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## Session 1: Word List

### multigenerational

*adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages

*synonym* : cross-generational, intergenerational

(1) **multigenerational** home, (2) **multigenerational** workforce

The **multigenerational** family farm has been passed down for generations.

### perpetual

*adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

*synonym* : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

### cookout

*n.* an outdoor social gathering or party where food, especially grilled or barbecued, is cooked and served; a casual meal or gathering with an emphasis on outdoor cooking and dining

*synonym* : barbecue, grill-out, outdoor cooking

(1) summer **cookout**, (2) weekend **cookout**

We invited our friends over for a fun-filled **cookout** in our backyard.

## stickler

*n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something

*synonym* : perfectionist, nitpicker, pedant

(1) **stickler** for details, (2) **stickler** for cleanliness

He was a **stickler** for punctuality and would not tolerate anyone being late.

## incendiary

*adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire

*synonym* : flaming, explosive, blazing

(1) **incendiary** bombs, (2) **incendiary** speech

The arsonist used an **incendiary** device to start the fire.

## heavy-handed

*adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful

*synonym* : coercive, cruel, oppressive

(1) **heavy-handed** interference, (2) in a **heavy-handed** manner

The people got angry with the government's **heavy-handed** economic policies.

## enlightened

*adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

*synonym* : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

## relegate

*v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

*synonym* : demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task

The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

## bury

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

*synonym* : entomb, sink, forget

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

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

## narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

*synonym*: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

## shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym*: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## enamored

adj. deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

*synonym*: captivated, smitten, in love

(1) **enamored** of the idea, (2) **enamored** of bygone days

He had been **enamored** with her since the first time he saw her.

## postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

*synonym*: contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

## appendage

n. a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

*synonym*: extension, limb, attachment

(1) spiny **appendage**, (2) mechanical **appendage**

The spider's **appendage** allowed it to climb up the wall easily.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## disingenuous

*adj.* not sincere or honest in one's intentions or actions; pretending to be innocent or unaware; deceptive or misleading

*synonym*: insincere, deceitful, dishonest

(1) **disingenuous** apology, (2) **disingenuous** smile

Her **disingenuous** comments led people to question her true intentions.

## timeless

*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

*synonym*: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

## plunder

*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

*synonym*: pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

## conceptualization

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

*synonym*: conception, formulation, thought

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

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

## 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.

## Negro

*n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

*synonym*: African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

## lifespan

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## 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.

## dictate

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

*synonym*: read out, prescribe, order

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

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

## confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## curtail

v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

*synonym*: restrict, limit, cut back

(1) **curtail** spending, (2) **curtail** freedom

Due to budget constraints, the company had to **curtail** its marketing campaign for the new product.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## politic

*adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

*synonym*: wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

## gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

*synonym*: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

## voluminous

*adj.* large in volume or bulk

*synonym*: large, bulky, spacious

(1) **voluminous** work, (2) **voluminous** data

The manuscript was **voluminous**, spanning several hundred pages.

## entitle

*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym*: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

## cohere

*v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected

*synonym*: stick together, hold together

(1) **cohere** as a team, (2) **cohere** with the theory

The team's game plan did not **cohere** with their opponents' tactics.

## inescapable

*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade

*synonym*: unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable

(1) **inescapable** fate, (2) an **inescapable** position

The consequences of his actions were **inescapable**, and he had to face the consequences.

## malady

*n.* a physical or psychological disorder or illness; an ailment or disease that causes discomfort, distress, or dysfunction

*synonym*: ailment, illness, sickness

(1) common **malady**, (2) chronic **malady**

The doctor diagnosed her with a rare **malady** that required immediate treatment.

## displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym*: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## converse

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym*: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## complacency

*n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

*synonym*: self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**

The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

## prologue

*n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow

*synonym*: introduction, preface, opening

(1) **prologue** to the battle, (2) recite a **prologue**

The **prologue** of the play provides important background information for the audience.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element



(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## expulsion

*n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently

*synonym*: ejection, banishment, exile

(1) **expulsion** of gas, (2) forceful **expulsion**

The ambassador's **expulsion** was a sign of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## nonviolence

