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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### contraction

*n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

*synonym*: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry  
The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

### sacral

*adj.* of, relating to, or located near the sacrum (= the triangular bone at the base of the spine between the hips)

(1) **sacral** nerve, (2) **sacral** spine

The yoga instructor showed the class how to do a **sacral** twist to stretch the lower back.

### midwife

*n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

*synonym*: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

### sob

*v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

*synonym*: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

## oxytocin

*n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor

Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

## imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym* : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym* : unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

## frontline

*adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

*synonym* : battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

## cringe

*v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

*synonym* : shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident

The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

## courtyard

*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

*synonym* : patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a

wedding reception.

## 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.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym* : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## turban

*n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

*synonym* : headwrap, headscarf, headcloth

(1) **turban** on head, (2) **turban** shell

The man wore a **turban** as part of his traditional cultural attire.

## braid

*n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

*synonym* : plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

## beard

*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

*synonym* : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

**patriot**

*n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

*synonym* : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

**weep**

*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym* : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

**supermax**

*adj.* used to describe a high-security prison designed to house the most dangerous inmates, often characterized by strict confinement, reduced privileges, and intense surveillance

*synonym* : high-security, maximum-security, ultra-high-security

(1) **supermax** facility, (2) **supermax** security

A **supermax** prison is designed to house the most dangerous inmates.

**nationalist**

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym* : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

**supremacy**

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym* : dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

**torch**

*n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

*synonym* : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

## reckon

v. to think or believe something

*synonym* : regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

## queer

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

*synonym* : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

## detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

*synonym* : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

## deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

*synonym* : expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

## imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

*synonym* : incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

## **insecure**

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym* : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

## **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.

## **fanatic**

*adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

*synonym* : zealous, extremist, passionate

(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion

The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

## **demagogue**

*n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims

*synonym* : agitator, rabble-rouser, provocateur

(1) religious **demagogue**, (2) charismatic **demagogue**

The **demagogue's** divisive rhetoric was meant to stir up anger and hatred.

## **radicalize**

*v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

*synonym* : transform, alter

(1) **radicalize** religious groups, (2) **radicalize** ideology

The extremist group aims to **radicalize** young people through

its propaganda.

## wield

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc  
*synonym*: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence  
They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## solitary

*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others  
*synonym*: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler  
He never uttered a **solitary** word.

## confinement

*n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

*synonym*: captivity, imprisonment, detention

(1) **confinement** cell, (2) house **confinement**  
The prisoner spent months in solitary **confinement**.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym*: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges  
Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## pragmatic

*adj.* practical rather than idealistic

*synonym*: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics  
He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

## unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym*: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths  
The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## **inward**

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

*synonym*: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo  
The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

## **narcissist**

*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

*synonym*: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**  
He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

## **loathe**

*v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

*synonym*: despise, hate, abominate

(1) **loathe** violence, (2) **loathe** broccoli  
I absolutely **loathe** spiders and can't stand to be near them.

## **womb**

*n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

*synonym*: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant  
The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

## **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.



## Session 2: Spelling

- |                                     |                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. answer in a wh_____r             | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you         |
| 2. con_____on of a disease          | <i>n.</i> the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount                                                  |
| 3. un___t accusation                | <i>adj.</i> not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong                                    |
| 4. uni_____ble depths               | <i>adj.</i> beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision                                              |
| 5. use of so_____ry confinement     | <i>adj.</i> existing, living, or doing without others                                                                                   |
| 6. re___n the company as a rival    | <i>v.</i> to think or believe something                                                                                                 |
| 7. de___t dissidents from the party | <i>v.</i> to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime               |
| 8. imp_____ly known disease         | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way                                                                                               |
| 9. op_____s the minority            | <i>v.</i> to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people  |
| 10. shave my be__d                  | <i>n.</i> hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin                                                              |
| 11. teaching of Ch___t              | <i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity |

ANSWERS: 1. whisper, 2. contraction, 3. unjust, 4. unimaginable, 5. solitary, 6. reckon, 7. deport, 8. imperfectly, 9. oppress, 10. beard, 11. Christ

12. zealous pa\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
13. qu\_\_r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
14. cor\_\_\_\_le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
15. wi\_\_d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
16. qu\_\_r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
17. somatic nar\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
18. elastic cord br\_\_d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
19. fr\_\_\_\_ne health workers *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
20. professional mi\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
21. cor\_\_\_\_le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
22. tu\_\_\_\_n shell *n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

ANSWERS: 12. patriot, 13. queer, 14. corruptible, 15. wield, 16. queer, 17. narcissist, 18. braid, 19. frontline, 20. midwife, 21. corruptible, 22. turban

23. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
24. serve as mi\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
25. br\_\_d hair      *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
26. ox\_\_\_\_\_in-degrading enzyme      *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
27. lo\_\_\_e broccoli      *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
28. 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
29. v\_w never to give up      *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
30. un\_\_\_t verdict      *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

ANSWERS: 23. supremacy, 24. midwife, 25. braid, 26. oxytocin, 27. loathe, 28. Christ, 29. vow, 30. unjust

31. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
32. im\_\_\_\_\_on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
33. im\_\_\_\_\_on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
34. s\_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
35. the to\_\_h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
36. at the fr\_\_\_\_\_ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
37. to\_\_h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
38. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
39. spacious co\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
40. su\_\_\_\_\_ax facility *adj.* used to describe a high-security prison designed to house the most dangerous inmates, often characterized by strict confinement, reduced privileges, and intense surveillance
41. lo\_\_\_e violence *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

ANSWERS: 31. pragmatic, 32. imprison, 33. imprison, 34. sob, 35. torch, 36. frontline, 37. torch, 38. insecure, 39. courtyard, 40. supermax, 41. loathe

42. nat\_\_\_\_\_st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
43. fa\_\_\_\_\_c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
44. in\_\_\_\_d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
45. in\_\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
46. a so\_\_\_\_\_ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
47. fa\_\_\_\_\_c about germs *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
48. 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
49. s\_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
50. con\_\_\_\_\_nt cell *n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

ANSWERS: 42. nationalist, 43. fanatic, 44. inward, 45. insecure, 46. solitary, 47. fanatic, 48. whisper, 49. sob, 50. confinement

51. cr\_\_\_e with fear      *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
52. w\_\_p for joy      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
53. wi\_\_d her authority      *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
54. w\_\_p bitter tears      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
55. sa\_\_\_l spine      *adj.* of, relating to, or located near the sacrum (= the triangular bone at the base of the spine between the hips)
56. tumor of w\_\_b      *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
57. de\_\_\_t a refugee      *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
58. religious de\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
59. charismatic de\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
60. v\_w allegiance to the new king      *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

ANSWERS: 51. cringe, 52. weep, 53. wield, 54. weep, 55. sacral, 56. womb, 57. deport, 58. demagogue, 59. demagogue, 60. vow

61. ox\_\_\_\_\_in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
62. hard to re\_\_\_\_n *v.* to think or believe something
63. su\_\_\_\_\_ax security *adj.* used to describe a high-security prison designed to house the most dangerous inmates, often characterized by strict confinement, reduced privileges, and intense surveillance
64. cr\_\_\_\_e at the thought of an accident *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
65. tu\_\_\_\_n on head *n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
66. de\_\_\_\_n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
67. nat\_\_\_\_\_st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
68. relationship with a nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
69. de\_\_\_\_n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 61. oxytocin, 62. reckon, 63. supermax, 64. cringe, 65. turban, 66. detain, 67. nationalist, 68. narcissist, 69. detain

70. w\_\_b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
71. rad\_\_\_\_\_ze religious groups *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
72. con\_\_\_\_\_on in the industry *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
73. rad\_\_\_\_\_ze ideology *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
74. sa\_\_\_l nerve *adj.* of, relating to, or located near the sacrum (= the triangular bone at the base of the spine between the hips)
75. house con\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
76. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
77. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
78. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
79. in\_\_\_d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

ANSWERS: 70. womb, 71. radicalize, 72. contraction, 73. radicalize, 74. sacral, 75. confinement, 76. unimaginable, 77. pragmatic, 78. supremacy, 79. inward



80. 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
81. blind pa\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
82. imp\_\_\_\_ly developed      *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
83. quiet co\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
84. a black be\_\_d      *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

ANSWERS: 80. oppress, 81. patriot, 82. imperfectly, 83. courtyard, 84. beard

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.
  - v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
  
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
  - v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
  
3. The prisoner spent months in solitary \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
  
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
  - v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
  
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.
  - v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
  
6. Within days, the new aircraft was in \_\_\_\_\_ service.
  - adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
  
7. The clinical \_\_\_\_\_ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
  - n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
  
8. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
  - v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

ANSWERS: 1. imprisoned, 2. sobbed, 3. confinement, 4. vowed, 5. wielded, 6. frontline, 7. midwife, 8. weep

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ rally attracted thousands of supporters.  
*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
10. He grew a thick \_\_\_\_\_ to change his appearance.  
*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
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14. The \_\_\_\_\_ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.  
*adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
15. \_\_\_\_\_ 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
16. The hotel's beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.  
*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

ANSWERS: 9. nationalist, 10. beard, 11. solitary, 12. unimaginable, 13. insecure, 14. fanatic, 15. Christmas, 16. courtyard

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the economy has led to job losses.

*n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

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20. He is more of a hypocrite than a \_\_\_\_\_ to be honest.

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21. The \_\_\_\_\_ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

22. 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

23. The man wore a \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his traditional cultural attire.

*n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

24. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

ANSWERS: 17. contraction, 18. narcissist, 19. deport, 20. patriot, 21. inward, 22. whispered, 23. turban, 24. queer

25. I absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ spiders and can't stand to be near them.
- v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
26. She used an electric \_\_\_\_\_ to light her way through the dark cave.
- n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
27. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
28. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
- adj.* practical rather than idealistic
29. The extremist group aims to \_\_\_\_\_ young people through its propaganda.
- v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
30. Women may increase \_\_\_\_\_ production through romantic love.
- n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
31. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ at its master voice.
- v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
32. The police \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect for questioning.
- v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 25. loathe, 26. torch, 27. womb, 28. pragmatic, 29. radicalize, 30. oxytocin, 31. cringed, 32. detained

33. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.  
*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
34. A \_\_\_\_\_ prison is designed to house the most dangerous inmates.  
*adj.* used to describe a high-security prison designed to house the most dangerous inmates, often characterized by strict confinement, reduced privileges, and intense surveillance
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ divisive rhetoric was meant to stir up anger and hatred.  
*n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
36. The empire's military power ensured its \_\_\_\_\_ over the neighboring states.  
*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
37. 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
38. She always wore her hair in a single \_\_\_\_\_ down her back.  
*n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
39. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

ANSWERS: 33. corruptible, 34. supermax, 35. demagogue's, 36. supremacy, 37. oppressed, 38. braid, 39. imperfectly

40. The ruling was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by many people in the community.

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

41. He \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

*v.* to think or believe something

42. The yoga instructor showed the class how to do a \_\_\_\_\_ twist to stretch the lower back.

*adj.* of, relating to, or located near the sacrum (= the triangular bone at the base of the spine between the hips)

ANSWERS: 40. unjust, 41. reckons, 42. sacral