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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### proclaim

*v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully  
*synonym*: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

### nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

### guinea

*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

*synonym*: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

### electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## estranged

*adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection

*synonym* : alienated, distant, estrous

(1) **estranged** relationship, (2) become **estranged**

After years of not speaking to each other, the **estranged** family members finally reunited.

## stump

*v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

*synonym* : mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

## insignificant

*adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

*synonym* : unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

## embarrass

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

*synonym* : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

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

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

## rekindle

*v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

*synonym* : revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

## estrangement

*n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends

*synonym*: alienation, separation, detachment

(1) **estrangement** from family, (2) emotional **estrangement**

The **estrangement** between the two friends lasted for years.

## brainstorming

*n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## montage

*n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

*synonym*: collage, mosaic, compilation

(1) **montage** sequence, (2) photographic **montage**

The film used a **montage** of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

## chop

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym*: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

## supercomputer

*n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

*synonym*: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

## domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym*: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## windmill

*n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

*synonym*: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

## battalion

*n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

*synonym*: unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

## Zeus

*n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

*synonym*: king of gods, god of thunder, ruler of olympus

(1) **Zeus** statue, (2) greek mythology **Zeus**

The temple of **Zeus** at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

## woo

*v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

*synonym*: court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

## scree

*n.* a mass of small, loose fragments of rock that may have accumulated at the base of a cliff or mountain slope, often forming a talus or scree slope

*synonym*: boulder, pebble, rock

(1) **scree** pile, (2) gravelly **scree**

The hiker lost his footing on the **scree** slope and fell down the mountainside.

## ordeal

*n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

*synonym*: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

## bloated

*adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

*synonym*: swollen, inflated, puffed-up

(1) **bloated** budget, (2) **bloated** feeling

Her stomach was visibly **bloated** after eating a large meal.

## vomit

*v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

*synonym*: puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

## skyrocket

*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;  
*synonym*: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

## smoothie

*n.* a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished

*synonym*: shake, smoothie, blended drink

(1) **smoothie** recipe, (2) fruit **smoothie**

She blended strawberries, yogurt, and ice to make a delicious **smoothie** for breakfast.

## substation

*n.* a facility where high-voltage electric power is transformed to a lower voltage, allowing the energy to be distributed through power lines to homes and businesses

*synonym*: power plant, electrical grid

(1) distribution **substation**, (2) power **substation**

A malfunction at the **substation** caused the power outage.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## disengage

*v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

*synonym*: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

## complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym*: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

## geopolitical

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

## crux

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym*: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## bleak

*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

*synonym*: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

## habituate

*v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice

*synonym*: accustom, familiarize, adapt

(1) **habituate** to coffee, (2) **habituate** to exercise

It takes time to **habituate** to a new work schedule, but eventually, it becomes routine.

## dissipated

*adj.* dispersed or scattered in different directions; wasted or squandered on excessive or extravagant pleasures such as drinking, partying, or gambling; characterized by a lack of focus or discipline

*synonym* : debauched, dissolute, decadent

(1) **dissipated** lifestyle, (2) **dissipated** energy

His **dissipated** behavior at the party concerned his friends, who wondered if he had a substance abuse problem.

## peek

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

*synonym* : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

## reconnect

*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym* : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

## binge

*n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

*synonym* : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

## goggle

*v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

*synonym* : gaze, gawk, gape



(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**  
The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

### **excite**

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  
*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

### **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.

### **drastic**

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact  
*synonym*: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision  
The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

### **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ne\_\_\_n cell body  
*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
2. go\_\_\_e his eyes  
*v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
3. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy  
*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
4. armored ba\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
5. sc\_\_e pile  
*n.* a mass of small, loose fragments of rock that may have accumulated at the base of a cliff or mountain slope, often forming a talus or scree slope
6. c\_\_p wood  
*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
7. ex\_\_\_e rebellion  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
8. gu\_\_\_a pig  
*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

ANSWERS: 1. neuron, 2. goggle, 3. embarrass, 4. battalion, 5. scree, 6. chop, 7. excite, 8. guinea

