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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym*: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

### decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

### humanize

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

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

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

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

## segregation

*n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

*synonym*: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

**Segregation** based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

## deferential

*adj.* showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment

*synonym*: respectful, submissive, obedient

(1) **deferential** attitude, (2) **deferential** language

The new employee was **deferential** and respectful towards his superiors.

## misbehave

*v.* to behave badly

*synonym*: act up, fool around, trespass

(1) **misbehave** with language, (2) the student who had **misbehaved**

It was unbelievable that they should **misbehave**.

## salesperson

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

*synonym*: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

## writhe

*v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

*synonym*: contort, twist, convulse

(1) **writhe** in agony, (2) **writhe** with pleasure

The snake **writhed** and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

## whimper

*v.* to make a low, weak, or sobbing sound, often because of fear, sadness, or weakness; to speak or say something in a feeble or unassertive manner

*synonym* : weep, sob, whine

(1) **whimper** softly, (2) **whimper** in pain

Hearing the sad news, he couldn't help but **whimper** in sorrow.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## conciliation

*n.* the act of resolving or reconciling differences, disputes, or conflicts between two or more parties through mediation, negotiation, or compromise

*synonym* : mediation, arbitration, peacemaking

(1) industrial **conciliation**, (2) **conciliation** hearing

The labor union and management reached a **conciliation** agreement after months of negotiation.

## confrontation

*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

*synonym* : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

## headlight

*n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

*synonym* : headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

## lash

*v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

*synonym* : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

## heedless

*adj.* showing a lack of attention, care, or concern; negligent or reckless; characterized by a disregard for potential dangers or consequences

*synonym* : careless, inattentive, thoughtless

(1) **heedless** disregard, (2) **heedless** actions

He was **heedless** of the warnings and crossed the busy street without looking.

## thoughtless

*adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence

*synonym* : unthinking, careless, insensitive

(1) **thoughtless** comment, (2) **thoughtless** mistake

The **thoughtless** actions of the students caused damage to the school property.

## neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

## lockdown

*n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific

risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

## empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something  
*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## unprepared

*adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

*synonym*: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

## overreact

v. to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

*synonym*: overplay, exaggerate, overstate

(1) **overreact** with anger, (2) **overreact** to the criticism

She **overreacted** to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.

## intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

*synonym*: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

## expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

*synonym* : deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

## recast

*v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

*synonym* : modify, remake, remodel

(1) **recast** the Republican party, (2) **recast** the story

He had to **recast** his image to convince the electorate in his home state.

## doable

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

*synonym* : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## exaggerate

*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

*synonym* : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

## exhale

*v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

*synonym* : breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

## 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.

## eruption

*n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

*synonym* : explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

## barber

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

*synonym* : hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

## retaliation

*n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

*synonym* : retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

## microaggression

*n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can

harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being

(1) **microaggression** towards minorities,

(2) **microaggression** in the workplace

The expectation that women should do all the housework is a form of **microaggression**.

## acquittal

*n.* a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof

*synonym*: exculpation, vindication, exoneration

(1) **acquittal** verdict, (2) speedy **acquittal**

The jury's **acquittal** of the defendant shocked many people who believed he was guilty.

## stalk

*v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

*synonym*: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

## unarmed

*adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

*synonym*: defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

## 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.

### stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

### condone

*v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

*synonym*: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

### priceless

*adj.* extremely valuable or important

*synonym*: invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

### controllable

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

*synonym*: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

### wan

*adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

*synonym*: pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. l\_\_h the oxen  
*v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
2. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss opportunity  
*adj.* extremely valuable or important
3. do\_\_\_e in daily life  
*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
4. def\_\_\_\_\_al attitude  
*adj.* showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment
5. ancient pr\_\_\_\_\_b  
*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
6. con\_\_\_\_\_ble aircraft  
*adj.* able to be controlled or directed
7. emotional er\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
8. before Ch\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
9. ov\_\_\_\_\_ct to the criticism  
*v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
10. computer-con\_\_\_\_\_ble  
*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

ANSWERS: 1. lash, 2. priceless, 3. doable, 4. deferential, 5. proverb, 6. controllable, 7. eruption, 8. Christ, 9. overreact, 10. controllable