*n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

*synonym*: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pe\_\_\_\_\_al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
2. pl\_\_\_\_\_r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
3. ge\_\_\_\_\_fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
4. dis\_\_\_\_\_ous smile *adj.* not sincere or honest in one's intentions or actions; pretending to be innocent or unaware; deceptive or misleading
5. co\_\_\_\_\_se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
6. inc\_\_\_\_\_ry bombs *adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire
7. pe\_\_\_\_\_al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
8. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
9. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 1. perpetual, 2. plunder, 3. gentrify, 4. disingenuous, 5. converse, 6. incendiary, 7. perpetual, 8. incarceration, 9. displace

10. dangerous com\_\_\_\_\_cy                    *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
11. non\_\_\_\_\_ce movement                    *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
12. American Ne\_\_o                                *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
13. b\_\_y in the earth                              *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
14. inc\_\_\_\_\_ry speech                        *adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire
15. pos\_\_\_\_\_rn anthropology                    *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
16. common ma\_\_\_\_y                              *n.* a physical or psychological disorder or illness; an ailment or disease that causes discomfort, distress, or dysfunction
17. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth            *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 10. complacency, 11. nonviolence, 12. Negro, 13. bury, 14. incendiary, 15. postmodern, 16. malady, 17. shove

18. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
19. un\_\_\_\_t verdict      *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
20. make an enl\_\_\_\_\_ed decision      *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
21. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
22. ex\_\_\_\_\_on of gas      *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
23. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension      *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
24. non\_\_\_\_\_ce protest      *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
25. avoid com\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
26. an ine\_\_\_\_\_le position      *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
27. weekend co\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* an outdoor social gathering or party where food, especially grilled or barbecued, is cooked and served; a casual meal or gathering with an emphasis on outdoor cooking and dining

ANSWERS: 18. grapple, 19. unjust, 20. enlightened, 21. grapple, 22. expulsion, 23. lifespan, 24. nonviolence, 25. complacency, 26. inescapable, 27. cookout

28. hea\_\_\_\_\_ded interference *adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful
29. un\_\_\_t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
30. a po\_\_\_\_\_c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
31. na\_\_\_\_\_e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
32. ask a co\_\_\_\_\_se question *v.* to talk informally
33. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of a problem *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
34. forceful ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
35. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
36. sh\_\_\_e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
37. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
38. en\_\_\_\_\_ed of bygone days *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

ANSWERS: 28. heavy-handed, 29. unjust, 30. politic, 31. narrate, 32. converse, 33. conceptualization, 34. expulsion, 35. supremacy, 36. shove, 37. displace, 38. enamored

39. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
40. the con\_\_\_\_\_ion of the sculpture *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
41. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
42. re\_\_\_\_\_te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
43. cu\_\_\_\_\_l spending *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
44. enl\_\_\_\_\_ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
45. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
46. en\_\_\_\_\_e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
47. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
48. re\_\_\_\_\_te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
49. co\_\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 39. determinant, 40. conceptualization, 41. supremacy, 42. relegate, 43. curtail, 44. enlightened, 45. confer, 46. entitle, 47. timeless, 48. relegate, 49. confer

50. heal the body po\_\_\_\_c      *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
51. mass inc\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
52. di\_\_\_\_e a letter to secretary      *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
53. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
54. se\_\_e the day      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
55. pr\_\_\_\_\_ue to the battle      *n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
56. dis\_\_\_\_\_ous apology      *adj.* not sincere or honest in one's intentions or actions; pretending to be innocent or unaware; deceptive or misleading
57. co\_\_\_\_e with the theory      *v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
58. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal home      *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages

ANSWERS: 50. politic, 51. incarceration, 52. dictate, 53. determinant, 54. seize, 55. prologue, 56. disingenuous, 57. cohere, 58. multigenerational

59. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
60. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
61. pl\_\_\_\_\_r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
62. in a hea\_\_\_\_\_ded manner *adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful
63. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
64. ine\_\_\_\_\_le fate *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
65. ge\_\_\_\_\_fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
66. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal workforce *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
67. spiny ap\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
68. pos\_\_\_\_\_rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

ANSWERS: 59. opportune, 60. timeless, 61. plunder, 62. heavy-handed, 63. bury, 64. inescapable, 65. gentrify, 66. multigenerational, 67. appendage, 68. postmodern



