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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### minibus

*n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire

*synonym* : shuttle, van, microbus

(1) **minibus** taxi, (2) crowded **minibus**

I took a **minibus** to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

### enrich

*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

*synonym* : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

### uninhabitable

*adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

*synonym* : desolate, dilapidated, unlivable

(1) **uninhabitable** conditions, (2) **uninhabitable** apartment

The hurricane left many coastal areas **uninhabitable** for a long time.

### bum

*n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who

spends time doing nothing productive

*synonym* : hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

## fallout

*n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## android

*n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

*synonym* : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## arsenal

*n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

*synonym* : storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

## modernize

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

*synonym*: develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## cyberwarfare

*n.* the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations

*synonym*: cyberattack, online warfare, digital warfare

(1) **cyberwarfare** defense, (2) **cyberwarfare** threats

Experts warn that **cyberwarfare** attacks are becoming increasingly sophisticated and difficult to detect.

## ahold

*adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

*synonym*: totally, completely, firmly

(1) grab **ahold** of the rope, (2) take **ahold** of the situation

I was able to get **ahold** of the concert tickets before they sold out.

## detonate

*v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

*synonym* : explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

## airspace

*n.* the designated area above the surface of the earth where aircraft are allowed to fly, regulated by government authorities; the portion of the atmosphere above a particular location that is controlled by a specific country or organization

*synonym* : sky, zone, area

(1) **airspace** violation, (2) **airspace** restrictions

The airplane entered restricted **airspace** and had to be escorted by fighter jets.

## retaliate

*v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

*synonym* : get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

## astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

*synonym* : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

## assassin

*n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

*synonym* : killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

## defer

*v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority

*synonym*: postpone, delay, hold off

(1) **defer** decision, (2) **defer** payment

I have to **defer** the meeting until next week.

## superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym*: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

## extinguish

*v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

*synonym*: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

## megaton

*n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT

(1) **megaton** explosion, (2) **megaton** weapon

The power of a **megaton** bomb is equivalent to one million tons of TNT.

## warhead

*n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

*synonym*: payload, explosive

(1) **warhead** missile, (2) nuclear **warhead**

The missile launch was successful, and the **warhead** hit its intended target.

## audacious

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring;

marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

*synonym* : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## underpin

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

*synonym* : support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

## blur

*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

## indistinct

*adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

*synonym* : faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

## innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym* : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym*: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

## hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym*: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

## disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

*synonym*: demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

## fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

*synonym*: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

## annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

*synonym*: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if

left unchecked.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym*: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## stranglehold

*n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control

*synonym*: grip, tight control, hold

(1) escape their **stranglehold**, (2) information **stranglehold**

The monopoly has a **stranglehold** on the market, making it difficult for new businesses to compete.

## plod

*v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative

*synonym*: trudge, slog, tramp

(1) **plod** along in mediocrity, (2) **plod** through mud

Despite the heavy snowfall, the hiker continued to **plod** along the trail.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze infrastructure  
*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
2. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze agriculture  
*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
3. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
4. fall victim to an as\_\_\_\_\_in  
*n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
5. cyb\_\_\_\_\_are defense  
*n.* the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations
6. a s\_\_m battle  
*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 1. modernize, 2. modernize, 3. sanction, 4. assassin, 5. cyberwarfare, 6. sham

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|---------------------------------|------|---|
| 7. de__r decision               | v.   | to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority   |
| 8. ind_____ct memory            | adj. | not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood  |
| 9. un_____in a structure        | v.   | to support or strengthen the foundations of something   |
| 10. grab ah__d of the rope      | adv. | to take hold of something, to grasp firmly  |
| 11. information str_____old     | n.   | a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control   |
| 12. motion b__r                 | n.   | a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision   |
| 13. ext_____sh the street lamp  | v.   | to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining  |
| 14. in_____te a new method      | v.   | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products  |
| 15. take ah__d of the situation | adv. | to take hold of something, to grasp firmly  |
| 16. political ar_____l          | n.   | a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor |
| 17. as_____ut in training       | n.   | a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere   |
| 18. en___h public services      | v.   | to make better or improve in quality by adding something else   |

ANSWERS: 7. defer, 8. indistinct, 9. underpin, 10. ahold, 11. stranglehold, 12. blur, 13. extinguish, 14. innovate, 15. ahold, 16. arsenal, 17. astronaut, 18. enrich

19. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
20. wa\_\_\_\_\_d missile *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
21. au\_\_\_\_\_us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
22. nuclear fa\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
23. ai\_\_\_\_\_ce violation *n.* the designated area above the surface of the earth where aircraft are allowed to fly, regulated by government authorities; the portion of the atmosphere above a particular location that is controlled by a specific country or organization
24. ext\_\_\_\_\_sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
25. cyb\_\_\_\_\_are threats *n.* the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations
26. me\_\_\_\_\_n weapon *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT

ANSWERS: 19. Renaissance, 20. warhead, 21. audacious, 22. fallout, 23. airspace, 24. extinguish, 25. cyberwarfare, 26. megaton

