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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

### obsession

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym* : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

### rum

*n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor

*synonym* : liquor, spirits, alcohol

(1) **rum** cocktail, (2) spiced **rum**

The **rum** in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.

## 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.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

## oddball

*n.* a person or thing that is strange, eccentric, or unique in a peculiar way; an unconventional or eccentric individual

*synonym*: eccentric, oddity, misfit

(1) **oddball** character, (2) comedic **oddball**

His **oddball** sense of fashion always turned heads wherever he went.

## obsessive

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym*: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## maniac

*adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing

*synonym*: lunatic, maniacal, mad

(1) **maniac** about things, (2) a homicidal **maniac**

He was a **maniac** for collecting stamps.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**  
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym*: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## grail

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

*synonym*: chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

## destine

*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

*synonym*: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## folklore

*n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

*synonym*: myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

## jukebox

*n.* a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past

*synonym* : music player, nickelodeon

(1) **jukebox** music, (2) digital **jukebox**

The diner had a classic **jukebox** that played all the hits from the 1950s and 60s.

## 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.

## dusty

*adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

*synonym* : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

## mold

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym* : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym* : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival  
The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## turntable

*n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

(1) rotating **turntable**, (2) vintage **turntable**

I carefully placed the vinyl record on the **turntable** and enjoyed the smooth music.

## backstory

*n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

*synonym*: history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

## reissue

*v.* to print or produce something again or anew

*synonym*: republish, re-release, reprint

(1) **reissue** a certificate, (2) **reissue** a suspended publication

The publisher decided to **reissue** the book with a new cover design.

## remaster

*v.* to modify, enhance, or improve the quality of a previously recorded audio or video work, typically by using more advanced technology or techniques; (noun) the process of adjusting the audio levels, cleaning up noise or imperfections, and optimizing overall sound or picture quality

*synonym*: remix, restore, enhance

(1) **remaster** edition, (2) **remaster** a film

The band decided to **remaster** their debut album for its 20th anniversary.

## revive

*v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

*synonym*: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

## rarity

*n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

*synonym*: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**

Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

## oblivion

*n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

*synonym*: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## curator

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

*synonym*: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

## musicology

*n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

*synonym*: musical scholarship, music theory

(1) **musicology** professor, (2) **musicology** research

The **musicology** conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

## sanity

*n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

*synonym*: mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her **sanity**.

## madden

*v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

*synonym*: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

## curate

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

*synonym*: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

## hinder

*v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

*synonym*: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym* : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## takeaway

*n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

*synonym* : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

## slogan

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

*synonym* : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.



## autobiography

*n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

*synonym*: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

## cherish

*v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

*synonym*: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

## rediscover

*v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

*synonym*: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|----|--|
| 1. re___e an old friendship | v. | to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore  |
| 2. prehistoric arc_____gy   | n. | the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures  |
| 3. re_____e a certificate   | v. | to print or produce something again or anew  |
| 4. mus_____gy professor     | n. | the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music                               |
| 5. digital ju_____x         | n. | a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past |
| 6. f__a infestation         | n. | a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds  |
| 7. ins_____ize a system     | v. | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)   |
| 8. red_____er an old truth  | v. | to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost   |
| 9. ob___s over her weight   | v. | to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else   |
| 10. local f__a market       | n. | a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds  |

ANSWERS: 1. revive, 2. archaeology, 3. reissue, 4. musicology, 5. jukebox, 6. flea, 7. institutionalize, 8. rediscover, 9. obsess, 10. flea

11. be de\_\_\_\_\_ed to become a great artist
12. national ob\_\_\_\_\_on
13. the ba\_\_\_\_\_ry about this sweet moment
14. book of great ra\_\_\_\_y
15. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder
16. ma\_\_\_\_n the enemy
17. de\_\_\_\_\_e us to meet again
- v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
- n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
- n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
- n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
- adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
- v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
- v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 11. destine, 12. obsession, 13. backstory, 14. rarity, 15. obsessive, 16. madden, 17. destine

18. ta\_\_\_\_\_ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
19. mus\_\_\_\_\_gy research *n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music
20. re\_\_\_\_\_er edition *v.* to modify, enhance, or improve the quality of a previously recorded audio or video work, typically by using more advanced technology or techniques; (noun) the process of adjusting the audio levels, cleaning up noise or imperfections, and optimizing overall sound or picture quality
21. the ra\_\_\_\_y of the event *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
22. ma\_\_\_\_n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
23. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
25. el\_\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 18. takeaway, 19. musicology, 20. remaster, 21. rarity, 22. madden, 23. opportune, 24. overlook, 25. elevate

26. cu\_\_\_\_\_r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
27. rotating tu\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
28. red\_\_\_\_\_er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
29. comedic od\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a person or thing that is strange, eccentric, or unique in a peculiar way; an unconventional or eccentric individual
30. od\_\_\_\_\_l character *n.* a person or thing that is strange, eccentric, or unique in a peculiar way; an unconventional or eccentric individual
31. Peruvian ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
32. advertising sl\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
33. fo\_\_\_\_\_re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
34. re\_\_\_\_\_er a film *v.* to modify, enhance, or improve the quality of a previously recorded audio or video work, typically by using more advanced technology or techniques; (noun) the process of adjusting the audio levels, cleaning up noise or imperfections, and optimizing overall sound or picture quality

ANSWERS: 26. curator, 27. turntable, 28. rediscover, 29. oddball, 30. oddball, 31.

