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## Session 1: Word List

### euphemism

*n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

*synonym*: mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death

The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

### 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.

### mow

*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

*synonym*: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

### eulogy

*n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service

*synonym* : tribute, praise, commendation

(1) **eulogy** speech, (2) deliver **eulogy**

The pastor's **eulogy** touched everyone's heart and brought many to tears.

## 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.

## coffin

*n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

*synonym* : casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

## headstone

*n.* a marker or monument placed at the head of a grave or burial site, typically inscribed with the name and dates of the person buried there

*synonym* : gravestone, marker, monument

(1) **headstone** inscription, (2) **headstone** design

The family gathered at the cemetery to place flowers on their loved one's **headstone**.

## deprive

*v.* to take away something from someone

*synonym* : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

## aboriginal

*adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

*synonym* : native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

### strait

*n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

*synonym*: narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

### firework

*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

*synonym*: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

### startling

*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

*synonym*: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

### chant

*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

*synonym*: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

### giraffe

*n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

*synonym*: gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym* : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## choke

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

*synonym* : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

## gasp

*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

*synonym* : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

## resuscitate

*v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

*synonym* : reawaken, resurrect, rejuvenate

(1) **resuscitate** economy, (2) **resuscitate** the man drown

He experienced cardiac arrest but was **resuscitated** yesterday.

## deteriorate

*v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

*synonym* : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

## shove

*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym* : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my

mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

*synonym*: burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains

They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

## corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

*synonym*: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

## bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## wick

n. a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action

*synonym*: cord, string, taper

(1) cotton **wick**, (2) **wick** moisture

The candle's **wick** burned, signaling it was time to extinguish

it.

**urn** *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes  
*synonym*: vase, container, jar

(1) memorial **urn**, (2) **urn** decoration

The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an **urn**.

**dissolve** *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss  
*synonym*: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

**seasick** *adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness  
*synonym*: nauseous, seasickness, queasy

(1) avoid getting **seasick**, (2) **seasick** medication

The rough waves made some passengers feel **seasick** during the boat ride.

**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.

**swell** *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important  
*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## deduce

*v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

*synonym*: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

## bereavement

*n.* the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something

*synonym*: grief, sorrow, loss

(1) his sad **bereavement**, (2) **bereavement** leave

She was in a state of **bereavement** after her mother passed away.

## palliate

*v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

*synonym*: extenuate, soothe, relieve

(1) **palliate** symptoms, (2) attempts to **palliate**

The charity provided meals and shelter to **palliate** the suffering of the homeless population.

## porridge

*n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

*synonym*: oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

## lasagna

*n.* a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine

*synonym*: pasta bake, casserole, baked ziti

(1) **lasagna** recipe, (2) **lasagna** noodles

I always order spinach **lasagna** at my favorite Italian restaurant.

## **casserole**

*n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

*synonym*: stew, hotpot, gratin

(1) vegetable **casserole**, (2) chicken **casserole**

I will bring a **casserole** dish to the potluck dinner.

## **gamut**

*n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation

*synonym*: range, spectrum, array

(1) musical **gamut**, (2) **gamut** of jobs

The actress's performance ran the **gamut** of emotions, from anger to joy to sorrow.

## **solemn**

*adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

*synonym*: serious, grave, somber

(1) **solemn** vow, (2) **solemn** ceremony

The priest led the **solemn** procession through the church.

## **orthodox**

*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

*synonym*: traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

## **Catholic**

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader



(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church  
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## requiem

*n.* a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work

*synonym*: threnody, dirge, funeral song

(1) **requiem** mass, (2) Mozart's **requiem**

The orchestra performed a moving **requiem** for the late conductor.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## ladle

*n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews

*synonym*: spoon, scoop, dipper

(1) wooden **ladle**, (2) **ladle** gravy

She used a **ladle** to pour soup into the bowls.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. se\_\_\_\_k medication *adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness
2. fl\_\_g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
3. cr\_\_\_\_e a body *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
4. ch\_\_e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
5. sweet po\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
6. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
7. genteel eu\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
8. st\_\_t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
9. st\_\_t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

ANSWERS: 1. seasick, 2. fling, 3. cremate, 4. choke, 5. porridge, 6. sibling, 7. euphemism, 8. strait, 9. strait

10. Mozart's re\_\_\_\_m *n.* a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work
11. grand fi\_\_\_\_rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
12. officially di\_\_\_\_ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
13. fi\_\_\_\_rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
14. musical ga\_\_t *n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
15. wooden la\_\_e *n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
16. st\_\_\_\_ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
17. the co\_\_\_\_e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
18. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
19. wooden co\_\_\_\_n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
20. sc\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 10. requiem, 11. firework, 12. dissolve, 13. firework, 14. gamut, 15. ladle, 16. startling, 17. corpse, 18. bury, 19. coffin, 20. scatter

21. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
22. avoid getting se\_\_\_\_\_k *adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness
23. his sad ber\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something
24. res\_\_\_\_\_te economy *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
25. or\_\_\_\_\_ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
26. gi\_\_\_\_\_e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
27. fl\_\_g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
28. vegetable ca\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

ANSWERS: 21. Catholic, 22. seasick, 23. bereavement, 24. resuscitate, 25. orthodox, 26. giraffe, 27. fling, 28. casserole

29. abo\_\_\_\_\_al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
30. deliver eu\_\_\_\_y *n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
31. abo\_\_\_\_\_al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
32. so\_\_\_\_n ceremony *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
33. di\_\_\_\_\_ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
34. ch\_\_t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
35. ga\_\_t of jobs *n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
36. desiccated co\_\_\_\_e *n.* the dead body of a human being

ANSWERS: 29. aboriginal, 30. eulogy, 31. aboriginal, 32. solemn, 33. dissolve, 34. chant, 35. gamut, 36. corpse

37. pa\_\_\_\_te symptoms *v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
38. ca\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
39. de\_\_\_e the meaning of a word *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
40. st\_\_\_\_\_ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
41. memorial u\_n *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
42. ber\_\_\_\_\_nt leave *n.* the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something
43. g\_\_p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
44. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
45. chicken ca\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

ANSWERS: 37. palliate, 38. Catholic, 39. deduce, 40. startling, 41. urn, 42. bereavement, 43. gasp, 44. sibling, 45. casserole

46. eu\_\_\_y speech *n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
47. res\_\_\_\_\_te the man drown *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
48. re\_\_\_\_\_m mass *n.* a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work
49. oat po\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
50. so\_\_\_n vow *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
51. he\_\_\_\_\_ne design *n.* a marker or monument placed at the head of a grave or burial site, typically inscribed with the name and dates of the person buried there
52. m\_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
53. la\_\_\_\_\_a noodles *n.* a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine

ANSWERS: 46. eulogy, 47. resuscitate, 48. requiem, 49. porridge, 50. solemn, 51. headstone, 52. mow, 53. lasagna

54. attempts to pa\_\_\_\_te
- v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
55. la\_\_\_\_a recipe
- n.* a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine
56. an or\_\_\_\_ox doctrine
- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
57. b\_\_y emotion
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
58. sw\_\_l at room temperature
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
59. u\_n decoration
- n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
60. det\_\_\_\_te condition
- v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
61. gi\_\_\_\_e pattern
- n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

ANSWERS: 54. palliate, 55. lasagna, 56. orthodox, 57. bury, 58. swell, 59. urn, 60. deteriorate, 61. giraffe



62. sh\_\_e a person aside      *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
63. de\_\_\_e facts from the evidence      *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
64. w\_\_k moisture      *n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (*v.*) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
65. re\_\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
66. m\_w the field      *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
67. det\_\_\_\_\_te at a slow pace      *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
68. a eu\_\_\_\_\_sm for death      *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
69. g\_\_p in shock      *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
70. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 62. shove, 63. deduce, 64. wick, 65. recycle, 66. mow, 67. deteriorate, 68. euphemism, 69. gasp, 70. opportune