27. p\_\_d along in mediocrity *v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
28. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
29. en\_\_\_h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
30. would-be as\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
31. mi\_\_\_\_\_s taxi *n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
32. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
33. un\_\_\_\_\_in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
34. re\_\_\_\_\_ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
35. me\_\_\_\_\_n explosion *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT

ANSWERS: 27. plod, 28. sham, 29. enrich, 30. assassin, 31. minibus, 32. blur, 33. underpin, 34. redefine, 35. megaton

36. re\_\_\_\_ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
37. An\_\_\_\_d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
38. lazy b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
39. nuclear wa\_\_\_\_d *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
40. fl\_\_g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
41. sup\_\_\_\_er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
42. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
43. ann\_\_\_\_te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

ANSWERS: 36. redefine, 37. android, 38. bum, 39. warhead, 40. fling, 41. superpower, 42. app, 43. annihilate

44. re\_\_\_\_\_te in a like fashion                      *v.*    to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
45. escape their str\_\_\_\_\_old                      *n.*    a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
46. overcome hu\_\_\_\_es                      *n.*    a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
47. hu\_\_\_\_e race                      *n.*    a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
48. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.*    official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
49. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce                      *n.*    a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
50. in\_\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life                      *v.*    to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
51. re\_\_\_\_\_te for the blow                      *v.*    to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
52. ar\_\_\_\_\_l of knowledge                      *n.*    a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 44. retaliate, 45. stranglehold, 46. hurdle, 47. hurdle, 48. sanction, 49. Renaissance, 50. innovate, 51. retaliate, 52. arsenal

53. fl\_\_g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
54. ai\_\_\_\_ce restrictions *n.* the designated area above the surface of the earth where aircraft are allowed to fly, regulated by government authorities; the portion of the atmosphere above a particular location that is controlled by a specific country or organization
55. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
56. de\_\_r payment *v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
57. di\_\_\_m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
58. di\_\_\_m opponents *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
59. de\_\_\_\_\_te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
60. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 53. fling, 54. airspace, 55. grandchild, 56. defer, 57. disarm, 58. disarm, 59. detonate, 60. superpower

61. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble conditions *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
62. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
63. ann\_\_\_\_\_te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
64. p\_\_d through mud *v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
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66. household an\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
67. ind\_\_\_\_\_ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
68. the fa\_\_\_\_\_t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
69. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble apartment *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
70. homeless b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

ANSWERS: 61. uninhabitable, 62. grandchild, 63. annihilate, 64. plod, 65. minibus, 66. android, 67. indistinct, 68. fallout, 69. uninhabitable, 70. bum



71. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
72. as\_\_\_\_\_ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
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ANSWERS: 71. app, 72. astronaut, 73. audacious, 74. detonate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was provoked to \_\_\_\_\_ the draft on the floor.
  - v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
  
2. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up \_\_\_\_ with nothing to show.
  - n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
  
3. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.
  - n. a child of someone's son or daughter
  
4. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.
  - n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
  
5. they had no protection from the radioactive \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
  
6. The monopoly has a \_\_\_\_\_ on the market, making it difficult for new businesses to compete.
  - n. a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
  
7. The research findings \_\_\_\_\_ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
  - v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

ANSWERS: 1. fling, 2. bum, 3. grandchild, 4. blur, 5. fallout, 6. stranglehold, 7. underpin

8. The lab is developing an \_\_\_\_\_ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
- n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
9. The young entrepreneur had an \_\_\_\_\_ plan to start his own company.
- adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
10. Despite the heavy snowfall, the hiker continued to \_\_\_\_\_ along the trail.
- v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
11. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.
- n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
12. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
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- n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

ANSWERS: 8. android, 9. audacious, 10. plod, 11. hurdles, 12. superpower, 13. airspace, 14. assassin

15. The police were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect without any violence.
- v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
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- n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
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- n.* the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations
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21. The hurricane left many coastal areas \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.
- adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

ANSWERS: 15. disarm, 16. warhead, 17. cyberwarfare, 18. sanctions, 19. astronaut, 20. retaliated, 21. uninhabitable

22. The virus had the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ entire populations if left unchecked.  
*v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
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*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
26. The bomb squad had to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspicious package found at the train station.  
*v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
27. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting until next week.  
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28. The power of a \_\_\_\_\_ bomb is equivalent to one million tons of TNT.  
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29. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.  
*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

ANSWERS: 22. annihilate, 23. indistinct, 24. app's, 25. redefined, 26. detonate, 27. defer, 28. megaton, 29. modernize

30. I was able to get \_\_\_\_\_ of the concert tickets before they sold out.

*adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

31. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

32. I took a \_\_\_\_\_ to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

*n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire

33. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

34. Reading not only increases knowledge but also \_\_\_\_\_ life.

*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

35. Firefighters made every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ the blaze immediately.

*v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

36. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

37. The police found a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ of weapons in the suspect's house.

*n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 30. ahold, 31. innovate, 32. minibus, 33. sham, 34. enriches, 35. extinguish, 36. renaissance, 37. arsenal

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