artifact, 32. slogan, 33. folklore, 34. remaster

35. m\_\_d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
36. vanish into ob\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
37. fictionalized aut\_\_\_\_\_\_phy *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
38. ju\_\_\_\_x music *n.* a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past
39. ob\_\_\_\_ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
40. el\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
41. catchy sl\_\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 35. mold, 36. oblivion, 37. autobiography, 38. jukebox, 39. obsessive, 40. elevate, 41. slogan

42. moral pa\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
43. cu\_\_\_e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
44. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
45. hi\_\_\_r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
46. re\_\_\_e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
47. drunken ob\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
48. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
49. ob\_\_\_\_\_on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
50. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 42. paralysis, 43. curate, 44. institutionalize, 45. hinder, 46. revive, 47. oblivion, 48. industrious, 49. obsession, 50. industrious



51. have a sa\_\_\_y hearing *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
52. ta\_\_\_\_\_ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
53. interim cu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
54. du\_\_y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
55. ba\_\_\_\_\_ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
56. ma\_\_\_c about things *adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing
57. re\_\_\_\_\_e a suspended publication *v.* to print or produce something again or anew
58. in\_\_\_\_\_ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
59. du\_\_y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 51. sanity, 52. takeaway, 53. curator, 54. dusty, 55. backstory, 56. maniac, 57. reissue, 58. intrigue, 59. dusty

60. paleolithic ar\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
61. aut\_\_\_\_\_\_phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
62. r\_m cocktail *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
63. ultimate gr\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
64. a homicidal ma\_\_\_\_c *adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing
65. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
66. a casting m\_\_d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
67. holy gr\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
68. fo\_\_\_\_re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

ANSWERS: 60. artifact, 61. autobiography, 62. rum, 63. grail, 64. maniac, 65. nerd, 66. mold, 67. grail, 68. folklore

69. ch\_\_\_\_h a stuffed animal      *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
70. vintage tu\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
71. n\_\_d neck      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
72. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival      *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
73. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
74. sa\_\_\_\_y check      *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
75. he is ob\_\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
76. hi\_\_\_\_r international exchanges      *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
77. spiced r\_m      *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor

ANSWERS: 69. cherish, 70. turntable, 71. nerd, 72. intrigue, 73. opportune, 74. sanity, 75. obsess, 76. hinder, 77. rum

78. perpetual cu\_\_\_e
- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
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- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
80. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_gy
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
81. pa\_\_\_\_is in the leg
- n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
82. ch\_\_\_\_h relationships
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 78. curate, 79. overlook, 80. archaeology, 81. paralysis, 82. cherish

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pandemic \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of the airline industry.
  - v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
  
2. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
  - n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
  
3. The publisher decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the book with a new cover design.
  - v. to print or produce something again or anew
  
4. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.
  - n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
  
5. The \_\_\_\_ in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.
  - n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
  
6. The diner had a classic \_\_\_\_\_ that played all the hits from the 1950s and 60s.
  - n. a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past
  
7. Some people believe that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ for greatness.
  - v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 1. hindered, 2. obsession, 3. reissue, 4. paralysis, 5. rum, 6. jukebox, 7. destined

8. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.  
*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
9. The slow internet connection \_\_\_\_\_ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.  
*v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
10. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.  
*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
11. The museum \_\_\_\_\_ conserved the ancient manuscripts.  
*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
12. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.  
*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
13. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of \_\_\_\_\_ debris.  
*adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
15. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 8. overlook, 9. maddened, 10. elevates, 11. curator, 12. archaeology, 13. industrious, 14. dusty, 15. artifacts

16. Mushrooms and \_\_\_\_\_ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

17. The main \_\_\_\_\_ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

- n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

18. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

19. The band decided to \_\_\_\_\_ their debut album for its 20th anniversary.

- v.* to modify, enhance, or improve the quality of a previously recorded audio or video work, typically by using more advanced technology or techniques; (noun) the process of adjusting the audio levels, cleaning up noise or imperfections, and optimizing overall sound or picture quality

20. Her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

- adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

21. She wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ detailing her journey from poverty to success.

- n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

22. The author's work was forgotten and fell into \_\_\_\_\_ after his death.

- n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 16. mold, 17. takeaway, 18. sanity, 19. remaster, 20. obsessive, 21. autobiography, 22. oblivion

23. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ for collecting stamps.

*adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing

24. 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

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

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

26. The company spent months researching and testing different brand \_\_\_\_\_ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

27. The search for the \_\_\_\_\_ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

28. The art museum has hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to select and display pieces from its collection.

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

29. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. maniac, 24. flea-borne, 25. opportune, 26. slogans, 27. grail, 28. curate, 29. nerd



30. The painting was \_\_\_\_\_ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

- v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

31. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

32. I carefully placed the vinyl record on the \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoyed the smooth music.

- n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

- n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

34. She \_\_\_\_\_ the memories of her childhood.

- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the main character added depth to the story.

- n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

36. His \_\_\_\_\_ sense of fashion always turned heads wherever he went.

- n.* a person or thing that is strange, eccentric, or unique in a peculiar way; an unconventional or eccentric individual

ANSWERS: 30. rediscovered, 31. intrigues, 32. turntable, 33. musicology, 34. cherished, 35. backstory, 36. oddball

37. The area's \_\_\_\_\_ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.
- n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
38. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
39. Due to their \_\_\_\_\_ diamonds are expensive.
- n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
40. They \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.
- v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
41. 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.)

ANSWERS: 37. folklore, 38. obsessed, 39. rarity, 40. revived, 41. institutionalize