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Session 1: Word List

ppm

n. an abbreviation for "parts per million," used to express the concentration of a substance in a solution or mixture

synonym: parts per million, concentration, proportion

(1) **ppm** volume fraction, (2) **ppm** level

According to the World Health Organization, the recommended safe lead level in drinking water is 15 **ppm**.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

gigaton

n. a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

(1) **gigaton-class** bomb, (2) half a **gigaton** of CO₂

The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 **gigatons** of energy.

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.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

habituate

v. to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice

synonym : accustom, familiarize, adapt

(1) **habituate** to coffee, (2) **habituate** to exercise

It takes time to **habituate** to a new work schedule, but

eventually, it becomes routine.

sensitize

v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

synonym: acclimate, sensibelize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

overused

adj. used too often or too much, to the point of becoming clichéd; lacking originality

synonym: overworked, overutilized, exhausted

(1) **overused** common, (2) **overused** cliché

The concept of time travel has become **overused** in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

synonym: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

hypocrite

n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

synonym : pretender, two-faced, insincere

(1) environmental **hypocrite**, (2) religious **hypocrite**

She accused her boss of being a **hypocrite** for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym : roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

backfire

v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion

synonym : recoil, boomerang, misfire

(1) **backfire** big time, (2) **backfire** spectacularly

The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees **backfired** as it led to a decrease in productivity.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

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.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

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.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym: protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym : lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

nostril

n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

synonym : nose hole, nasal passage, naris

(1) bleeding **nostril**, (2) clogged **nostril**

She had a tissue ready to wipe her **nostril** after a sneeze.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

argon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding

and other industrial processes

synonym : Ar, noble gas

(1) **argon** gas, (2) **argon-filled** light bulb

The light emitted by **argon** gas is often used in advertising signs.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym : vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym : aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym : feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym : isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity

We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym : arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two

students over a stolen pencil.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

sober

adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

synonym : calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge

He led a **sober** life.

crutch

n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

synonym : brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

drawdown

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

synonym : decline, reduction, decrease

(1) **drawdown** period, (2) investment **drawdown**

The organization initiated a **drawdown** of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

headwind

n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

synonym : opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**

The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

earthling

n. a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

synonym: human, terrestrial, inhabitant

(1) **earthling** species, (2) lonely **earthling**

The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the **earthlings**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
2. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
3. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
4. cr___h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
5. clogged no_____l *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
6. sp_____ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
7. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. flying in a he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

ANSWERS: 1. doom, 2. improvisation, 3. electrify, 4. crutch, 5. nostril, 6. spearhead, 7. opportune, 8. headwind

9. dec_____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
10. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
11. emotional cr___h *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
12. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
13. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
14. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
15. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
16. ba_____re spectacularly *v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
17. 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

ANSWERS: 9. decarbonize, 10. motto, 11. crutch, 12. helpless, 13. electrify, 14. improvisation, 15. loom, 16. backfire, 17. app

18. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
19. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
20. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
21. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
22. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
23. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
24. half a gi_____n of CO2 *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
25. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
26. musical dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
27. ha_____te to exercise *v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice

ANSWERS: 18. reimagine, 19. nudge, 20. decarbonize, 21. footprint, 22. confuse, 23. embark, 24. gigaton, 25. wildfire, 26. dissonance, 27. habituate

28. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
29. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
30. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
31. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
32. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
33. exploration of co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
34. ea_____ng species *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
35. ar__n-filled light bulb *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes
36. investment dr_____wn *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

ANSWERS: 28. trump, 29. mediate, 30. apocalyptic, 31. doom, 32. embark, 33. cosmos, 34. earthling, 35. argon, 36. drawdown

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ANSWERS: 37. drawdown, 38. disrupt, 39. spearhead, 40. helpless, 41. opportune, 42. sober, 43. motto, 44. disrupt, 45. reframe, 46. ppm

47. in_____te the room from sound
v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
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adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
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adj. used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
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n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
55. a n__b mind
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
56. medieval he_____e
n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

ANSWERS: 47. insulate, 48. arctic, 49. confuse, 50. dissonance, 51. arctic, 52. backfire, 53. overused, 54. headwind, 55. numb, 56. heroine

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ANSWERS: 57. overused, 58. loom, 59. ridicule, 60. habituate, 61. visualize, 62. reframe, 63. grieve, 64. wildfire, 65. sensitize

66. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
67. se_____ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
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ANSWERS: 75. ppm, 76. rooftop, 77. gigaton, 78. mediate, 79. argon, 80. sober, 81. uninhabitable, 82. reimagine, 83. unsettle, 84. footprint

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ANSWERS: 85. hypocrite, 86. ridicule, 87. blazing, 88. apocalyptic, 89. rooftop, 90. heroine, 91. visualize, 92. nourish

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98. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
99. in_____te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
100. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
101. bl_____g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

ANSWERS: 93. uninhabitable, 94. fluctuate, 95. earthling, 96. contagious, 97. fluctuate, 98. trump, 99. insulate, 100. nudge, 101. blazing

102. bleeding no____l

n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

ANSWERS: 102. nostril

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
2. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
3. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
4. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
5. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
6. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
7. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.
n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

ANSWERS: 1. fluctuate, 2. contagious, 3. wildfire, 4. apocalyptic, 5. footprint, 6. helpless, 7. rooftop

8. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
9. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
11. The organization initiated a _____ of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.
n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
12. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.
n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
13. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
14. The cyclists had to contend with strong _____ during the race.
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

ANSWERS: 8. reimagine, 9. opportune, 10. grieved, 11. drawdown, 12. cosmos, 13. nudged, 14. headwinds

15. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.
- v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
16. The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the _____.
- n. a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
17. We need to _____ our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.
- v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
18. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
19. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
- v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
20. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
21. We _____ on a new project.
- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
22. The light emitted by _____ gas is often used in advertising signs.
- n. a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes

ANSWERS: 15. spearhead, 16. earthlings, 17. sensitize, 18. visualize, 19. loomed, 20. electrify, 21. embarked, 22. argon

23. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.

- v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

24. She had a tissue ready to wipe her _____ after a sneeze.

- n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

25. He led a _____ life.

- adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

26. The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 _____ of energy.

- n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

27. 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

28. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

29. He walked with the aid of a _____ after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

- n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

ANSWERS: 23. nourish, 24. nostril, 25. sober, 26. gigatons, 27. uninhabitable, 28. ridicule, 29. crutch

30. She accused her boss of being a _____ for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.
- n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
31. The brave _____ rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.
- n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
32. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
33. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.
- v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
34. We had our bedroom _____ before winter came.
- v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
35. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
36. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 30. hypocrite, 31. heroine, 32. motto, 33. decarbonize, 34. insulated, 35. app's, 36. improvisation

37. The _____ between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.
- n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
38. This nationwide strike may _____ the country's economy.
- v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
39. It takes time to _____ to a new work schedule, but eventually, it becomes routine.
- v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice
40. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
41. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.
- adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
43. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
44. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 37. dissonance, 38. unsettle, 39. habituate, 40. reframe, 41. confused, 42. blazing, 43. arctic, 44. numb

45. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
- v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
46. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
47. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
48. The concept of time travel has become _____ in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.
- adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
49. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
50. The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees _____ as it led to a decrease in productivity.
- v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
51. According to the World Health Organization, the recommended safe lead level in drinking water is 15 _____.
- n.* an abbreviation for "parts per million," used to express the concentration of a substance in a solution or mixture

ANSWERS: 45. mediate, 46. doom, 47. disrupt, 48. overused, 49. trump, 50. backfired, 51. ppm

ANSWERS: