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Session 1: Word List

gorilla

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

synonym: ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

technicality

n. a minor detail or aspect of a procedure, rule, or law, often used to evade or avoid it

synonym: detail, technical aspect, specification

(1) governmental **technicality**, (2) a legal **technicality**

He won the case on a **technicality**.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

neurosurgeon

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the surgical treatment of conditions affecting the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves

synonym : brain surgeon, neurologist, surgical specialist

(1) skilled **neurosurgeon**, (2) leading **neurosurgeon**

The hospital recruited experienced **neurosurgeons** worldwide to treat complex neurological disorders comprehensively.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym : agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

ventilate

v. to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

synonym : air out, circulate, freshen

(1) **ventilate** my opinion, (2) **ventilate** air

It's important to **ventilate** the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

pretension

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

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

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.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym : agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym : step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

synonym: glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

sandstorm

n. a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment

synonym: dust storm, haboob

(1) **sandstorm** warning, (2) **sandstorm** season

Many people experienced breathing difficulties during the severe **sandstorm**.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym: cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym: psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective
Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

prognosis

n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

synonym : prospect, forecast, diagnosis

(1) **prognosis** of cancer, (2) poor **prognosis**

The doctor gave a positive **prognosis** for her recovery from the illness.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

chemo

n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

synonym : chemotherapy, antineoplastic

(1) **chemo** patient, (2) **chemo-radiotherapy**

The side effects of **chemo**, such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.

palliate

v. to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

synonym : extenuate, soothe, relieve

(1) **palliate** symptoms, (2) attempts to **palliate**

The charity provided meals and shelter to **palliate** the suffering of the homeless population.

stimulant

n. a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration

synonym: upper, energizer, booster

(1) memory **stimulant**, (2) prescription **stimulant**

Many athletes use **stimulants** like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

dialysis

n. a medical treatment that removes waste and excess fluids from the blood of a patient with kidney failure

(1) **dialysis** nurse, (2) **dialysis** machine

Regular **dialysis** treatments are necessary for those with kidney failure.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

fortitude

n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

synonym: courage, bravery, endurance

(1) **fortitude** in adversity, (2) mental **fortitude**

She showed great **fortitude** in facing her illness with grace and strength.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

sleeplessness

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

synonym: insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

bonfire

n. an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

synonym: campfire, fire, pyre

(1) **bonfire** party, (2) victory **bonfire**

We gathered around the **bonfire**, roasting marshmallows and

telling stories.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sheep without a sh_____rd | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |
| 2. as_____d everyone | <i>v.</i> to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 3. re_____e my thoughts | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something |
| 4. as_____d the viewer | <i>v.</i> to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 5. pa_____te symptoms | <i>v.</i> to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause |
| 6. st____e across a room | <i>v.</i> to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress |
| 7. beat sle_____ess | <i>n.</i> the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping |
| 8. sa_____rm warning | <i>n.</i> a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment |
| 9. memory st_____nt | <i>n.</i> a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration |

ANSWERS: 1. shepherd, 2. astound, 3. reshape, 4. astound, 5. palliate, 6. stride, 7. sleeplessness, 8. sandstorm, 9. stimulant

10. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
11. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
12. pr_____is of cancer *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
13. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
14. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
15. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
16. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
17. fo_____de in adversity *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
18. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 10. pact, 11. gleam, 12. prognosis, 13. intern, 14. vow, 15. heartbreak, 16. resilient, 17. fortitude, 18. revisit

19. mental fo_____de *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
20. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
21. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
22. prescription st_____nt *n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
23. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
24. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
25. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
26. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
27. ve_____te air *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
28. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 19. fortitude, 20. caregiving, 21. excruciating, 22. stimulant, 23. quitter, 24. memoir, 25. revisit, 26. excruciating, 27. ventilate, 28. instinct

29. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
30. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
31. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
32. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
33. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
34. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
35. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
36. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
37. attempts to pa_____te *v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

ANSWERS: 29. uncover, 30. uncover, 31. evoke, 32. crossroad, 33. trade-off, 34. stark, 35. rev, 36. pact, 37. palliate

