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Session 1: Word List

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym : bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

cavalier

adj. displaying a lack of concern or seriousness; offhand or disdainful towards important matters; adopting a carefree or arrogant attitude; (noun) a gentleman or a knight, especially one who is gallant or courtly

synonym : careless, offhand, indifferent

(1) **cavalier** dismissal, (2) **cavalier** language

The **cavalier** attitude of the driver caused him to disregard the rules of the road.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

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.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

dope

n. a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

synonym : narcotics, drugs, stimulants

(1) **dope** scandal, (2) smoking **dope**

He was arrested for possessing illegal **dope**.

jibe

v. to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else

synonym : agree, conform, harmonize

(1) friendly **jibe**, (2) **jibe** with expectations

The politician's words didn't **jibe** with his previous statements, making people question his honesty.

impostor

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

synonym : fraud, phony, charlatan

(1) **impostor** syndrome, (2) detect an **impostor**

The online marketplace warned customers to beware of **impostor** sellers trying to scam them.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym :

spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

preface

n. an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective

synonym: introduction, preamble, prologue

(1) **preface** page, (2) book **preface**

The author wrote a powerful **preface** explaining their motivation for writing the book.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

synonym: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

outlandish

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

synonym: eccentric, bizarre, strange

(1) **outlandish** proposal, (2) **outlandish** behavior

The **outlandish** outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym: tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

twang

v. to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice

synonym: resonate, vibrate

(1) **twang** guitar, (2) **twang** accents

The guitarist's fingers **twanged** the guitar strings, creating a unique sound.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym: overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer
His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

clockwork

n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

synonym: mechanism, movement, gears

(1) run like **clockwork**, (2) **clockwork** precision

The **clockwork** mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

tact

n. skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations

synonym: diplomacy, politeness, discretion

(1) public speaking **tact**, (2) show great emotional **tact**

His diplomatic **tact** helped him to navigate the difficult negotiations.

cogito

n. (a Latin word that means "I think") the principle establishing the existence of a being from the fact of its thinking or the conscious mind

synonym: thinking, reflecting, contemplating

(1) **cogito-driven** analysis, (2) **cogito-based** decision-making

The philosopher's **cogito-centric** approach to understanding human consciousness has generated a lot of discussion in academic circles.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

hospitable

adj. friendly and generous to visitors or guests

synonym: benevolent, generous, gracious

(1) **hospitable** environment, (2) a **hospitable** welcome
He is a good-natured and **hospitable** man.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
synonym: child, offspring, heir

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

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

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever;
incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting
significance

synonym: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal**
beings.

degenerate

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health
or physical condition

synonym: deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into
recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden
slum.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into
simpler substances or elements

synonym: break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler
molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were
left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of
organization

synonym: rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts
The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services
Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer
Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

detritus

n. waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

synonym : debris, waste, garbage

(1) **detritus** pile, (2) **detritus** removal

The beach was littered with **detritus** and trash left behind by careless visitors.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

coherence

n. the quality of being logical and consistent

synonym : consistency, harmony, unity

(1) **coherence** in a speech, (2) lack **coherence**

The story's **coherence** could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ne_____an mechanics | <i>adj.</i> relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation |
| 2. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 3. his latest tw__ts | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 4. book pr_____e | <i>n.</i> an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective |
| 5. reo_____ze his debts | <i>v.</i> to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization |
| 6. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 7. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 8. tr__p card | <i>n.</i> a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games |
| 9. de_____us pile | <i>n.</i> waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas |

ANSWERS: 1. Newtonian, 2. intellect, 3. tweet, 4. preface, 5. reorganize, 6. mindset, 7. creditor, 8. trump, 9. detritus

10. co_____ce in a speech *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
11. im_____or syndrome *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
12. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
13. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
14. smoking d__e *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
15. run like cl_____rk *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
16. co_____de with reality *v.* to take place at or near the same time
17. un_____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
18. de_____us removal *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

ANSWERS: 10. coherence, 11. impostor, 12. creditor, 13. envy, 14. dope, 15. clockwork, 16. coincide, 17. uncanny, 18. detritus

19. lack co_____ce *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
20. el___t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
21. ca_____er language *adj.* displaying a lack of concern or seriousness; offhand or disdainful towards important matters; adopting a carefree or arrogant attitude; (noun) a gentleman or a knight, especially one who is gallant or courtly
22. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
23. sw___e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
24. friendly j___e *v.* to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
25. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
26. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
27. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

ANSWERS: 19. coherence, 20. elicit, 21. cavalier, 22. disrespect, 23. swipe, 24. jibe, 25. germ, 26. germ, 27. enrich

28. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
29. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
30. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
31. in an un_____y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
32. a hos_____le welcome *adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
33. cl_____rk precision *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
34. show great emotional t__t *n.* skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations
35. public speaking t__t *n.* skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations
36. ca_____er dismissal *adj.* displaying a lack of concern or seriousness; offhand or disdainful towards important matters; adopting a carefree or arrogant attitude; (noun) a gentleman or a knight, especially one who is gallant or courtly
37. hos_____le environment *adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
38. deg_____te into recession *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

ANSWERS: 28. physicist, 29. synchronize, 30. peel, 31. uncanny, 32. hospitable, 33. clockwork, 34. tact, 35. tact, 36. cavalier, 37. hospitable, 38. degenerate

39. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
40. co___o-based decision-making *n.* (a Latin word that means "I think") the principle establishing the existence of a being from the fact of its thinking or the conscious mind
41. de_____se into simpler molecules *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
42. tw__g guitar *v.* to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
43. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
44. reo_____ze a department *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
45. de_____se matter *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
46. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
47. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
48. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 39. synchronize, 40. cogito, 41. decompose, 42. twang, 43. physicist, 44. reorganize, 45. decompose, 46. tweet, 47. enrich, 48. intuition

49. the ze_____st of the era
n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
50. des_____nt of a pioneer
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
51. Ne_____an physics
adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
52. so te__y tiny
adj. extremely small; tiny
53. third-generation des_____nt
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
54. detect an im_____or
n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
55. j__e with expectations
v. to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
56. pathogenic mi_____e
n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
57. pr_____e page
n. an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective
58. out_____sh behavior
adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

ANSWERS: 49. zeitgeist, 50. descendant, 51. Newtonian, 52. teeny, 53. descendant, 54. impostor, 55. jibe, 56. microbe, 57. preface, 58. outlandish

59. im____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
60. out_____sh proposal *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
61. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
62. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
63. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
64. d__e scandal *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
65. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 59. immortal, 60. outlandish, 61. swipe, 62. zeitgeist, 63. immortal, 64. dope, 65. intuition

66. partly co____de *v.* to take place at or near the same time
67. tw__g accents *v.* to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
68. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
69. deg____te into a disagreement *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
70. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
71. te__y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
72. mi____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
73. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
74. co____o-driven analysis *n.* (a Latin word that means "I think") the principle establishing the existence of a being from the fact of its thinking or the conscious mind

ANSWERS: 66. coincide, 67. twang, 68. intellect, 69. degenerate, 70. mindset, 71. teeny, 72. microbe, 73. envy, 74. cogito

75. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
76. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
77. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
78. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 75. elicit, 76. trump, 77. peel, 78. disrespect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
2. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.
adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
4. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
5. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
6. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
7. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

ANSWERS: 1. physicist, 2. creditor, 3. Newtonian, 4. intuitions, 5. synchronized, 6. intellect, 7. Microbes

8. The politician's words didn't _____ with his previous statements, making people question his honesty.
- v. to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
9. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
10. The new CEO was appointed to _____ their business.
- v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
11. His diplomatic _____ helped him to navigate the difficult negotiations.
- n. skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations
12. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to _____.
- v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
13. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
- v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
14. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
- v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 8. jibe, 9. germ, 10. reorganize, 11. tact, 12. decompose, 13. elicited, 14. envy

15. He tried to _____ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.
- v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
16. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
17. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
18. He is a good-natured and _____ man.
- adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
19. The philosopher's _____ approach to understanding human consciousness has generated a lot of discussion in academic circles.
- n.* (a Latin word that means "I think") the principle establishing the existence of a being from the fact of its thinking or the conscious mind
20. The _____ attitude of the driver caused him to disregard the rules of the road.
- adj.* displaying a lack of concern or seriousness; offhand or disdainful towards important matters; adopting a carefree or arrogant attitude; (noun) a gentleman or a knight, especially one who is gallant or courtly
21. The author wrote a powerful _____ explaining their motivation for writing the book.
- n.* an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective

ANSWERS: 15. swipe, 16. trump, 17. tweet, 18. hospitable, 19. cogito-centric, 20. cavalier, 21. preface

22. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
23. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
24. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
25. The beach was littered with _____ and trash left behind by careless visitors.
n. waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas
26. The online marketplace warned customers to beware of _____ sellers trying to scam them.
n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
27. The story's _____ could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.
n. the quality of being logical and consistent
28. The guitarist's fingers _____ the guitar strings, creating a unique sound.
v. to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
29. He was arrested for possessing illegal _____.
n. a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

ANSWERS: 22. peeled, 23. immortal, 24. enriches, 25. detritus, 26. impostor, 27. coherence, 28. twanged, 29. dope

30. The once-thriving city has _____ into a crime-ridden slum.
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
31. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
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32. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
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34. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
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n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
36. The _____ mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.
n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
37. These results _____ with our hypothesis.
v. to take place at or near the same time

ANSWERS: 30. degenerated, 31. descendants, 32. mindset, 33. teeny, 34. disrespectful, 35. zeitgeist, 36. clockwork, 37. coincide

38. She has an _____ sense of who is telling a lie.

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

39. The _____ outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

ANSWERS: 38. uncanny, 39. outlandish