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| 9. prospects were bl__k            | <i>adj.</i> unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope   |
| 10. so____al expectations          | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships  |
| 11. ob____s over her weight        | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else   |
| 12. in____ct for self-preservation | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true  |
| 13. pr____im law                   | <i>v.</i> to announce or state something publicly and forcefully   |
| 14. re____le hope                  | <i>v.</i> to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling  |
| 15. sm____ie recipe                | <i>n.</i> a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished |
| 16. p__k at others' misfortune     | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something   |
| 17. com______ion of structure      | <i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused  |
| 18. or____l by fire                | <i>n.</i> a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience   |
| 19. re____le love                  | <i>v.</i> to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling  |

ANSWERS: 9. bleak, 10. societal, 11. obsess, 12. instinct, 13. proclaim, 14. rekindle, 15. smoothie, 16. peek, 17. complication, 18. ordeal, 19. rekindle

20. dr\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
21. di\_\_\_\_\_ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
22. gravelly sc\_\_e *n.* a mass of small, loose fragments of rock that may have accumulated at the base of a cliff or mountain slope, often forming a talus or scree slope
23. es\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship *adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection
24. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
25. bl\_\_k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
26. infantry ba\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
27. sup\_\_\_\_\_ter technology *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
28. excite the ne\_\_\_ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 20. drastic, 21. disengage, 22. scree, 23. estranged, 24. nerd, 25. bleak, 26. battalion, 27. supercomputer, 28. neuron

29. alcohol bi\_\_e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
30. main c\_\_x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
31. sk\_\_\_\_\_et the cost *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
32. bra\_\_\_\_\_ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
33. fruit sm\_\_\_\_\_ie *n.* a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished
34. the c\_\_x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
35. bi\_\_e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
36. become es\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection

ANSWERS: 29. binge, 30. crux, 31. skyrocket, 32. brainstorming, 33. smoothie, 34. crux, 35. binge, 36. estranged

37. distribution sub\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a facility where high-voltage electric power is transformed to a lower voltage, allowing the energy to be distributed through power lines to homes and businesses
38. vo\_\_t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
39. do a bra\_\_\_\_\_ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
40. gu\_\_\_a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
41. re\_\_\_\_\_ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
42. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
43. ha\_\_\_\_\_te to exercise *v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice
44. an ins\_\_\_\_\_ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

ANSWERS: 37. substation, 38. vomit, 39. brainstorming, 40. guinea, 41. reconnect, 42. instinct, 43. habituate, 44. insignificant

45. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
46. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
47. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
48. we are st\_\_ped with the problem      *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
49. est\_\_\_\_\_ent from family      *n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends
50. greek mythology Z\_\_s      *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
51. sneak p\_\_k      *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
52. pr\_\_\_\_\_im victory      *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
53. ins\_\_\_\_\_ant amount      *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
54. Z\_\_s statue      *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

ANSWERS: 45. electrify, 46. embarrass, 47. electrify, 48. stump, 49. estrangement, 50. Zeus, 51. peek, 52. proclaim, 53. insignificant, 54. Zeus

55. emotional or\_\_\_l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
56. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed lifestyle *adj.* dispersed or scattered in different directions; wasted or squandered on excessive or extravagant pleasures such as drinking, partying, or gambling; characterized by a lack of focus or discipline
57. w\_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
58. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
59. emotional est\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends
60. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
61. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
62. power sub\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a facility where high-voltage electric power is transformed to a lower voltage, allowing the energy to be distributed through power lines to homes and businesses
63. bl\_\_\_\_\_d budget *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

ANSWERS: 55. ordeal, 56. dissipated, 57. woo, 58. nerd, 59. estrangement, 60. windmill, 61. excite, 62. substation, 63. bloated



64. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
65. price sk\_\_\_\_\_eted      *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
66. sup\_\_\_\_\_ter performance      *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
67. dom\_\_\_\_\_te the plant      *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
68. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family      *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
69. infrared go\_\_\_es      *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
70. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
71. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision      *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
72. reduce geo\_\_\_\_\_cal risk      *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
73. vo\_\_t abuse      *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

ANSWERS: 64. complication, 65. skyrocket, 66. supercomputer, 67. domesticate, 68. reconnect, 69. goggle, 70. obsess, 71. drastic, 72. geopolitical, 73. vomit