38. di_____is machine *n.* a medical treatment that removes waste and excess fluids from the blood of a patient with kidney failure
39. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
40. sle_____ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
41. modern on_____gy treatment *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
42. sa_____rm season *n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment
43. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
44. experienced cl_____an *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
45. endangered go_____a *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
46. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 38. dialysis, 39. trade-off, 40. sleeplessness, 41. oncology, 42. sandstorm, 43. pretension, 44. clinician, 45. gorilla, 46. quitter

47. governmental tec_____ity *n.* a minor detail or aspect of a procedure, rule, or law, often used to evade or avoid it
48. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
49. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
50. victory bo_____e *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
51. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
52. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
53. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
54. ch__o-radiotherapy *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
55. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
56. ve_____te my opinion *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

ANSWERS: 47. technicality, 48. caregiving, 49. disorient, 50. bonfire, 51. crossroad, 52. vow, 53. intern, 54. chemo, 55. resilient, 56. ventilate

57. re____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
58. baseless pre____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
59. sh____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
60. ch__o patient *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
61. go through hea____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
62. bo____e party *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
63. di____is nurse *n.* a medical treatment that removes waste and excess fluids from the blood of a patient with kidney failure
64. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
65. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
66. a legal tec____ity *n.* a minor detail or aspect of a procedure, rule, or law, often used to evade or avoid it
67. skilled neu____eon *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the surgical treatment of conditions affecting the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves

ANSWERS: 57. reshape, 58. pretension, 59. shepherd, 60. chemo, 61. heartbreak, 62. bonfire, 63. dialysis, 64. diminish, 65. stark, 66. technicality, 67. neurosurgeon

68. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
69. go_____a habitat *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
70. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
71. gl__m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
72. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
73. poor pr_____is *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
74. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
75. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
76. on_____gy center *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

ANSWERS: 68. evoke, 69. gorilla, 70. rev, 71. gleam, 72. disorient, 73. prognosis, 74. daunting, 75. diminish, 76. oncology

77. leading neu_____eon *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the surgical treatment of conditions affecting the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves
78. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
79. from a cl_____an's perspective *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
80. family me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
81. st____e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
82. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 77. neurosurgeon, 78. daunting, 79. clinician, 80. memoir, 81. stride, 82. instinct

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

2. Some _____ believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.
n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

3. The hospital recruited experienced _____ worldwide to treat complex neurological disorders comprehensively.
n. a medical doctor who specializes in the surgical treatment of conditions affecting the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves

4. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

5. We gathered around the _____ roasting marshmallows and telling stories.
n. an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

6. He won the case on a _____.
n. a minor detail or aspect of a procedure, rule, or law, often used to evade or avoid it

7. The doctor gave a positive _____ for her recovery from the illness.
n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

ANSWERS: 1. instinct, 2. clinicians, 3. neurosurgeons, 4. caregiving, 5. bonfire, 6. technicality, 7. prognosis

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v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
9. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
10. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
11. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
12. The final result was nothing short of _____.
v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
13. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
14. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
15. She showed great _____ in facing her illness with grace and strength.
n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

ANSWERS: 8. interned, 9. resilient, 10. evoke, 11. daunting, 12. astounding, 13. trade-off, 14. strides, 15. fortitude

16. Many people experienced breathing difficulties during the severe _____.
- n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment
17. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v.* to change the form or structure of something
18. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
19. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
20. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.
- n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
21. The charity provided meals and shelter to _____ the suffering of the homeless population.
- v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
22. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 16. sandstorm, 17. reshaped, 18. pretensions, 19. shepherd's, 20. crossroads, 21. palliate, 22. uncovered

23. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period
24. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
25. As people get old, their energies may _____.
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28. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
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29. Many athletes use _____ like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.
- n. a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
30. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

ANSWERS: 23. revisit, 24. quitter, 25. diminish, 26. ventilate, 27. dialysis, 28. disorient, 29. stimulants, 30. heartbreak

31. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.
adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
32. The _____ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.
n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
33. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
34. The diamond ring _____ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.
v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
35. The side effects of _____ such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.
n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
36. He tried various treatments for his _____ but nothing seemed to work.
n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
37. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
38. The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the _____ market.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

ANSWERS: 31. excruciating, 32. gorilla, 33. stark, 34. gleamed, 35. chemo, 36. sleeplessness, 37. vowed, 38. oncology

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- n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

40. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

41. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.

- n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties

ANSWERS: 39. memoirs, 40. rev, 41. pact