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Session 1: Word List

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

eon

n. (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

synonym : aeon

(1) a geological **eon**, (2) over the **eons**

I heard that fairy tale **eons** ago.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

peeve

v. to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation

synonym : annoy, irritate, bother

(1) personal **peeve**, (2) **peeve** me off when people talk loudly

Nothing **peeves** me more than being lied to.

ointment

n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

synonym : salve, balm, cream

(1) **ointment** for eczema, (2) eye **ointment**

I need to apply the **ointment** to my burn to help it heal faster.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym : tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym : illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

morbid

adj. characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing

synonym : unhealthy, sickly, gruesome

(1) **morbid** fascination, (2) **morbid** joke

The decayed and **morbid** atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.

coition

n. sexual intercourse between two people or animals

synonym : intercourse, mating, copulation

(1) **coition** frequency, (2) interrupted **coition**

The topic of **coition** was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.

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.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

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.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym: conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

contort

v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

synonym: deform, disfigure, distort

(1) **contort** my limbs, (2) **contort** the face

He **contorted** his smile with anger coming from his gut.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

typify

v. to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something

synonym: embody, represent, personify

(1) **typify** a generation, (2) **typify** a stereotype

These flowers **typify** the beauty of spring.

brandish

v. to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

synonym: wave, flourish, exhibit

(1) **brandish** a wand, (2) **brandish** a gun

The robber **brandished** a knife and demanded money from

the store clerk.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

negate

v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

synonym : refuse, nullify, annul

(1) **negate** the possibility, (2) **negate** the existing system

Drinking may **negate** the beneficial effects of the drug.

synergy

n. the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

synonym : cooperation, collaboration, partnership

(1) **synergy** collaboration, (2) **synergy** between businesses

The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee **synergy**.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym : refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym : overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

conceptualization

n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

synonym : conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

secluded

adj. hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others

synonym : isolated, remote, hidden

(1) **secluded** retreat, (2) **secluded** cabin

The **secluded** beach was the perfect place to unwind and escape from the busy city.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym : condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

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.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

foolhardy

adj. recklessly bold or daring, often without considering the potential risks or consequences.; characterized by a lack of caution, prudence, or sensible judgment

synonym: reckless, imprudent, rash

(1) **foolhardy** decision, (2) **foolhardy** behavior

It was **foolhardy** of him to attempt the dangerous stunt without any safety equipment.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

kink

n. a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit

synonym: bend, twist, curl

(1) **kink** in the neck, (2) sexual **kink**

The **kink** in the hose was preventing water from flowing correctly.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

pitfall

n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

synonym : trap, snare, hazard

(1) potential **pitfall**, (2) **pitfall** to be avoided

One of the biggest **pitfalls** of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.

prolific

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

synonym : productive, fertile, abundant

(1) **prolific** apple tree, (2) **prolific** period

The **prolific** author had written over 20 books in just five years.

superpower

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

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. su____t expectations v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
2. potential pi____l n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
3. earliest human an____or n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
4. 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
5. the wh____r of the leaves v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
6. escape from ca____ty n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
7. de____t a feeling of isolation v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
8. con_____ion of a problem n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
9. in____n civilians v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 1. subvert, 2. pitfall, 3. ancestor, 4. oppress, 5. whisper, 6. captivity, 7. depict, 8. conceptualization, 9. intern

10. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
11. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
12. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
13. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
14. civil st___e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
15. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
16. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
17. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
18. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
19. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
20. cr___y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

ANSWERS: 10. deity, 11. consciously, 12. thigh, 13. quote, 14. strife, 15. deity, 16. coffin, 17. chant, 18. conquer, 19. consciously, 20. creepy

21. eye oi_____nt *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
22. sy_____y between businesses *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
23. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
24. ty___y a generation *v.* to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something
25. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
26. ne___e the existing system *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
27. over the e_ns *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
28. 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
29. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

ANSWERS: 21. ointment, 22. synergy, 23. superpower, 24. typify, 25. posit, 26. negate, 27. eon, 28. oppress, 29. burrow

39. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
40. mo___d joke *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
41. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
42. de_____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
43. sexual k__k *n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
44. re_____in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
45. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
46. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
47. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
48. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 39. unpack, 40. morbid, 41. resurrect, 42. denounce, 43. kink, 44. restrain, 45. creditor, 46. huddle, 47. posit, 48. bury

49. wooden co___n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
50. pe__e me off when people talk loudly *v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation
51. sy_____y collaboration *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
52. a geological e_n *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
53. oi_____nt for eczema *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
54. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
55. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
56. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
57. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 49. coffin, 50. peeve, 51. synergy, 52. eon, 53. ointment, 54. doe, 55. whisper, 56. replenish, 57. intern

58. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
59. mo___d fascination *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
60. se____ed cabin *adj.* hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others
61. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
62. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
63. fo____dy behavior *adj.* recklessly bold or daring, often without considering the potential risks or consequences.; characterized by a lack of caution, prudence, or sensible judgment
64. co____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
65. de__t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
66. co____n frequency *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
67. interrupted co____n *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
68. pr____ic period *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
69. co____t the face *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

ANSWERS: 58. bury, 59. morbid, 60. secluded, 61. animate, 62. creditor, 63. foolhardy, 64. colonize, 65. depict, 66. coition, 67. coition, 68. prolific, 69. contort

70. k__k in the neck *n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
71. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
72. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
73. animals in ca____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
74. br____sh a gun *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm
75. pi____l to be avoided *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
76. bu____w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
77. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
78. fo____dy decision *adj.* recklessly bold or daring, often without considering the potential risks or consequences.; characterized by a lack of caution, prudence, or sensible judgment

ANSWERS: 70. kink, 71. conquer, 72. ancestor, 73. captivity, 74. brandish, 75. pitfall, 76. burrow, 77. chant, 78. foolhardy

79. the con_____ion of the sculpture
80. su_____t power
81. sup_____er country
82. re_____sh my spirit
83. at st___e over the land
84. co_____ze for cultivation
85. an_____e the body
86. feel cr___y
87. ch___e with anger
88. br_____sh a wand
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- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
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- n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
- v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
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- adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
- v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
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ANSWERS: 79. conceptualization, 80. subvert, 81. superpower, 82. replenish, 83. strife, 84. colonize, 85. animate, 86. creepy, 87. choke, 88. brandish

89. pr____ic apple tree *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
90. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
91. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
92. ti___e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
93. de_____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
94. se_____ed retreat *adj.* hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others
95. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
96. age-related ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
97. ty___y a stereotype *v.* to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something
98. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
99. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
100. ne___e the possibility *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

ANSWERS: 89. prolific, 90. resurrect, 91. doe, 92. tickle, 93. denounce, 94. secluded, 95. thigh, 96. ailment, 97. typify, 98. choke, 99. institutionalize, 100. negate

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It was _____ of him to attempt the dangerous stunt without any safety equipment.
adj. recklessly bold or daring, often without considering the potential risks or consequences.; characterized by a lack of caution, prudence, or sensible judgment
2. He _____ his smile with anger coming from his gut.
v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
3. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.
v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
4. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
5. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
6. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
7. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
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ANSWERS: 1. foolhardy, 2. contorted, 3. choke, 4. captivity, 5. doe, 6. posit, 7. resurrect

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10. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
- v.* to bring under control by force or authority
11. 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.)
12. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
13. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
- v.* to make something full of interest and energy
14. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
- v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
15. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 8. chant, 9. quoted, 10. conquer, 11. institutionalize, 12. depicted, 13. animated, 14. replenish, 15. deity

16. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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

17. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

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adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

19. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

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21. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

22. Nothing _____ me more than being lied to.

v. to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation

23. You can't _____ through solid metal.

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

24. The _____ beach was the perfect place to unwind and escape from the busy city.

adj. hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others

ANSWERS: 16. ancestor, 17. creditor, 18. prolific, 19. denounced, 20. negate, 21. strife, 22. peeves, 23. burrow, 24. secluded

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

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

26. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

- v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

27. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.

- adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

28. 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

29. The _____ in the hose was preventing water from flowing correctly.

- n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit

30. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.

- n.* a slight but often persistent illness

31. The robber _____ a knife and demanded money from the store clerk.

- v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 25. superpower, 26. restrain, 27. creepy, 28. oppressed, 29. kink, 30. ailment, 31. brandished

32. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
- n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
33. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
- v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
34. The topic of _____ was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.
- n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
35. These flowers _____ the beauty of spring.
- v.* to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something
36. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
- v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
37. The _____ of the project took several weeks to complete.
- n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
38. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
39. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

ANSWERS: 32. coffin, 33. unpack, 34. coition, 35. typify, 36. tickle, 37. conceptualization, 38. subvert, 39. colonized

40. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

41. I need to apply the _____ to my burn to help it heal faster.

n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

42. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

43. One of the biggest _____ of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.

n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

44. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

45. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

46. The decayed and _____ atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.

adj. characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing

47. The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee _____.

n. the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

ANSWERS: 40. consciously, 41. ointment, 42. interned, 43. pitfalls, 44. whispered, 45. bury, 46. morbid, 47. synergy

48. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her _____ at the 20th mile.

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

49. I heard that fairy tale _____ ago.

n. (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

50. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

ANSWERS: 48. thigh, 49. eons, 50. huddled