74. di\_\_\_\_\_ge socially      *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
75. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll energy      *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
76. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed energy      *adj.* dispersed or scattered in different directions; wasted or squandered on excessive or extravagant pleasures such as drinking, partying, or gambling; characterized by a lack of focus or discipline
77. photographic mo\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
78. the geo\_\_\_\_\_cal situations      *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
79. ha\_\_\_\_\_te to coffee      *v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice
80. the riddle st\_\_ped everybody      *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
81. mo\_\_\_\_\_e sequence      *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

ANSWERS: 74. disengage, 75. windmill, 76. dissipated, 77. montage, 78. geopolitical, 79. habituate, 80. stump, 81. montage

82. bl\_\_\_\_d feeling

*adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

83. so\_\_\_\_al norms

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

84. c\_\_p a meet with a knife

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

85. w\_o voters with promises

*v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

86. easy to dom\_\_\_\_te

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 82. bloated, 83. societal, 84. chop, 85. woo, 86. domesticate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A malfunction at the \_\_\_\_\_ caused the power outage.
  - n.* a facility where high-voltage electric power is transformed to a lower voltage, allowing the energy to be distributed through power lines to homes and businesses
  
2. The software company bought the VR \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturer.
  - v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
  
3. The country holds dominant \_\_\_\_\_ power over its neighbors.
  - adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
  
4. The countryside was dotted with picturesque \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
  
5. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
  
6. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically.
  - v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
  
7. Many companies employ \_\_\_\_\_ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
  - n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 1. substation, 2. goggles, 3. geopolitical, 4. windmills, 5. vomit, 6. skyrocketed, 7. brainstorming

8. China has developed one of the world's fastest \_\_\_\_\_ for its space program.
- n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
9. She blended strawberries, yogurt, and ice to make a delicious \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast.
- n.* a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished
10. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
11. He made me feel small and \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
12. After a long period of estrangement, they \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
13. The film used a \_\_\_\_\_ of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.
- n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
14. It takes time to \_\_\_\_\_ to a new work schedule, but eventually, it becomes routine.
- v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice

ANSWERS: 8. supercomputers, 9. smoothie, 10. electrify, 11. insignificant, 12. reconnected, 13. montage, 14. habituate

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

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

16. He tried to \_\_\_ her with his charm and wit.

*v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

17. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

18. She stayed up all night \_\_\_\_\_ her favorite TV show.

*n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

19. The cost of the antique vase is three \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

20. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.

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

21. He \_\_\_\_\_ from the conversation and walked away.

*v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

22. The hiker lost his footing on the \_\_\_\_\_ slope and fell down the mountainside.

*n.* a mass of small, loose fragments of rock that may have accumulated at the base of a cliff or mountain slope, often forming a talus or scree slope

ANSWERS: 15. societal, 16. woo, 17. nerd, 18. binge-watching, 19. guineas, 20. obsessed, 21. disengaged, 22. scree

23. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
24. The couple tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their relationship by spending more time together.
- v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
25. He is \_\_\_\_\_ with the question.
- v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
26. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.
- v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.
- n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
28. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior at the party concerned his friends, who wondered if he had a substance abuse problem.
- adj.* dispersed or scattered in different directions; wasted or squandered on excessive or extravagant pleasures such as drinking, partying, or gambling; characterized by a lack of focus or discipline
29. The temple of \_\_\_\_\_ at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

ANSWERS: 23. complications, 24. rekindle, 25. stumped, 26. domesticate, 27. crux, 28. dissipated, 29. Zeus

30. Our body transfers information along each \_\_\_\_\_ using an electrical impulse.  
*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
31. The global community is undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ changes at present.  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
32. The car accident was a traumatic \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone involved.  
*n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
33. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
34. After years of not speaking to each other, the \_\_\_\_\_ family members finally reunited.  
*adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection
35. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two friends lasted for years.  
*n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends
37. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 30. neuron, 31. drastic, 32. ordeal, 33. embarrass, 34. estranged, 35. instinct, 36. estrangement, 37. excited



38. The leader \_\_\_\_\_ a state of emergency in the country.

*v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

39. Her stomach was visibly \_\_\_\_\_ after eating a large meal.

*adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

40. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

41. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

42. The political landscape looks \_\_\_\_\_ without a change of administration.

*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

43. She took a quick \_\_\_\_\_ inside the box before closing it again.

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

ANSWERS: 38. proclaimed, 39. bloated, 40. chopped, 41. battalion, 42. bleak, 43. peek