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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### slam

*v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

*synonym* : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

### visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

*synonym* : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

### fleeting

*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

*synonym* : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

### incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym* : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## psyche

*n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

*synonym*: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

## enshrine

*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

*synonym*: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

## addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym*: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

## incarcerate

*v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

*synonym*: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

## capita

*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

*synonym*: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**  
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third

consecutive year.

## convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;  
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym*: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

## chilly

*adj.* unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness;  
lacking warmth or friendliness in manner

*synonym*: cool, frigid, icy

(1) **chilly** atmosphere, (2) **chilly** response

I must bundle up in a warm coat and scarf to bear the **chilly** winter weather.

## quart

*n.* a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount

*synonym*: pint, liter, gallon

(1) **quart** bottle, (2) chilled **quart**

We must buy a **quart** of milk from the store before closing.

## ensue

*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## handcuff

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym*: shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

## barge

*n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

*synonym*: boat, vessel, flatboat

(1) **barge** through the crowded hallway, (2) canal **barge**

The captain of the **barge** navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

## sew

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## jeopardize

*v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

*synonym*: endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

*synonym*: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

## counterproductive

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

*synonym*: ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

## confound

v. to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

*synonym*: confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

## pretrial

*adj.* referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time

*synonym*: preliminary

(1) **pretrial** conference, (2) **pretrial** detention

The **pretrial** hearings will begin next week to determine if there is enough evidence to go to trial.

## subsume

v. to include or encompass within a larger category or concept

*synonym*: absorb, incorporate, encompass

(1) **subsume** data, (2) **subsume** category

The new software will **subsume** all the functions of the old one, making it unnecessary.

## legitimacy

*n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

*synonym* : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**  
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym* : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity  
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## misdemeanor

*n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months

*synonym* : infraction, offense, wrongdoing

(1) **misdemeanor** charge, (2) commit a **misdemeanor**  
A **misdemeanor** conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.

## cusp

*n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

*synonym* : point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**  
The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

## 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.

## lifeline

*n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

*synonym* : savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

## audacious

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

*synonym* : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

## revolve

*v.* to rotate around a central point

*synonym* : rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

## firsthand

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

*synonym* : direct

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

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

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym* : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## 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.

## recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

*synonym*: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

## oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## nongovernmental

*adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government

*synonym*: private, non-public, non-state

(1) **nongovernmental** aid worker, (2) **nongovernmental** agency

The **nongovernmental** organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

## decarceration

n. the process of reducing or eliminating the number of people who are incarcerated, especially through alternative sentencing, parole, or early release programs

*synonym*: release, liberation, freedom



(1) **decarceration** policies, (2) **decarceration** movement  
The **decarceration** of non-violent offenders is debated in criminal justice reform.

## dismantle

*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment  
*synonym*: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system  
The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

## litigate

*v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right  
*synonym*: argue, contest, sue

(1) **litigate** a contract dispute, (2) **litigate** a copyright  
The two parties will have to **litigate** their disagreements in court.

## philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money  
*synonym*: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**  
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. au\_\_\_\_\_us decision  
*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
2. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
3. c\_\_p of change  
*n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
4. per ca\_\_\_a sales  
*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
5. re\_\_\_\_\_e at high speed  
*v.* to rotate around a central point
6. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd  
*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
7. ba\_\_e through the crowded hallway  
*n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
8. di\_\_\_\_\_le a system  
*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
9. co\_\_\_\_\_nd right and wrong  
*v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

ANSWERS: 1. audacious, 2. terrifying, 3. cusp, 4. capita, 5. revolve, 6. firsthand, 7. barge, 8. dismantle, 9. confound

10. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive approach *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
11. vi\_\_\_\_\_al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
12. commit a mis\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
13. a drug ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
14. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
15. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
16. li\_\_\_\_\_ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
17. re\_\_\_\_\_e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
18. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
19. for a fl\_\_\_\_\_ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
20. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 10. counterproductive, 11. visceral, 12. misdemeanor, 13. addict, 14. terrifying, 15. philanthropy, 16. lifeline, 17. reunite, 18. sew, 19. fleeting, 20. disrupt

21. li\_\_\_\_\_te a contract dispute      *v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
22. chilled qu\_\_t      *n.* a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount
23. 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
24. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
25. di\_\_\_\_\_le a machine      *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
26. pr\_\_\_\_\_al conference      *adj.* referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time
27. democratic leg\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
28. dec\_\_\_\_\_ion policies      *n.* the process of reducing or eliminating the number of people who are incarcerated, especially through alternative sentencing, parole, or early release programs

ANSWERS: 21. litigate, 22. quart, 23. elevate, 24. oppress, 25. dismantle, 26. pretrial, 27. legitimacy, 28. decarceration

29. li\_\_\_\_\_te a copyright      *v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
30. ch\_\_\_\_y atmosphere      *adj.* unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
31. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
32. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze my pet      *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
33. pr\_\_\_\_\_al detention      *adj.* referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time
34. re\_\_\_\_\_e around a central axis      *v.* to rotate around a central point
35. ch\_\_\_\_y response      *adj.* unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
36. ps\_\_\_e healing      *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
37. s\_\_m the door      *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
38. s\_w with thread      *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 29. litigate, 30. chilly, 31. oppress, 32. humanize, 33. pretrial, 34. revolve, 35. chilly, 36. psyche, 37. slam, 38. sew

39. highly cou\_\_\_\_\_ive to performance      *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
40. the agricultural yield per ca\_\_\_a      *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
41. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates      *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
42. jeo\_\_\_\_\_ze safety      *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
43. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
44. inc\_\_\_\_\_te her for life      *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
45. vi\_\_\_\_\_al fear      *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
46. de\_\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
47. co\_\_\_\_\_t him of manslaughter      *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 39. counterproductive, 40. capita, 41. incarceration, 42. jeopardize, 43. dedicate, 44. incarcerate, 45. visceral, 46. dedicate, 47. convict

