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.
- n. the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
13. The accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.
- n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
14. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.
- n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
15. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.
- v. to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

ANSWERS: 9. mimic, 10. piccolo, 11. blossom, 12. zenith, 13. mason, 14. blur, 15. acquainted

16. She angrily \_\_\_\_\_ the book across the room.

*v.* to throw something with great force

17. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

18. The storm had \_\_\_\_\_ all paint off the siding.

*v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

19. Glass \_\_\_\_\_ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

*n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

20. They launched a crewless \_\_\_\_\_ into space.

*n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

21. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-\_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

22. The car hit the curb with a loud \_\_\_\_\_ causing some damage to the tire.

*n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film

23. The discovery of the \_\_\_\_\_ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

*adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

ANSWERS: 16. hurled, 17. fable, 18. peeled, 19. petri, 20. spaceship, 21. hawk, 22. wham, 23. primordial

24. The motion of planets can be described using \_\_\_\_\_ mechanics.  
*adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
25. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
26. The female \_\_\_\_\_ carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.  
*n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
27. The child \_\_\_\_\_ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.  
*v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat made it difficult to sleep.  
*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
29. She was a skilled \_\_\_\_\_ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.  
*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
30. The old storage shed was \_\_\_\_\_ with rats and had to be torn down.  
*v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
31. The video telephony application has \_\_\_\_\_ the way we work.  
*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 24. Newtonian, 25. terrify, 26. kangaroo, 27. squirmed, 28. unrelenting, 29. wright, 30. infested, 31. redefined

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

*adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

33. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of \_\_\_\_\_ to make furniture and fixtures.

*n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

34. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

35. She felt the \_\_\_\_\_ to check her phone for messages every few minutes.

*n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit

36. The artist's \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with natural light and creative energy.

*n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space

37. I always add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ to my soup to give it more flavor.

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

38. He \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

*v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

39. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 32. timid, 33. plywood, 34. confused, 35. compulsion, 36. loft, 37. broth, 38. relished, 39. afterward



40. \_\_\_\_\_ smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

*adj.* commonly used or repeated

41. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

42. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

44. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

45. The politician's speech seemed designed to \_\_\_\_\_ anger and unrest among the crowd.

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

ANSWERS: 40. Habitual, 41. seize, 42. fascinated, 43. humming, 44. turbulence, 45. incite