

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*David Rockwell: The hidden ways stairs shape your life | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/david\\_rockwell\\_the\\_hidden\\_ways\\_stairs\\_shape\\_your\\_life](https://www.ted.com/talks/david_rockwell_the_hidden_ways_stairs_shape_your_life)

### All Words

#### IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

## Session 1: Word List

### emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym*: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

### architect

*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

*synonym*: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

### elevation

*n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

*synonym*: height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

### vertical

*adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

*synonym*: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the

building.

## separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different  
*synonym*: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## tread

v. to step or walk on something  
*synonym*: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

## string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads  
*synonym*: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

## assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance  
*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something  
*synonym*: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it

activates other molecules.

## staircase

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

*synonym* : stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

## pyramid

*n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

*synonym* : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

## mount

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym* : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## worship

*v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

*synonym* : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym* : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## practical

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

*synonym* : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

## linear

*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

*synonym* : straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

## spiral

*n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

*synonym* : coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

## indoor

*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

## outdoors

*adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

*synonym* : outside, al fresco, in the open air

(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**

She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

## emergency

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

*synonym* : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**  
The president declared a state of **emergency**.

## stairway

*n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety  
*synonym* : staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

## dictate

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded  
*synonym* : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

## pace

*n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes  
*synonym* : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another  
*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## engagement

*n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time  
*synonym* : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## monumental

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## steady

*adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

*synonym* : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

## spill

*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

*synonym* : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym* : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym* : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

## drama

*n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

*synonym* : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym* : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## heroic

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## dub

*v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

*synonym* : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

## stoop

*v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

*synonym* : bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

## invite

*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

*synonym*: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

## blast

*n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

*synonym*: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

## fascinating

*adj.* extremely interesting

*synonym*: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

## inhabit

*v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

*synonym*: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

## halfway

*adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

*synonym*: middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. a he\_\_\_c poem  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
2. mo\_\_t a counterattack  
*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
3. an icy bl\_\_t  
*n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
4. take a st\_\_\_y job  
*adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
5. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm  
*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
6. em\_\_\_\_\_al health  
*adj.* relating to people's feelings
7. sleep ou\_\_\_\_\_rs  
*adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
8. as\_\_\_e an important role  
*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
9. a li\_\_\_r equation  
*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

ANSWERS: 1. heroic, 2. mount, 3. blast, 4. steady, 5. encounter, 6. emotional, 7. outdoors, 8. assume, 9. linear

10. spiral st\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
11. beetle up the st\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
12. d\_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
13. a truncated py\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
14. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
15. in\_\_\_\_\_t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
16. gain pr\_\_\_\_\_al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
17. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
18. en\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
19. pa\_\_\_\_\_y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

ANSWERS: 10. staircase, 11. staircase, 12. dub, 13. pyramid, 14. monumental, 15. inhabit, 16. practical, 17. engineer, 18. enormous, 19. pathway

20. st\_\_\_\_ay railing *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
21. ma\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
22. a gr\_\_d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
23. sp\_\_\_\_l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
24. in\_\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
25. st\_\_\_\_y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
26. absolutely wo\_\_\_\_p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
27. wo\_\_\_\_p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
28. ev\_\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
29. mon\_\_\_\_al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
30. sp\_\_\_\_l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

ANSWERS: 20. stairway, 21. magical, 22. grand, 23. spiral, 24. invite, 25. steady, 26. worship, 27. worship, 28. evolve, 29. monumental, 30. spiral

31. em\_\_\_\_\_cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
32. completely fas\_\_\_\_\_ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
33. pr\_\_\_\_\_al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
34. ha\_\_\_\_\_y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
35. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
36. di\_\_\_\_\_e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
37. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
38. tr\_\_d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
39. designed for in\_\_\_r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
40. fas\_\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
41. st\_\_p to conquer *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
42. li\_\_\_r trend *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

ANSWERS: 31. emergency, 32. fascinating, 33. practical, 34. halfway, 35. relation, 36. dictate, 37. grand, 38. tread, 39. indoor, 40. fascinating, 41. stoop, 42. linear

43. at an el\_\_\_\_\_on of 1000 feet      *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
44. exhausted ou\_\_\_\_\_rs      *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
45. tr\_\_d water      *v.* to step or walk on something
46. ha\_\_\_\_\_y decent job      *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
47. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
48. the runner's p\_\_e      *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
49. upcoming crime dr\_\_a      *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
50. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change      *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
51. secular dr\_\_a      *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
52. sp\_\_l my heart      *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
53. sp\_\_l a bit of wine      *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
54. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process      *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 43. elevation, 44. outdoors, 45. tread, 46. halfway, 47. evolve, 48. pace, 49. drama, 50. gradual, 51. drama, 52. spill, 53. spill, 54. gradual

55. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
56. ar\_\_\_\_\_ct of the peace accord      *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
57. py\_\_\_\_\_d architecture      *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
58. he\_\_\_c explorers      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
59. en\_\_\_\_\_us potential      *adj.* extremely large or great
60. d\_b data      *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
61. mo\_\_t a hill      *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
62. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter      *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 55. encounter, 56. architect, 57. pyramid, 58. heroic, 59. enormous, 60. dub, 61. mount, 62. separate

63. ve\_\_\_\_al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
64. di\_\_\_\_e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
65. as\_\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
66. landscape ar\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
67. narrow st\_\_\_\_ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
68. in\_\_\_\_t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
69. em\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
70. tense piano st\_\_\_\_gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
71. a prior eng\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
72. in\_\_\_\_e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
73. re\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 63. vertical, 64. dictate, 65. assume, 66. architect, 67. stairway, 68. inhabit, 69. emotional, 70. string, 71. engagement, 72. invite, 73. relation

74. st\_\_p forward in the chair *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
75. break off an eng\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
76. cellular signaling pa\_\_\_\_\_ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
77. at your own p\_\_e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
78. ve\_\_\_\_\_al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
79. retie the st\_\_\_\_g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
80. a bl\_\_t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
81. el\_\_\_\_\_on in rank *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
82. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
83. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
84. acute em\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

ANSWERS: 74. stoop, 75. engagement, 76. pathway, 77. pace, 78. vertical, 79. string, 80. blast, 81. elevation, 82. separate, 83. magical, 84. emergency



85. a civil en\_\_\_\_er

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

86. an in\_\_\_\_r pool

*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building

ANSWERS: 85. engineer, 86. indoor

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ladder leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ surface of the building.  
*adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.  
*n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
3. She had an audition for \_\_\_\_\_ school.  
*n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
4. The patient's vital signs are \_\_\_\_\_ indicating a stable condition.  
*adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
5. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern.  
*n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
6. Table tennis is an \_\_\_\_\_ sport.  
*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ shattered the laboratory equipment.  
*n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
8. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.  
*adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 1. vertical, 2. elevation, 3. drama, 4. steady, 5. spiral, 6. indoor, 7. blast, 8. emotional

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
10. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble \_\_\_\_\_ that curved gracefully upwards.  
*n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
11. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.  
*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
13. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely large or great
14. The famous restaurant stands \_\_\_\_\_ up the hill.  
*adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
15. Her concept is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful.  
*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
16. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.  
*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 9. heroic, 10. stairway, 11. relations, 12. mounted, 13. enormous, 14. halfway, 15. practical, 16. invite

17. We \_\_\_\_\_ him Ironman because of his toughness.

- v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

18. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

19. People tend to make \_\_\_\_\_ predictions.

- adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

20. The Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ consist of a vast number of blocks.

- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

21. She loves to hike \_\_\_\_\_ and explore nature.

- adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

22. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

- v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

23. The building \_\_\_\_\_ tried to build the house above the tree.

- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 17. dubbed, 18. assumes, 19. linear, 20. pyramids, 21. outdoors, 22. stoop, 23. architect, 24. engineer

25. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ of pearls around her neck.

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

26. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

27. The museum houses a \_\_\_\_\_ collection of Celtic artifacts.

*adj.* extremely interesting

28. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to physics.

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

29. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

30. She walked urgently down the emergency \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

31. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

32. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 25. string, 26. magical, 27. fascinating, 28. monumental, 29. grand, 30. staircase, 31. encounter, 32. separate

33. I have no idea what sort of folks \_\_\_\_\_ the neighborhood.

*v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

34. The president declared a state of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

35. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

36. They traditionally \_\_\_\_\_ their guru.

*v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

37. The economy is growing at a supercharged \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

38. When the first molecule in the \_\_\_\_\_ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

*n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

39. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

40. He was determined to \_\_\_\_\_ everything.

*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

ANSWERS: 33. inhabit, 34. emergency, 35. gradual, 36. worship, 37. pace, 38. pathway, 39. evolved, 40. spill

41. He \_\_\_\_\_ carefully on the slippery ice.

*v.* to step or walk on something

42. They selected a gorgeous diamond \_\_\_\_\_ ring.

*n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

43. The allies \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of surrender to the country.

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 41. treads, 42. engagement, 43. dictated