69. Ne\_\_o literature *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
70. di\_\_\_\_\_e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
71. st\_\_\_\_\_er for cleanliness *n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something
72. cu\_\_\_\_\_l freedom *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
73. na\_\_\_\_\_e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
74. summer co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an outdoor social gathering or party where food, especially grilled or barbecued, is cooked and served; a casual meal or gathering with an emphasis on outdoor cooking and dining
75. vol\_\_\_\_\_us data *adj.* large in volume or bulk
76. en\_\_\_\_\_e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 69. Negro, 70. dictate, 71. stickler, 72. curtail, 73. narrate, 74. cookout, 75. voluminous, 76. entitle

77. en\_\_\_\_ed of the idea *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
78. vol\_\_\_\_\_us work *adj.* large in volume or bulk
79. chronic ma\_\_\_\_y *n.* a physical or psychological disorder or illness; an ailment or disease that causes discomfort, distress, or dysfunction
80. co\_\_\_\_e as a team *v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
81. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
82. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. se\_\_e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
84. recite a pr\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
85. mechanical ap\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

ANSWERS: 77. enamored, 78. voluminous, 79. malady, 80. cohere, 81. lifespan, 82. opportune, 83. seize, 84. prologue, 85. appendage

86. st\_\_\_\_er for details

*n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something

ANSWERS: 86. stickler

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We invited our friends over for a fun-filled \_\_\_\_\_ in our backyard.  
*n.* an outdoor social gathering or party where food, especially grilled or barbecued, is cooked and served; a casual meal or gathering with an emphasis on outdoor cooking and dining
  
2. The ruling was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by many people in the community.  
*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
  
3. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.  
*v.* to talk informally
  
4. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.  
*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
  
6. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 1. cookout, 2. unjust, 3. converse, 4. displace, 5. postmodern, 6. determinant

7. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
- n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
8. The audiobook hired a professional actor to \_\_\_\_\_ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
- v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
9. The company employs a \_\_\_\_\_ inventory system.
- adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
10. The spider's \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to climb up the wall easily.
- n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ family farm has been passed down for generations.
- adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
12. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
13. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

ANSWERS: 7. complacency, 8. narrate, 9. perpetual, 10. appendage, 11. multigenerational, 12. bury, 13. grapple

14. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.  
*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the project took several weeks to complete.  
*n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
16. The team's game plan did not \_\_\_\_\_ with their opponents' tactics.  
*v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
17. They developed \_\_\_\_\_ blues with a lively rhythm.  
*n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
18. Due to budget constraints, the company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its marketing campaign for the new product.  
*v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
19. The underperforming team was \_\_\_\_\_ to a lower division.  
*v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the play provides important background information for the audience.  
*n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.  
*adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

ANSWERS: 14. incarceration, 15. conceptualization, 16. cohere, 17. Negro, 18. curtail, 19. relegated, 20. prologue, 21. enlightened

22. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect to his most remarkable work.  
*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
23. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ for punctuality and would not tolerate anyone being late.  
*n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something
24. The doctor diagnosed her with a rare \_\_\_\_\_ that required immediate treatment.  
*n.* a physical or psychological disorder or illness; an ailment or disease that causes discomfort, distress, or dysfunction
25. The manuscript was \_\_\_\_\_ spanning several hundred pages.  
*adj.* large in volume or bulk
26. The allies \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of surrender to the country.  
*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
27. The pirates could \_\_\_\_\_ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.  
*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
28. The consequences of his actions were \_\_\_\_\_ and he had to face the consequences.  
*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
29. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.  
*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 22. timeless, 23. stickler, 24. malady, 25. voluminous, 26. dictated, 27. plunder, 28. inescapable, 29. shoved

30. The arsonist used an \_\_\_\_\_ device to start the fire.

*adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire

31. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

32. He had been \_\_\_\_\_ with her since the first time he saw her.

*adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

33. The ambassador's \_\_\_\_\_ was a sign of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

*n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently

34. 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

35. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight for civil rights.

*n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

36. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

37. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 30. incendiary, 31. seize, 32. enamored, 33. expulsion, 34. supremacy, 35. nonviolence, 36. lifespan, 37. opportune



38. The people got angry with the government's \_\_\_\_\_ economic policies.  
*adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful
39. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
40. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in her behavior.  
*adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
41. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighborhood.  
*v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
42. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.  
*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
43. Her \_\_\_\_\_ comments led people to question her true intentions.  
*adj.* not sincere or honest in one's intentions or actions; pretending to be innocent or unaware; deceptive or misleading

ANSWERS: 38. heavy-handed, 39. confer, 40. politic, 41. gentrify, 42. entitled, 43. disingenuous