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Session 1: Word List

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

strenuous

adj. requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity

synonym: arduous, laborious, demanding

(1) **strenuous** exercise, (2) **strenuous** effort

After the **strenuous** hike, I needed to rest a few hours before continuing.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

scalp

n. the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack

synonym: hair cover, pelt, epidermis

(1) **scalp** massage, (2) **scalp** condition

I have an itchy **scalp** and need to switch to a different shampoo.

stampede

n. a sudden, frenzied rush or surge of a group of people or animals in a particular direction; a mass panicking movement of a group of animals, especially cattle or a herd of other similar animals

synonym: rush, stamp, charge

(1) **stampede** scare, (2) crowd **stampede**

The sudden loud noise caused a **stampede** among the horses.

expedite

v. to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something

synonym: accelerate, hasten, hurry

(1) **expedite** the decision, (2) **expedite** the shipment

We need to **expedite** the process if we want to meet our deadline.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

sprinkler

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

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

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

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

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.

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.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym : poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

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.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**
The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

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.

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.

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only

improvisation.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

abject

adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

synonym: wretched, miserable, pitiful

(1) **abject** failure, (2) **abject** despair

The **abject** poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

curd

n. the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food

synonym : cheese, whey, curdle

(1) yogurt **curd**, (2) lemon **curd**

The **curd** in my cheese sauce was lumpy but still tasted good.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

ravine

n. a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide

synonym : canyon, gorge, gulch

(1) **ravine** trail, (2) steep **ravine**

The hiker fell into a **ravine** and had to be rescued by a helicopter.

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym : isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity

We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

livestream

n. a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it

remotely

synonym: webcast, stream, broadcast

(1) **livestream** tutorial, (2) **livestream** concert

We watched the concert **livestream** since we couldn't attend in person.

irrevocably

adv. in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

synonym: decisively, permanently, definitely

(1) unconditionally and **irrevocably**, (2) change **irrevocably**

The evolution of civilization has **irrevocably** improved the quality of human life.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

heartland

n. a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

synonym: central area

(1) industrial **heartland**, (2) American **heartland**

I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's **heartland**.

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.

underserved

adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

(1) **underserved** market, (2) traditionally **underserved**
This area is medically **underserved**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. w__m of youth | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained |
| 2. sup_____er country | <i>n.</i> a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities |
| 3. unconditionally and irr_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered |
| 4. st_____us effort | <i>adj.</i> requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity |
| 5. so_____al norms | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships |
| 6. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 7. hi__h up my trousers | <i>v.</i> to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle |
| 8. pr___l growth | <i>v.</i> to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force |
| 9. pe_____ve language | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place |

ANSWERS: 1. whim, 2. superpower, 3. irrevocably, 4. strenuous, 5. societal, 6. creditor, 7. hitch, 8. propel, 9. pervasive

10. American he_____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
11. ancestral bir_____ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
12. ac_____nt me with business *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
13. ac_____nt himself with a subject *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
14. in_____te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
15. ab____t despair *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
16. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. sc__p condition *n.* the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
18. in_____te the room from sound *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. heartland, 11. birthplace, 12. acquaint, 13. acquaint, 14. insulate, 15. abject, 16. improvisation, 17. scalp, 18. insulate

19. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
20. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
21. poor and und_____ged elderly *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
22. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
23. und_____ged communities *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
24. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
25. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
26. bo__t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
27. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 19. revive, 20. scatter, 21. underprivileged, 22. superpower, 23. underprivileged, 24. dystopia, 25. stark, 26. boast, 27. villager

28. liv_____am tutorial *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
29. 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
30. crowd st_____de *n.* a sudden, frenzied rush or surge of a group of people or animals in a particular direction; a mass panicking movement of a group of animals, especially cattle or a herd of other similar animals
31. sc__p massage *n.* the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
32. a crumbling dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
33. hi__h a ride *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
34. at the w__m of circumstance *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

ANSWERS: 28. livestream, 29. app, 30. stampede, 31. scalp, 32. dystopia, 33. hitch, 34. whim

35. st____de scare *n.* a sudden, frenzied rush or surge of a group of people or animals in a particular direction; a mass panicking movement of a group of animals, especially cattle or a herd of other similar animals
36. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
37. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
38. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
39. imp______ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
40. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
41. of____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
42. the movement of mi____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
43. gain a va____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
44. ex____te the decision *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something

ANSWERS: 35. stampede, 36. stark, 37. empower, 38. scatter, 39. imperfectly, 40. propel, 41. offline, 42. migrant, 43. vantage, 44. expedite

45. lemon c__d *n.* the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food
46. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
49. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
50. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
51. ra_____e trail *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
52. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. ex_____te the shipment *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
54. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 45. curd, 46. villager, 47. opportune, 48. sprinkler, 49. pervasive, 50. reunite, 51. ravine, 52. opportune, 53. expedite, 54. elevate

55. liv_____am concert *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
56. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
57. traditionally und_____ed *adj.* inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
58. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
59. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
60. 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
61. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
62. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
63. bir_____ce of modern soccer *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
64. yogurt c__d *n.* the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food

ANSWERS: 55. livestream, 56. offline, 57. underserved, 58. imperfectly, 59. improvisation, 60. app, 61. empower, 62. vantage, 63. birthplace, 64. curd

65. st_____us exercise *adj.* requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity
66. change irr_____ly *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
67. und_____ed market *adj.* inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
68. steep ra___e *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
69. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
70. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
71. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
72. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
73. re___e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
74. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
75. industrial he_____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

ANSWERS: 65. strenuous, 66. irrevocably, 67. underserved, 68. ravine, 69. societal, 70. elevate, 71. creditor, 72. industrious, 73. revive, 74. industrious, 75. heartland

76. bo__t a long history
- v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
77. re_____e after five years
- v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
78. ab___t failure
- adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
79. sp_____er irrigation
- n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
80. mi_____t worker
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

ANSWERS: 76. boast, 77. reunite, 78. abject, 79. sprinkler, 80. migrant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The evolution of civilization has _____ improved the quality of human life.
adv. in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
2. This town _____ a national park.
v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
3. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
4. The _____ in my cheese sauce was lumpy but still tasted good.
n. the solid part that is formed when milk is coagulated, used in making cheese, or eaten as a food
5. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
6. The hiker fell into a _____ and had to be rescued by a helicopter.
n. a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
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8. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 1. irrevocably, 2. boasts, 3. creditor, 4. curd, 5. propel, 6. ravine, 7. scattered, 8. superpower

9. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

adj. relating to society or social relationships

10. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

11. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

adj. not connected to the internet

12. The sudden loud noise caused a _____ among the horses.

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13. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

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14. This area is medically _____.

adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

15. The _____ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

16. We had our bedroom _____ before winter came.

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. societal, 10. migrant, 11. offline, 12. stampede, 13. app's, 14. underserved, 15. birthplace, 16. insulated

17. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

18. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.

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

19. I have an itchy _____ and need to switch to a different shampoo.

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v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

22. 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

23. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

24. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 17. stark, 18. sprinkler, 19. scalp, 20. elevates, 21. hitched, 22. acquainted, 23. dystopias, 24. vantage

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30. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
31. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
32. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 25. strenuous, 26. empowered, 27. heartland, 28. opportune, 29. abject, 30. improvisation, 31. reunite, 32. industrious

33. They _____ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.
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n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
36. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
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n. a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
38. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
39. The _____ children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.
adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
40. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 33. revived, 34. expedite, 35. whim, 36. villagers, 37. livestream, 38. imperfectly, 39. underprivileged, 40. pervasive

ANSWERS: