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Session 1: Word List

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym : infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

subsistence

n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

synonym : survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym : comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

Negro

n. ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

synonym : African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

pup

n. a young dog, seal, or other animals

synonym: puppy, whelp, cub

(1) **pup** company, (2) playful **pup**

The little **pup** was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.

hoe

n. a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle

(1) garden **hoe**, (2) weeding **hoe**

She purchased a **hoe** and a sickle for a backyard vegetable garden.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

cataclysm

n. a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war

synonym: disaster, catastrophe, turmoil

(1) global **cataclysm**, (2) existential **cataclysm**

The earthquake was a **cataclysm** from which the local people never recovered.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

disrepair

n. a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

synonym: dilapidation, decay, deterioration

(1) building in **disrepair**, (2) equipment in **disrepair**

The abandoned building fell into **disrepair** after years of neglect.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym: renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

bale

n. a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

synonym: bundle, package, shipment

(1) square **bale**, (2) **bale** of cotton

The farmer stacked the hay **bales** in the barn to keep them dry.

verdant

adj. lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience

synonym: lush, green, leafy

(1) **verdant** fields, (2) **verdant** trees

The **verdant** meadow was a peaceful spot for a picnic.

wharf

n. a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats

synonym: dock, pier, quay

(1) **wharf** crane, (2) riverfront **wharf**

The workers loaded the barrels of wine onto the truck at the **wharf**.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

hallowed

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

synonym: sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) **hallowed** tradition, (2) **hallowed** memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for

generations.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

tabby

n. a type of domestic cat with a distinctive coat pattern of dark stripes or spots on a lighter background; (adjective) describing someone who is short and fat, plump, or round in shape

synonym: stripe, brindle

(1) **tabby** kitten, (2) gray **tabby**

The little girl couldn't resist the **tabby's** purr as the cat curled up in her lap.

shale

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

synonym: rock, sedimentary rock

(1) **shale** rock, (2) **shale** gas

The geologist studied the **shale** layers in the rock formations to determine their age.

sultry

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

synonym: hot, humid, oppressive

(1) **sultry** perfume, (2) **sultry** weather

The **sultry** summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

marsh

n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

synonym: bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the **marsh**.

sickle

n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

synonym: scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

botanical

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

synonym: botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

confederacy

n. a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose

synonym: alliance, union, league

(1) urban **confederacy**, (2) the rebelling **confederacy**

The **confederacy** of states was formed to stand against the federal government's power.

abolitionist

n. a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

synonym: antislavery activist, emancipator, liberator

(1) slavery **abolitionist**, (2) women's rights **abolitionist**

Harriet Tubman was a well-known **abolitionist** who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.

lucid

adj. expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright

synonym: clear, transparent, understandable

(1) **lucid** writing, (2) **lucid** explanation

His argument was so **lucid** that even his opponents agreed with him.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. chemical tr__t | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature |
| 2. Ne__o literature | <i>n.</i> ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States |
| 3. unf_____ed capitalism | <i>adj.</i> not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled |
| 4. offer so___e | <i>n.</i> comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering |
| 5. gray ta__y | <i>n.</i> a type of domestic cat with a distinctive coat pattern of dark stripes or spots on a lighter background; (adjective) describing someone who is short and fat, plump, or round in shape |
| 6. re_____le a dispute | <i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |
| 7. fly the c__p | <i>v.</i> a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry |
| 8. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |

ANSWERS: 1. trait, 2. Negro, 3. unfettered, 4. solace, 5. tabby, 6. reconcile, 7. coop, 8. institutionalize

9. ve____t trees *adj.* lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
10. global ca_____sm *n.* a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war
11. playful p_p *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
12. ta__y kitten *n.* a type of domestic cat with a distinctive coat pattern of dark stripes or spots on a lighter background; (adjective) describing someone who is short and fat, plump, or round in shape
13. lu__d explanation *adj.* expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright
14. American Ne__o *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
15. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
16. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
17. sm___r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

ANSWERS: 9. verdant, 10. cataclysm, 11. pup, 12. tabby, 13. lucid, 14. Negro, 15. erupt, 16. starve, 17. smoker

18. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
19. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
20. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
21. p_p company *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
22. bo_____al illustrations *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
23. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
24. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
25. unf_____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
26. the rebelling con_____cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
27. weeding h_e *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
28. si___e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
29. garden h_e *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
30. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

ANSWERS: 18. commemorate, 19. descendant, 20. trait, 21. pup, 22. botanical, 23. ancestor, 24. ambiguity, 25. unfettered, 26. confederacy, 27. hoe, 28. sickle, 29. hoe, 30. commemorate

31. existential ca_____sm *n.* a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war
32. ma__h bird *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
33. b__e of cotton *n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc
34. re_____sh a classic car *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
35. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
36. creep dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
37. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
38. ha_____ed memory *adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
39. square b__e *n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

ANSWERS: 31. cataclysm, 32. marsh, 33. bale, 34. refurbish, 35. freeway, 36. downstairs, 37. imbue, 38. hallowed, 39. bale

40. river-delta ma__h *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
41. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
42. ba_____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
43. sub_____ce farming *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
44. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
45. ha_____ed tradition *adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
46. sub_____ce economy *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
47. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

ANSWERS: 40. marsh, 41. starve, 42. barbecue, 43. subsistence, 44. imbue, 45. hallowed, 46. subsistence, 47. descendant

48. expanded fr____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
49. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
50. lu__d writing *adj.* expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright
51. sh__e rock *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
52. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
53. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
54. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
55. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
56. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
57. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 48. freeway, 49. reconcile, 50. lucid, 51. shale, 52. motto, 53. empathy, 54. diaspora, 55. motto, 56. confer, 57. institutionalize

58. ve____t fields *adj.* lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
59. riverfront wh__f *n.* a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats
60. urban con____cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
61. avoid am____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
62. so___e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
63. escort him dow____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
64. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
65. harvest si___e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
66. equipment in di____ir *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

ANSWERS: 58. verdant, 59. wharf, 60. confederacy, 61. ambiguity, 62. solace, 63. downstairs, 64. medicinal, 65. sickle, 66. disrepair

67. di____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
68. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
69. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
70. building in di_____ir *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
71. su____y weather *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
72. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
73. bo_____al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
74. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
75. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
76. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
77. sh__e gas *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

ANSWERS: 67. diaspora, 68. resilient, 69. barbecue, 70. disrepair, 71. sultry, 72. archaeology, 73. botanical, 74. coop, 75. ancestor, 76. medicinal, 77. shale

78. re_____nt population

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

79. wh__f crane

n. a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats

80. co___r honor

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

81. su___y perfume

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

82. er__t into tears

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

83. an inveterate sm___r

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

84. women's rights abo_____ist

n. a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

85. re_____sh a room

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

86. slavery abo_____ist

n. a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

ANSWERS: 78. resilient, 79. wharf, 80. confer, 81. sultry, 82. erupt, 83. smoker, 84. abolitionist, 85. refurbish, 86. abolitionist

87. full of em____y

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

88. prehistoric arc_____gy

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

ANSWERS: 87. empathy, 88. archaeology

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
2. His argument was so _____ that even his opponents agreed with him.
adj. expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright
3. The _____ summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.
adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
4. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
5. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
6. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the _____.
n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
7. The earthquake was a _____ from which the local people never recovered.
n. a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war
8. The little girl couldn't resist the _____ purr as the cat curled up in her lap.
n. a type of domestic cat with a distinctive coat pattern of dark stripes or spots on a lighter background; (adjective) describing someone who is short and fat, plump, or round in shape

ANSWERS: 1. ancestor, 2. lucid, 3. sultry, 4. resilient, 5. medicinal, 6. marsh, 7. cataclysm, 8. tabby's

9. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
10. Harriet Tubman was a well-known _____ who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.
- n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
11. She purchased a ____ and a sickle for a backyard vegetable garden.
- n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
12. The grieving widow found _____ in reading her late husband's letters.
- n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
13. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
- n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
14. They developed _____ blues with a lively rhythm.
- n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
15. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
- v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
16. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 9. institutionalize, 10. abolitionist, 11. hoe, 12. solace, 13. diaspora, 14. Negro, 15. commemorated, 16. starve

17. The geologist studied the _____ layers in the rock formations to determine their age.

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

18. Please get the desk _____.

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

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n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

20. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

21. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

22. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

23. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

24. The athlete felt _____ by her recent injury and performed with ease.

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

ANSWERS: 17. shale, 18. downstairs, 19. subsistence, 20. Empathy, 21. traits, 22. motto, 23. ambiguity, 24. unfettered

25. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
26. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.
v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
27. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
28. The _____ gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.
adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
29. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
30. The _____ meadow was a peaceful spot for a picnic.
adj. lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
31. The abandoned building fell into _____ after years of neglect.
n. a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
32. I plan to _____ my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.
v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

ANSWERS: 25. descendants, 26. imbue, 27. barbecue, 28. botanical, 29. erupted, 30. verdant, 31. disrepair, 32. refurbish

33. The workers loaded the barrels of wine onto the truck at the _____.
- n.* a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats
34. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
35. The _____ of states was formed to stand against the federal government's power.
- n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
36. The church was considered a _____ ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.
- adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
37. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.
- n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
38. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
39. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
- v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
40. The farmer stacked the hay _____ in the barn to keep them dry.
- n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

ANSWERS: 33. wharf, 34. reconcile, 35. confederacy, 36. hallowed, 37. smokers, 38. archaeology, 39. coop, 40. bales

41. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
42. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
43. The blade of the _____ glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.
- n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
44. The little ____ was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.
- n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals

ANSWERS: 41. confer, 42. freeway, 43. sickle, 44. pup