48. su\_\_\_\_e category *v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
49. phi\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
50. jeo\_\_\_\_ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
51. a single c\_\_p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
52. mass inc\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
53. challenge the leg\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
54. mis\_\_\_\_or charge *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
55. pl\_\_d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
56. conduct fi\_\_\_\_nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
57. re\_\_\_\_te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
58. 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

ANSWERS: 48. subsume, 49. philanthropy, 50. jeopardize, 51. cusp, 52. incarceration, 53. legitimacy, 54. misdemeanor, 55. plead, 56. firsthand, 57. recreate, 58. elevate

59. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
60. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a jail      *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
61. pl\_\_d a political cause      *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
62. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze a room      *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
63. break free from ha\_\_\_\_\_ffs      *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
64. su\_\_\_\_\_e data      *v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
65. canal ba\_\_e      *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
66. deep ps\_\_\_e      *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

ANSWERS: 59. explode, 60. convict, 61. plead, 62. humanize, 63. handcuff, 64. subsume, 65. barge, 66. psyche



67. emotional li\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
68. s\_\_m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
69. non\_\_\_\_\_tal agency *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
70. Internet ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
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72. re\_\_\_\_\_e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
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74. re\_\_\_\_\_te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
75. qu\_\_t bottle *n.* a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount
76. en\_\_e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

ANSWERS: 67. lifeline, 68. slam, 69. nongovernmental, 70. addict, 71. audacious, 72. reunite, 73. confound, 74. recreate, 75. quart, 76. ensue

77. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
78. ha\_\_\_\_\_ff his wrists      *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (*v.*) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
79. inc\_\_\_\_\_te the murderer      *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
80. predict what will en\_\_e      *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
81. en\_\_\_\_\_ne memories      *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
82. non\_\_\_\_\_tal aid worker      *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
83. fl\_\_\_\_\_ng opportunity      *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
84. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
85. en\_\_\_\_\_ne tradition      *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

ANSWERS: 77. disrupt, 78. handcuff, 79. incarcerate, 80. ensue, 81. enshrine, 82. nongovernmental, 83. fleeting, 84. explode, 85. enshrine

86. dec\_\_\_\_\_ion movement

*n.* the process of reducing or eliminating the number of people who are incarcerated, especially through alternative sentencing, parole, or early release programs

ANSWERS: 86. decarceration

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
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2. The new software will \_\_\_\_\_ all the functions of the old one, making it unnecessary.  
*v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
3. The old building had to be \_\_\_\_\_ because it was structurally unsound.  
*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of non-violent offenders is debated in criminal justice reform.  
*n.* the process of reducing or eliminating the number of people who are incarcerated, especially through alternative sentencing, parole, or early release programs
5. I must bundle up in a warm coat and scarf to bear the \_\_\_\_\_ winter weather.  
*adj.* unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.  
*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
7. The two parties will have to \_\_\_\_\_ their disagreements in court.  
*v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right

ANSWERS: 1. terrifying, 2. subsume, 3. dismantled, 4. decarceration, 5. chilly, 6. dedicated, 7. litigate

8. The police officer put \_\_\_\_\_ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.
- n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
9. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her \_\_\_\_\_ and how to cope with her anxiety.
- n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
10. We must buy a \_\_\_\_\_ of milk from the store before closing.
- n.* a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount
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12. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ hearings will begin next week to determine if there is enough evidence to go to trial.
- adj.* referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time
14. The young entrepreneur had an \_\_\_\_\_ plan to start his own company.
- adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

ANSWERS: 8. handcuffs, 9. psyche, 10. quart, 11. reunite, 12. firsthand, 13. pretrial, 14. audacious

15. My best friend has been my \_\_\_\_\_ throughout all of my hardships.  
*n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
16. The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.  
*v.* to rotate around a central point
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.  
*v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
18. We have become TV \_\_\_\_\_ due to video streaming services.  
*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
19. GDP per \_\_\_\_\_ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.  
*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
20. His reckless behavior could \_\_\_\_\_ his chances of getting hired for the job.  
*v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
21. I'm going to deny the \_\_\_\_\_ of his claim.  
*n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
22. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.  
*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 15. lifeline, 16. revolves, 17. slammed, 18. addicts, 19. capita, 20. jeopardize, 21. legitimacy, 22. oppressed

23. She \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.  
*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
24. The captain of the \_\_\_\_\_ navigated through the narrow canal with ease.  
*n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
25. He \_\_\_\_\_ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.  
*v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.  
*adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
27. The project was on the \_\_\_\_\_ of success and needed a little more funding.  
*n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
28. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.  
*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
29. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for the duration of the war.  
*v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
30. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.  
*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 23. recreated, 24. barge, 25. pleaded, 26. nongovernmental, 27. cusp, 28. elevates, 29. incarcerated, 30. visceral

31. The unexpected events \_\_\_\_\_ the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.
- v. to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
32. A \_\_\_\_\_ conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.
- n. a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
33. She savored the \_\_\_\_\_ happiness she felt during the vacation.
- adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
34. A power outage \_\_\_\_\_ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
- v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
35. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
37. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
38. The charity event aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 31. confounded, 32. misdemeanor, 33. fleeting, 34. ensued, 35. exploded, 36. disrupt, 37. sew, 38. humanize



39. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
40. He was \_\_\_\_\_ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
41. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely \_\_\_\_\_ but common.
- adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
42. The Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
- v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
43. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.
- n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 39. philanthropy, 40. convicted, 41. counterproductive, 42. enshrines, 43. incarceration