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Session 1: Word List

tango

n. a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to

close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym : stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

contraption

n. a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

synonym : device, gadget, machinery

(1) farming **contraption**, (2) complicated **contraption**

The inventor created a **contraption** that could turn salt water into drinking water.

reptile

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

synonym : lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

procreation

n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

synonym : progeny, offspring, breeding

(1) **procreation** instinct, (2) natural **procreation**

The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of **procreation** within a population.

superficially

adv. in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail

synonym : externally, on the surface

(1) **superficially** charming, (2) **superficially** knowledgeable
He **superficially** criticized the painting without truly understanding its deeper meaning.

nether

adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body

synonym : inferior, lower, underground

(1) **nether** lip, (2) **nether** garment

The **nether** regions of the building were dark and musty.

pipette

n. a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside

synonym : dropper, tube

(1) **pipette** tip, (2) multi-channel **pipette**

After handling a toxic substance, she disposed of the contaminated **pipette** in the designated hazardous waste bin.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

gizmo

n. a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

synonym : gadget, device, contraption

(1) handy **gizmo**, (2) high-tech **gizmo**

You can find all kinds of interesting **gizmos** in this store.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym : pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym: echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

serenade

n. a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music

(1) **serenade** by the lake, (2) romantic **serenade**

He sang a **serenade** under her window to express his love for her.

phallus

n. a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power

synonym : penis, member

(1) artificial **phallus**, (2) **phallus** sculpture

The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a **phallus** symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.

drumstick

n. a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound

synonym : beater, mallet, stick

(1) **drumstick** grip, (2) **drumstick** case

The drummer used **drumsticks** to play the drumset.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

hoof

n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

synonym : foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

insemination

n. the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

synonym : fertilization, insemination, impregnation

(1) artificial **insemination**, (2) bovine **insemination**

The couple opted for donor **insemination** after struggling with infertility.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

syringe

n. a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid

synonym : needle, injector, shot

(1) **syringe** needle, (2) **syringe** injection

Addicts often share dirty **syringes**, putting themselves at risk for disease.

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.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

countermeasure

n. an action taken to counter or offset another action

synonym: response, remedy, antidote

(1) **countermeasure** strategy, (2) **countermeasure** plan

The government implemented several **countermeasures** to combat the spread of the virus.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym: side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

clockwise

adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

synonym: rightward, deasil

(1) rotate **clockwise**, (2) move **clockwise**

We need to turn the knob **clockwise** to lock the door.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

counterclockwise

adv. in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

synonym : anticlockwise, reversely

(1) move **counterclockwise**, (2) swirl **counterclockwise**

The carousel rotates **counterclockwise** at a slow pace.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym : object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

flub

v. to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail

synonym : blunder, mistake, slip-up

(1) **flub** the high note, (2) **flub** the dub

I **flubbed** my lines during the school play, causing the audience to chuckle.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ou__o the competition | v. | to do better than someone; to surpass |
| 2. f__b the high note | v. | to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail |
| 3. pi____e tip | n. | a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside |
| 4. f__b the dub | v. | to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail |
| 5. ou__o him in trickery | v. | to do better than someone; to surpass |
| 6. d__g the land | n. | solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement |
| 7. high-tech gi__o | n. | a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe |
| 8. se____de by the lake | n. | a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music |

ANSWERS: 1. outdo, 2. flub, 3. pipette, 4. flub, 5. outdo, 6. dung, 7. gizmo, 8. serenade

9. handy gi__o *n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
10. natural pro _____on *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
11. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
12. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
13. move cl_____se *adv.* in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
14. re_____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
15. artificial ph_____s *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
16. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
17. cou_____ure strategy *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
18. cou_____ure plan *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
19. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

ANSWERS: 9. gizmo, 10. procreation, 11. beetle, 12. scrape, 13. clockwise, 14. reptile, 15. phallus, 16. intricate, 17. countermeasure, 18. countermeasure, 19. fertilize

20. sup_____lly charming *adv.* in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail
21. passionate ta__o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
22. rotate cl_____se *adv.* in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
23. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
24. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
25. ne___r garment *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
26. multi-channel pi_____e *n.* a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside
27. clean h__f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
28. separatory fu___l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 20. superficially, 21. tango, 22. clockwise, 23. ram, 24. furious, 25. nether, 26. pipette, 27. hoof, 28. funnel

29. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
30. ne___r lip *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
31. sup_____lly knowledgeable *adv.* in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail
32. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
33. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
34. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
35. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
36. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

ANSWERS: 29. flank, 30. nether, 31. superficially, 32. funnel, 33. scrape, 34. slap, 35. ram, 36. inflate

37. c__k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
38. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
39. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
40. swirl cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
41. artificial ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
42. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
43. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
44. re___b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
45. dr_____ck grip *n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound

ANSWERS: 37. cork, 38. slap, 39. beetle, 40. counterclockwise, 41. insemination, 42. genital, 43. intricate, 44. reverb, 45. drumstick

46. move cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
47. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
48. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
49. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
50. bovine ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
51. farming con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
52. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
53. sensual ta__o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
54. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
55. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

ANSWERS: 46. counterclockwise, 47. disapprove, 48. pierce, 49. dung, 50. insemination, 51. contraption, 52. explode, 53. tango, 54. furious, 55. pierce

56. ph____s sculpture *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
57. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
58. fossil re____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
59. in____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
60. complicated con____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
61. romantic se____de *n.* a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music
62. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
63. fa____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
64. h__f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

ANSWERS: 56. phallus, 57. explode, 58. reptile, 59. inflate, 60. contraption, 61. serenade, 62. flea, 63. fascinate, 64. hoof

65. publicly dis_____ve
66. sy_____e needle
67. re___b chamber
68. in___t under the skin
69. ge_____l bleeding
70. sy_____e injection
71. c__k flooring
72. dr_____ck case
- v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
- n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
- n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
- 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)
- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
- n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
- n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
- n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound

ANSWERS: 65. disapprove, 66. syringe, 67. reverb, 68. inject, 69. genital, 70. syringe, 71. cork, 72. drumstick

73. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
74. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
75. in__t a personal opinion into a debate *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)
76. pro_____on instinct *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
77. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
78. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
79. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
80. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 73. snail, 74. flea, 75. inject, 76. procreation, 77. flank, 78. snail, 79. fertilize, 80. fascinate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
2. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.
v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
3. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.
n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
4. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.
adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together
5. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
6. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
7. The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a _____ symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.
n. a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power

ANSWERS: 1. fascinated, 2. disapprove, 3. reptile, 4. intricate, 5. exploded, 6. fertilize, 7. phallus

8. The carousel rotates _____ at a slow pace.
adv. in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
9. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
10. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
11. He _____ criticized the painting without truly understanding its deeper meaning.
adv. in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail
12. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
13. She used a _____ board to display her favorite photographs.
n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
14. The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of _____ within a population.
n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

ANSWERS: 8. counterclockwise, 9. snail, 10. pierced, 11. superficially, 12. reverb, 13. cork, 14. procreation

15. The inventor created a _____ that could turn salt water into drinking water.
- n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
16. I _____ my lines during the school play, causing the audience to chuckle.
- v.* to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail
17. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
- v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
18. The government implemented several _____ to combat the spread of the virus.
- n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
19. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
- n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
20. The horse's _____ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.
- n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
21. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
- n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
22. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.
- n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 15. contraption, 16. flubbed, 17. rammed, 18. countermeasures, 19. beetle, 20. hoof, 21. flea-borne, 22. funnel

23. Addicts often share dirty _____ putting themselves at risk for disease.
n. a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
24. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.
n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
25. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
26. She _____ the balloons for the party.
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
27. After handling a toxic substance, she disposed of the contaminated _____ in the designated hazardous waste bin.
n. a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside
28. We took a _____ lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.
n. a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
29. The couple opted for donor _____ after struggling with infertility.
n. the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
30. The _____ regions of the building were dark and musty.
adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body

ANSWERS: 23. syringes, 24. dung, 25. furious, 26. inflated, 27. pipette, 28. tango, 29. insemination, 30. nether

31. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

- 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)

32. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

33. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.

- v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

34. We need to turn the knob _____ to lock the door.

- adv.* in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

35. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.

- n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

36. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.

- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

37. The drummer used _____ to play the drumset.

- n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound

38. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.

- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

ANSWERS: 31. inject, 32. genital, 33. slap, 34. clockwise, 35. flank, 36. outdo, 37. drumsticks, 38. scraped

39. You can find all kinds of interesting _____ in this store.

n. a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

40. He sang a _____ under her window to express his love for her.

n. a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music

ANSWERS: 39. gizmos, 40. serenade