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Session 1: Word List

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym : burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains

They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

vulture

n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

synonym : buzzard, scavenger, carrion bird

(1) **vulture** colony, (2) scavenging **vulture**

The **vulture's** sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.

tidbit

n. a small and interesting or tasty piece of information, news, or gossip; a small and appetizing item of food or delicacy

synonym : morsel, snack, nibble

(1) amusing **tidbit**, (2) **tidbit** of gossip

The teacher shared a **tidbit** of historical trivia to spark the students' interest.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym : preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym : tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

crematory

n. a place or facility used for cremation, where dead bodies are incinerated and reduced to ashes

(1) **crematory** services, (2) **crematory** furnace

The family gathered at the private **crematory** to mourn the loss of their loved one.

mortician

n. an individual who prepares dead bodies for burial or cremation; a funeral director

synonym : undertaker, funeral director, embalmer

(1) **mortician** services, (2) professional **mortician**

The funeral home's **mortician** facilitated all the necessary arrangements for the memorial service.

beautify

v. to enhance the physical appearance of something by making it more attractive or aesthetically pleasing; to make something more attractive or appealing in general

synonym : embellish, enhance, decorate

(1) **beautify** my skin, (2) **beautify** a room

The city plans to **beautify** the park with new flowers and trees.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

casket

n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

synonym : coffin, sarcophagus, chest

(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**

The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.

vault

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

synonym: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

fortress

n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

synonym: castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

sanitize

v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

synonym: clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym: methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

Ebola

n. a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa

synonym : viral hemorrhagic fever, EVD

(1) **Ebola** epidemic, (2) **Ebola** virus

The **Ebola** outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym : reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

tuxedo

n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers

with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

synonym: black tie, dinner jacket, formalwear

(1) black **tuxedo**, (2) **tuxedo** jacket

The waiter wore a freshly pressed **tuxedo** to serve at the upscale restaurant.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym: nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

spade

n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

synonym: shovel, scoop, hoe

(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**

I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym: fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

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.

inorganic

adj. being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon

(1) **inorganic** acid, (2) **inorganic** nutrition

Inorganic substances include rocks and minerals.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

recompose

v. to compose or create again, often by rearranging or reassembling existing elements; to regain composure or emotional stability

synonym: reassemble, reconstruct

(1) **recompose** a poem, (2) **recompose** a photograph

After the argument, she needed time alone to **recompose** and gather her thoughts.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

postmortem

adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

synonym: autopsied, deceased, dead

(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem
The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym: hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym: strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

decompose

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

synonym: break down, rot, spoil

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

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

headstone

n. a marker or monument placed at the head of a grave or burial site, typically inscribed with the name and dates of the person buried there

synonym: gravestone, marker, monument

(1) **headstone** inscription, (2) **headstone** design

The family gathered at the cemetery to place flowers on their loved one's **headstone**.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

willow

n. a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

synonym : sallow, osier, saugh

(1) weeping **willow**, (2) **willow** overhanging the bank

Under the **willow** tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym : cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

luxuriate

v. to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance

synonym : indulge, delight, revel

(1) **luxuriate** in a vacation, (2) **luxuriate** in a slow and

indulgent meal

After a long work week, I **luxuriated** in a hot bubble bath.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym: bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. in___t under the skin | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 2. plain ca___t | <i>n.</i> a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation |
| 3. no_____h damaged skin | <i>v.</i> to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy |
| 4. tree and sh__bs | <i>n.</i> a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil |
| 5. pr_____ne beach | <i>adj.</i> new and completely free from dirt or contamination |
| 6. dedicated env _____ist | <i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment |
| 7. be_____fy my skin | <i>v.</i> to enhance the physical appearance of something by making it more attractive or aesthetically pleasing; to make something more attractive or appealing in general |
| 8. economic d__m | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 9. sp__e blade | <i>n.</i> a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil |

ANSWERS: 1. inject, 2. casket, 3. nourish, 4. shrub, 5. pristine, 6. environmentalist, 7. beautify, 8. doom, 9. spade

19. fo____ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
20. amusing ti____t *n.* a small and interesting or tasty piece of information, news, or gossip; a small and appetizing item of food or delicacy
21. sh____d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
22. organic co____t *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
23. in____e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
24. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
25. sa____ze the kitchen *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
26. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 19. fortress, 20. tidbit, 21. shroud, 22. compost, 23. inhale, 24. weave, 25. sanitize, 26. mound

27. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
28. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
29. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
30. re____se a photograph *v.* to compose or create again, often by rearranging or reassembling existing elements; to regain composure or emotional stability
31. wi___w overhanging the bank *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
32. em___m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
33. mo____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
34. dig with a sp__e *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
35. ac____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
36. cr____ry furnace *n.* a place or facility used for cremation, where dead bodies are incinerated and reduced to ashes

ANSWERS: 27. swath, 28. scatter, 29. doom, 30. recompose, 31. willow, 32. embalm, 33. mourning, 34. spade, 35. accepting, 36. crematory

37. pray to the sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
38. va__t from five to fifty percent *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
39. pa___a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
40. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
41. Eb__a epidemic *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
42. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
43. scavenging vu_____e *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
44. in_____ic acid *adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
45. mo_____an services *n.* an individual who prepares dead bodies for burial or cremation; a funeral director

ANSWERS: 37. savior, 38. vault, 39. pajama, 40. environmentalist, 41. Ebola, 42. frantic, 43. vulture, 44. inorganic, 45. mortician

55. Eb__a virus *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
56. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
57. cr_____ry services *n.* a place or facility used for cremation, where dead bodies are incinerated and reduced to ashes
58. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
59. in_____ic nutrition *adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
60. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
61. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
62. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
63. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 55. Ebola, 56. corpse, 57. crematory, 58. dedicate, 59. inorganic, 60. chalk, 61. reintroduce, 62. compost, 63. mound

64. military fo____ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
65. black tu___o *n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
66. wooden ca___t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
67. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
68. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
69. em___m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
70. st__k up the place *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
71. political sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
72. for_____yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

ANSWERS: 64. fortress, 65. tuxedo, 66. casket, 67. accepting, 68. pristine, 69. embalm, 70. stink, 71. savior, 72. formaldehyde

91. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
92. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
93. lu_____te in a vacation *v.* to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance
94. lu_____te in a slow and indulgent meal *v.* to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance
95. sh___d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
96. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
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98. professional mo_____an *n.* an individual who prepares dead bodies for burial or cremation; a funeral director

ANSWERS: 91. bury, 92. industrious, 93. luxuriate, 94. luxuriate, 95. shroud, 96. pajama, 97. reframe, 98. mortician

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.
 - v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

2. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
 - v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

3. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
 - n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

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 - n. a marker or monument placed at the head of a grave or burial site, typically inscribed with the name and dates of the person buried there

5. The _____ sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.
 - n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

6. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. inhaled, 2. nourish, 3. savior, 4. headstone, 5. vulture's, 6. decompose, 7. vault

8. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
9. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. The _____ outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.
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v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
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v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
14. I used an iron _____ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.
n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
15. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being

ANSWERS: 8. doom, 9. industrious, 10. Ebola, 11. inject, 12. weaves, 13. embalmed, 14. spade, 15. corpse

16. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

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

17. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

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n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 16. bury, 17. scattered, 18. tidbit, 19. sanitize, 20. pajama, 21. recompose, 22. mourning, 23. chalk

24. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
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- adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
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- n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
29. _____ substances include rocks and minerals.
- adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
30. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 24. compost, 25. accepting, 26. beautify, 27. shroud, 28. environmentalist, 29. Inorganic, 30. terrifying

31. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
32. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
33. The ancient _____ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
34. The funeral director closed the _____ and secured it with screws.
n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
35. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
36. After a long work week, I _____ in a hot bubble bath.
v. to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance
37. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

ANSWERS: 31. shrubs, 32. frantic, 33. fortress, 34. casket, 35. reintroduce, 36. luxuriated, 37. swath

38. The family gathered at the private _____ to mourn the loss of their loved one.
- n.* a place or facility used for cremation, where dead bodies are incinerated and reduced to ashes
39. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.
- n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
40. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
41. They plan to _____ their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.
- v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
42. Under the _____ tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.
- n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
43. The medical examiner performed a _____ examination to determine the cause of death.
- adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
44. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.
- v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

ANSWERS: 38. crematory, 39. mound, 40. reframe, 41. cremate, 42. willow, 43. postmortem, 44. stink

45. The waiter wore a freshly pressed _____ to serve at the upscale restaurant.
- n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
46. The funeral home's _____ facilitated all the necessary arrangements for the memorial service.
- n.* an individual who prepares dead bodies for burial or cremation; a funeral director
47. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
48. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
49. Exposure to high levels of _____ can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.
- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

ANSWERS: 45. tuxedo, 46. mortician, 47. dedicated, 48. pristine, 49. formaldehyde