11. w\_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
12. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. a w\_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
14. exa\_\_\_\_\_te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
15. co\_\_\_\_\_e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
16. wh\_\_\_\_\_r in pain *v.* to make a low, weak, or sobbing sound, often because of fear, sadness, or weakness; to speak or say something in a feeble or unassertive manner
17. the student who had mi\_\_\_\_\_ved *v.* to behave badly
18. he\_\_\_\_\_ss disregard *adj.* showing a lack of attention, care, or concern; negligent or reckless; characterized by a disregard for potential dangers or consequences
19. ex\_\_\_e a big sigh *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
20. verbal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
21. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 11. wan, 12. empower, 13. wan, 14. exaggerate, 15. condone, 16. whimper, 17. misbehave, 18. heedless, 19. exhale, 20. confrontation, 21. disrespect

22. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
23. ov\_\_\_\_\_ct with anger *v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
24. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
25. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
26. a theoretical concept in neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
27. ex\_\_l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
28. mic\_\_\_\_\_ion in the workplace *n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being
29. ex\_\_\_e cigarette smoke *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
30. go on lo\_\_\_\_\_wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
31. mean no dis\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 22. priceless, 23. overreact, 24. empower, 25. sham, 26. neuroscience, 27. expel, 28. microaggression, 29. exhale, 30. lockdown, 31. disrespect

32. ba\_\_\_r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
33. a drapery sal\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
34. exa\_\_\_\_\_te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
35. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
36. make a do\_\_\_e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
37. er\_\_\_\_\_on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
38. in\_\_\_\_\_fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
39. un\_\_\_\_\_d combat *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
40. favorite ba\_\_\_r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
41. violent con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

ANSWERS: 32. barber, 33. salesperson, 34. exaggerate, 35. sham, 36. doable, 37. eruption, 38. intensify, 39. unarmed, 40. barber, 41. confrontation

42. ret\_\_\_\_\_on against discrimination     *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
43. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t     *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
44. de\_\_\_\_e a message     *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
45. speedy ac\_\_\_\_\_al     *n.* a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
46. the branch of neu\_\_\_\_\_nce     *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
47. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze my pet     *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
48. un\_\_\_\_\_d robbery     *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
49. def\_\_\_\_\_al language     *adj.* showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment

ANSWERS: 42. retaliation, 43. Christ, 44. decode, 45. acquittal, 46. neuroscience, 47. humanize, 48. unarmed, 49. deferential

50. wr\_\_\_e in agony *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
51. a sal\_\_\_\_\_on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
52. he\_\_\_\_\_ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
53. industrial con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of resolving or reconciling differences, disputes, or conflicts between two or more parties through mediation, negotiation, or compromise
54. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed speech *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
55. ex\_\_l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
56. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
57. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
58. in\_\_\_\_\_fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
59. co\_\_\_\_\_e the behavior *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

ANSWERS: 50. writhe, 51. salesperson, 52. headlight, 53. conciliation, 54. unprepared, 55. expel, 56. stereotype, 57. pretension, 58. intensify, 59. condone

60. wr\_\_\_e with pleasure      *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
61. l\_\_h a rope      *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
62. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
63. seg\_\_\_\_\_on of power      *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
64. st\_\_k from the room      *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
65. con\_\_\_\_\_ion hearing      *n.* the act of resolving or reconciling differences, disputes, or conflicts between two or more parties through mediation, negotiation, or compromise
66. tho\_\_\_\_\_ss comment      *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence

ANSWERS: 60. writhe, 61. lash, 62. pretension, 63. segregation, 64. stalk, 65. conciliation, 66. thoughtless



67. ch\_\_e off the blood supply      *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
68. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze a room      *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
69. mi\_\_\_\_\_ve with language      *v.* to behave badly
70. ac\_\_\_\_\_al verdict      *n.* a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
71. ability to de\_\_\_e the differences      *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
72. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes      *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
73. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed for the exam      *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
74. mic\_\_\_\_\_ion towards minorities      *n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being