71. de\_\_\_\_\_e him of his status      *v.* to take away something from someone
72. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
73. cr\_\_\_\_\_e the remains      *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
74. gr\_\_\_\_e at the sad news      *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
75. gr\_\_\_\_e for loss      *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
76. de\_\_\_\_\_e others of profit      *v.* to take away something from someone
77. la\_\_e gravy      *n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
78. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet      *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
79. he\_\_\_\_\_ne inscription      *n.* a marker or monument placed at the head of a grave or burial site, typically inscribed with the name and dates of the person buried there
80. sw\_\_l a population      *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
81. co\_\_\_\_n lid      *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
82. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 71. deprive, 72. recycle, 73. cremate, 74. grieve, 75. grieve, 76. deprive, 77. ladle, 78. scatter, 79. headstone, 80. swell, 81. coffin, 82. opportune

83. ch\_\_e off the blood supply      *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
84. ch\_\_t in the chapel      *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
85. cotton w\_\_k      *n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
86. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth      *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 83. choke, 84. chant, 85. wick, 86. shove

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
  - v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
  
2. They plan to \_\_\_\_\_ their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.
  - v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
  
3. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.
  - v. to push someone or something in a rough way
  
4. I always order spinach \_\_\_\_\_ at my favorite Italian restaurant.
  - n. a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine
  
5. The priest led the \_\_\_\_\_ procession through the church.
  - adj. formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
  
6. The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
  
7. The family gathered at the cemetery to place flowers on their loved one's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a marker or monument placed at the head of a grave or burial site, typically inscribed with the name and dates of the person buried there

ANSWERS: 1. gasped, 2. cremate, 3. shoved, 4. lasagna, 5. solemn, 6. urn, 7. headstone

8. A bowl of hot \_\_\_\_\_ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.
- n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
9. The priest prayed over the \_\_\_\_\_ before it was lowered into the ground.
- n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
10. The researcher \_\_\_\_\_ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.
- v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
11. The soccer game crowd broke into a \_\_\_\_\_ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
12. The political party \_\_\_\_\_ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
13. The patient's health \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
- v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
14. The company used the \_\_\_\_\_ "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
- n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
15. Many \_\_\_\_\_ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.
- adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 8. porridge, 9. coffin, 10. deduced, 11. chant, 12. dissolved, 13.

deteriorated, 14. euphemism, 15. aboriginal

16. The children were excited to see the \_\_\_\_\_ show.  
*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
17. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.  
*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
18. The orchestra performed a moving \_\_\_\_\_ for the late conductor.  
*n.* a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work
19. The police found the \_\_\_\_\_ in the abandoned building.  
*n.* the dead body of a human being
20. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
21. The ship navigated through the \_\_\_\_\_ with great care.  
*n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
22. 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
23. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
24. The charity provided meals and shelter to \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of the homeless population.  
*v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

ANSWERS: 16. firework, 17. swelling, 18. requiem, 19. corpse, 20. catholic, 21. strait, 22. fling, 23. bury, 24. palliate

25. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

26. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

*v.* to take away something from someone

27. He challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ views on business.

*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

28. He experienced cardiac arrest but was \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.

*v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

29. She used a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour soup into the bowls.

*n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews

30. The rough waves made some passengers feel \_\_\_\_\_ during the boat ride.

*adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness

31. I will bring a \_\_\_\_\_ dish to the potluck dinner.

*n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

32. She was in a state of \_\_\_\_\_ after her mother passed away.

*n.* the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something

ANSWERS: 25. siblings, 26. deprived, 27. orthodox, 28. resuscitated, 29. ladle, 30. seasick, 31. casserole, 32. bereavement



33. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.  
*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
34. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. He describes the story with \_\_\_\_\_ reality.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
36. The pastor's \_\_\_\_\_ touched everyone's heart and brought many to tears.  
*n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
37. My father likes to \_\_\_\_ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.  
*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
38. The candle's \_\_\_\_\_ burned, signaling it was time to extinguish it.  
*n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.  
*n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
40. The baby started to \_\_\_\_\_ on a piece of apple.  
*v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

ANSWERS: 33. scattered, 34. opportune, 35. startling, 36. eulogy, 37. mow, 38. wick, 39. giraffe's, 40. choke

41. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
42. The actress's performance ran the \_\_\_\_\_ of emotions, from anger to joy to sorrow.
- n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
43. She \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of her parents.
- v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 41. recycle, 42. gamut, 43. grieved