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Session 1: Word List

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

pretentious

adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

synonym : ostentatious, showy, pompous

(1) **pretentious** behavior, (2) **pretentious** language

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

cedar

n. a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

synonym : juniper, redwood, pine

(1) **cedar** wood, (2) **cedar** bark

Tall **cedar** trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply
The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

soot

n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

synonym : smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

satanic

adj. related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature

synonym : diabolical, wicked, evil

(1) **satanic** ritual, (2) **satanic** symbolism

The horror movie featured a **satanic** cult as the antagonist.

lifespan

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

synonym : duration, lifetime, continuance

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

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

pointillism

n. a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance

synonym : dotting, stippling, speckling

(1) **pointillism** technique, (2) **pointillism** style

The artist's use of **pointillism** created a unique and striking composition.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy
Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

urbanist

n. a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there

synonym : urban planner, city planner, city designer

(1) famous **urbanist**, (2) **urbanist** philosophy

The transportation board accepted the **urbanist's** proposal for a bus rapid transit system.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

overburden

v. to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something

synonym : overwhelm, overload, overflow

(1) snow **overburdens** the roof, (2) **overburden** the military

The new tax laws had **overburdened** the accounting department with additional paperwork and compliance requirements.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

nuisance

n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

synonym: bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

escalator

n. a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

synonym: moving stairway, elevator, lift

(1) **escalator** ride, (2) **escalator** malfunction

Please be careful getting on and off the **escalator**.

treadmill

n. a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

synonym: exercise machine, routine

(1) **treadmill** workout, (2) nonstop **treadmill**

I like to watch TV while running on the **treadmill** to pass the time.

intersperse

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

synonym : scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

sac

n. a bag or pouch, typically made of fabric or leather, used to hold something valuable or important; a structure resembling a bag in an animal or plant

synonym : bag, pouch, knapsack

(1) **sac** contents, (2) abdominal **sac**

I placed my valuables in the **sac** before heading out on my hike.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym : belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

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.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym : broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway
The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

latent

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

synonym: dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat
Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**
He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

esoteric

adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

synonym: abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome
The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

oversize

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

synonym : large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

curvature

n. the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve

synonym : bend, arch, bow

(1) the degree of **curvature**, (2) spinal **curvature**

The **curvature** of the earth can be seen from space.

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym : cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

uptick

n. a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend

synonym : increase, rise, surge

(1) **uptick** in crime, (2) a dramatic **uptick** in sales

There was a noticeable **uptick** in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or

pounce upon

synonym : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

aerodynamics

n. the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

synonym : aeromechanics, aeronautics, airflow

(1) **aerodynamics** research, (2) **aerodynamics** design

The **aerodynamics** of the car allowed it to glide smoothly through the air.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

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.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym: surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

triangular

adj. having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)

synonym: three-cornered, trilateral

(1) a **triangular** alliance, (2) **triangular** form

The **triangular** shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

admiration

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

synonym: respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people

The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

chia

n. a plant (*Salvia hispanica*) grown for its seeds, which are high in protein, fiber, and omega-3 fatty acids and often used in health foods and beverages

synonym: *salvia hispanica*, salba

(1) **chia** smoothie, (2) **chia** pudding

I added **chia** seeds to my oatmeal for some extra fiber and protein.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tri_____ar form *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
2. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. la____t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
4. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
5. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
6. ce__r wood *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
7. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
8. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
9. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
10. poi_____sm technique *n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance

ANSWERS: 1. triangular, 2. confer, 3. latent, 4. institutionalize, 5. widen, 6. cedar, 7. prosthetic, 8. predator, 9. predator, 10. pointillism

11. li_____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
12. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
13. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
14. ur_____st philosophy *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there
15. adm_____on by other people *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
16. feel und_____ted *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
17. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
18. gr___m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

ANSWERS: 11. lifespan, 12. underrepresented, 13. constrain, 14. urbanist, 15. admiration, 16. underrepresented, 17. congest, 18. graham

19. have pro_____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
20. traffic nu_____ce *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
21. snow ove_____ens the roof *v.* to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something
22. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
23. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
24. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
25. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
26. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 19. prosthetic, 20. nuisance, 21. overburden, 22. determinant, 23. primate, 24. determinant, 25. commute, 26. commute

27. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
28. pre_____us behavior *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
29. nonstop tr_____ll *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
30. pr_____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
31. es_____or malfunction *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
32. tr_____ll workout *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
33. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
34. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 27. enclose, 28. pretentious, 29. treadmill, 30. primate, 31. escalator, 32. treadmill, 33. choke, 34. recreate

35. abdominal s_c *n.* a bag or pouch, typically made of fabric or leather, used to hold something valuable or important; a structure resembling a bag in an animal or plant
36. ungrudging adm_____on *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
37. gr____m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
38. sp____l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
39. s_c contents *n.* a bag or pouch, typically made of fabric or leather, used to hold something valuable or important; a structure resembling a bag in an animal or plant
40. a tri_____ar alliance *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
41. qu_____le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
42. es_____ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
43. es_____or ride *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
44. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

ANSWERS: 35. sac, 36. admiration, 37. graham, 38. sprawl, 39. sac, 40. triangular, 41. quadruple, 42. esoteric, 43. escalator, 44. reconnect

45. the degree of cu_____re *n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
46. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
47. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
48. poi_____sm style *n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance
49. up___k in crime *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
50. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
51. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
52. ov_____ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
53. an es_____ic religion *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
54. int_____se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

ANSWERS: 45. curvature, 46. reshape, 47. mislead, 48. pointillism, 49. uptick, 50. widen, 51. sprawl, 52. oversize, 53. esoteric, 54. intersperse

55. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
56. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
57. 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
58. aer_____ics design *n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars
59. famous ur_____st *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there
60. ove_____en the military *v.* to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something
61. s__t-covered walls *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
62. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

ANSWERS: 55. confer, 56. reshape, 57. flank, 58. aerodynamics, 59. urbanist, 60. overburden, 61. soot, 62. enclose

63. re____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
64. nu____ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
65. pre____us language *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
66. sa____c symbolism *adj.* related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature
67. c__a pudding *n.* a plant (*Salvia hispanica*) grown for its seeds, which are high in protein, fiber, and omega-3 fatty acids and often used in health foods and beverages
68. re____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
69. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
70. 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
71. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 63. recreate, 64. nuisance, 65. pretentious, 66. satanic, 67. chia, 68. reconnect, 69. institutionalize, 70. flank, 71. swoop

72. ov____ze tire *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
73. spinal cu_____re *n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
74. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
75. c__a smoothie *n.* a plant (*Salvia hispanica*) grown for its seeds, which are high in protein, fiber, and omega-3 fatty acids and often used in health foods and beverages
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79. aer_____ics research *n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars
80. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

ANSWERS: 72. oversize, 73. curvature, 74. quadruple, 75. chia, 76. soot, 77. cedar, 78. satanic, 79. aerodynamics, 80. mislead

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83. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
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85. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
86. la___t desire *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
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ANSWERS: 81. lifespan, 82. uptick, 83. congest, 84. choke, 85. constrain, 86. latent, 87. intersperse, 88. swoop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the car allowed it to glide smoothly through the air.
n. the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars
2. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
3. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
4. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
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6. New _____ joints are less prone to metal poisoning.
adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
7. The transportation board accepted the _____ proposal for a bus rapid transit system.
n. a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there

ANSWERS: 1. aerodynamics, 2. reconnected, 3. constrained, 4. predator's, 5. sac, 6. prosthetic, 7. urbanist's

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9. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
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10. The book's content was so _____ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.
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12. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
- v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
13. His stock earnings _____.
- v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
14. The new tax laws had _____ the accounting department with additional paperwork and compliance requirements.
- v. to burden or load someone or something with too much weight, responsibility, or work; to place an excessive or unfair demand on someone or something
15. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.
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ANSWERS: 8. confer, 9. mislead, 10. esoteric, 11. chia, 12. recreated, 13. quadrupled, 14. overburdened, 15. widened

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n. a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

19. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.

v. to change the form or structure of something

20. The fire left a layer of _____ on everything in the room.

n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

21. There was a noticeable _____ in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

n. a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend

22. The _____ shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.

adj. having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)

ANSWERS: 16. Underrepresented, 17. determinant, 18. treadmill, 19. reshaped, 20. soot, 21. uptick, 22. triangular

23. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
24. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
25. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
26. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
27. The _____ jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.
adj. larger than the normal or standard size
28. The barking dog next door is becoming quite a _____.
n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
29. 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
30. The _____ guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.
adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

ANSWERS: 23. enclosed, 24. sprawls, 25. congested, 26. swooped, 27. oversize, 28. nuisance, 29. flank, 30. pretentious

31. The _____ of the earth can be seen from space.
- n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
32. The artist's use of _____ created a unique and striking composition.
- n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance
33. The author _____ anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.
- v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
34. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
35. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
36. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
- n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
37. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
- n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

ANSWERS: 31. curvature, 32. pointillism, 33. interspersed, 34. commute, 35. institutionalize, 36. primate, 37. lifespan

38. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.

- v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

39. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.

- n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

40. The horror movie featured a _____ cult as the antagonist.

- adj.* related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature

41. Many people have _____ talents they are not aware of.

- adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

42. Please be careful getting on and off the _____.

- n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

43. Tall _____ trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

- n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

44. The artist received _____ for their work from critics and fans alike.

- n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

ANSWERS: 38. choke, 39. graham, 40. satanic, 41. latent, 42. escalator, 43. cedar, 44. admiration