ANSWERS: 67. choke, 68. humanize, 69. misbehave, 70. acquittal, 71. decode, 72. stereotype, 73. unprepared, 74. microaggression

75. wh\_\_\_\_r softly
- v. to make a low, weak, or sobbing sound, often because of fear, sadness, or weakness; to speak or say something in a feeble or unassertive manner
76. re\_\_\_\_t the story
- v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
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ANSWERS: 75. whimper, 76. recast, 77. proverb, 78. retaliation, 79. lockdown, 80. headlight, 81. stalk

82. ch\_\_e with anger      *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
83. he\_\_\_\_\_ss actions      *adj.* showing a lack of attention, care, or concern; negligent or reckless; characterized by a disregard for potential dangers or consequences
84. re\_\_\_t the Republican party      *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
85. tho\_\_\_\_\_\_ss mistake      *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
86. racial seg\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

ANSWERS: 82. choke, 83. heedless, 84. recast, 85. thoughtless, 86. segregation

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The expectation that women should do all the housework is a form of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being
2. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.  
*adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
4. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ his image to convince the electorate in his home state.  
*v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
5. The labor union and management reached a \_\_\_\_\_ agreement after months of negotiation.  
*n.* the act of resolving or reconciling differences, disputes, or conflicts between two or more parties through mediation, negotiation, or compromise
6. He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the smoke.  
*v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
7. The volcanic \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.  
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ANSWERS: 1. microaggression, 2. sham, 3. unprepared, 4. recast, 5. conciliation, 6. expelled, 7. eruption

8. This project is \_\_\_\_\_ despite the tight schedule.

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

9. The new employee was \_\_\_\_\_ and respectful towards his superiors.

*adj.* showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment

10. He received the title of the best \_\_\_\_\_ in all our branches worldwide.

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

11. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ out at her child for misbehaving in public.

*v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of the students caused damage to the school property.

*adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence

13. \_\_\_\_\_ based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

*n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

14. The \_\_\_\_\_ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

15. She \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 8. doable, 9. deferential, 10. salesperson, 11. lashed, 12. thoughtless, 13. Segregation, 14. barber, 15. exaggerated

16. The new software is much more \_\_\_\_\_ and user-friendly.  
*adj.* able to be controlled or directed
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.  
*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
18. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide \_\_\_\_\_ measure.  
*n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
19. The parents refused to \_\_\_\_\_ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.  
*v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
20. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.  
*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
21. The jury's \_\_\_\_\_ of the defendant shocked many people who believed he was guilty.  
*n.* a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
22. He took a deep breath and slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

ANSWERS: 16. controllable, 17. confrontation, 18. lockdown, 19. condone, 20. decode, 21. acquittal, 22. exhale

23. The company faced heavy \_\_\_\_\_ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.
- n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
24. Hearing the sad news, he couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ in sorrow.
- v.* to make a low, weak, or sobbing sound, often because of fear, sadness, or weakness; to speak or say something in a feeble or unassertive manner
25. The baby started to \_\_\_\_\_ on a piece of apple.
- v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ protesters marched peacefully through the streets.
- adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
27. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
28. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.
- v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
29. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 23. retaliation, 24. whimper, 25. choke, 26. unarmed, 27. stereotypes, 28. writhed, 29. neuroscience

30. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of the warnings and crossed the busy street without looking.  
*adj.* showing a lack of attention, care, or concern; negligent or reckless; characterized by a disregard for potential dangers or consequences
31. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.  
*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
32. She \_\_\_\_\_ to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.  
*v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
33. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.  
*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
34. It was unbelievable that they should \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to behave badly
35. His \_\_\_ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.  
*adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
36. Investigators discovered \_\_\_\_\_ documents throughout the house.  
*adj.* extremely valuable or important
37. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 30. heedless, 31. disrespectful, 32. overreacted, 33. proverb, 34. misbehave, 35. wan, 36. priceless, 37. Christmas



38. The charity event aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
39. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
40. My car's \_\_\_\_\_ must be replaced before I drive again at night.
- n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
41. The hunter quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
42. Rebels have pledged to \_\_\_\_\_ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
43. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 38. humanize, 39. pretensions, 40. headlight, 41. stalked, 42. intensify, 43. empowered