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Session 1: Word List

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

xylophone

n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is

commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

(1) **xylophone** music, (2) tune the **xylophone**

The **xylophone** player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym : feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

parallax

n. the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

synonym : shift, displacement, difference

(1) optical **parallax**, (2) **parallax** error

The **parallax** of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.

maelstrom

n. a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym : whirlpool, vortex, whirlwind

(1) fierce **maelstrom**, (2) emotional **maelstrom**

The ship was pulled into the **maelstrom**, unable to escape its powerful currents.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym : court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

ficus

n. a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit

(1) **ficus** seeds, (2) **ficus** plant

The **ficus** tree in the park provides shade for picnickers on hot summer days.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

synonym: open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

observant

adj. paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs

synonym: attentive, vigilant, perceptive

(1) **observant** eye, (2) **observant** nature

The **observant** detective noticed the smallest details that helped solve the crime.

beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

synonym: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

flawless

adj. without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance

synonym : perfect, impeccable, faultless

(1) **flawless** execution, (2) **flawless** performance

The football team had a **flawless** season and went undefeated all year.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

ding

v. to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

synonym : hit, smack, bump

(1) **ding** a bell, (2) **ding** a ling

I accidentally **dinged** my new car door in the parking lot.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

ratchet

n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

synonym : gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

upshot

n. the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached

synonym : result, consequence, outcome

(1) in the **upshot**, (2) the **upshot** of the research

The **upshot** of the meeting was that the project would be delayed by a few months.

constrain

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

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

demonstrable

adj. capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

synonym : evident, provable, observable

(1) **demonstrable** evidence, (2) **demonstrable** skills

The company's **demonstrable** success has attracted many potential investors.

untried

adj. not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use

synonym : untested, inexperienced, new

(1) **untried** approach, (2) **untried** solution

I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this **untried** medication.

sandbox

n. an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing

synonym : playpen, sandpit, box

(1) **sandbox** approach, (2) virtual **sandbox**

The children played in the **sandbox** for hours, building sandcastles and digging tunnels.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

comet

n. a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

synonym : meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym : mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

ballistic

adj. relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

synonym : furious, explosive, enraged

(1) **ballistic** missile, (2) **ballistic** vest

The boss went **ballistic** when he found out we missed the deadline.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

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**.

overgrow

v. to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage

synonym : overrun, choke, overwhelm

(1) **overgrow** neighboring corals, (2) aquatic plants **overgrow**

Weeds **overgrow** throughout the garden.

entropy

n. a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty

synonym : randomness

(1) **entropy** calculation, (2) **entropy** conservation

Since the second law of thermodynamics is applicable to the universe, the **entropy** of the universe continues to increase.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym: sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

Session 2: Spelling

1. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
2. vo__t after ingesting
v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
3. fl_____ss execution
adj. without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance
4. dr__e flight
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
5. the riddle st__ped everybody
v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
6. fo_____nts in the snow
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
7. com_____ve gambling
adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. vomit, 3. flawless, 4. drone, 5. stump, 6. footprint, 7. compulsive

8. fl____ss performance *adj.* without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance
9. dem_____ble evidence *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified
10. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
11. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
12. un_____d solution *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
13. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
14. fi__s seeds *n.* a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit
15. aquatic plants ov_____ow *v.* to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage
16. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
17. dem_____ble skills *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified
18. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

ANSWERS: 8. flawless, 9. demonstrable, 10. gamble, 11. footprint, 12. untried, 13. constrain, 14. ficus, 15. overgrow, 16. reclaim, 17. demonstrable, 18. woo

19. emotional ma_____om *n.* a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment
20. we are st__ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
21. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
22. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
23. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
24. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
25. the up___t of the research *n.* the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached
26. ba_____ic missile *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
27. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 19. maelstrom, 20. stump, 21. singe, 22. disparate, 23. daunting, 24. drone, 25. upshot, 26. ballistic, 27. presume

28. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
29. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
30. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
31. ob_____nt eye *adj.* paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs
32. bl_____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
33. ra_____t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
34. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 28. lug, 29. choreograph, 30. stunt, 31. observant, 32. blister, 33. ratchet, 34. domino

35. l_g a hose
- v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
36. en____y conservation
- n. a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty
37. ov_____ow neighboring corals
- v. to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage
38. be____n with a hand
- v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
39. un_____d approach
- adj. not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
40. tune the xy____ne
- n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles
41. ga____e \$100 on the race
- v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
42. d__g a ling
- v. to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

ANSWERS: 35. lug, 36. entropy, 37. overgrow, 38. beckon, 39. untried, 40. xylophone, 41. gamble, 42. ding

43. ba_____ic vest *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
44. we___e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
45. fierce ma_____om *n.* a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment
46. re_____ve to change *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
47. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
48. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
49. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
50. ra_____t effect *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
51. en_____y calculation *n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 43. ballistic, 44. weave, 45. maelstrom, 46. receptive, 47. daunting, 48. compulsive, 49. doodle, 50. ratchet, 51. entropy

52. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
53. re_____ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
54. d__g a bell *v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food
55. fi__s plant *n.* a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit
56. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
57. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
58. the surface of the co__t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
59. do___o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 52. doodle, 53. receptive, 54. ding, 55. ficus, 56. whistle, 57. reclaim, 58. comet, 59. domino

60. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
61. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
62. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
63. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
64. optical pa_____ax *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
65. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
66. xy_____ne music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

ANSWERS: 60. weave, 61. choreograph, 62. constrain, 63. disparate, 64. parallax, 65. stunt, 66. xylophone

67. vo__t abuse
- v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
68. wh_____e a tune
- v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
69. co__t Halley
- n. a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
70. low-r_v engine
- n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
71. pa_____ax error
- n. the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
72. sa_____x approach
- n. an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing

ANSWERS: 67. vomit, 68. whistle, 69. comet, 70. rev, 71. parallax, 72. sandbox

73. bl____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
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75. be____n a taxi *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
76. in the up____t *n.* the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached
77. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
78. virtual sa____x *n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
79. pr____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 73. blister, 74. woo, 75. beckon, 76. upshot, 77. singe, 78. sandbox, 79. presume

80. ob_____nt nature

adj. paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs

ANSWERS: 80. observant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boss went _____ when he found out we missed the deadline.
adj. relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

2. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

3. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?
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ANSWERS: 1. ballistic, 2. rev, 3. gamble, 4. dinged, 5. dominoes, 6. sandbox

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adj. not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
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n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
13. He turned the bolt with the _____ making sure it was secure.
n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

ANSWERS: 7. whistle-blow, 8. observant, 9. maelstrom, 10. untried, 11. ficus, 12. drone, 13. ratchet,

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20. The _____ of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.

- n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

ANSWERS: 14. vomit, 15. beckoned, 16. woo, 17. comet's, 18. upshot, 19. daunting, 20. parallax

21. The voters appeared to be _____ to his new ideas.

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

22. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

23. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

24. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.

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

25. The company's _____ success has attracted many potential investors.

adj. capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

26. He is _____ with the question.

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

27. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

28. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

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

ANSWERS: 21. receptive, 22. singed, 23. presume, 24. footprint, 25. demonstrable, 26. stumped, 27. lug, 28. constrained

29. The _____ player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles
30. Since the second law of thermodynamics is applicable to the universe, the _____ of the universe continues to increase.
- n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty
31. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.
- adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
32. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.
- n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
33. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
34. The football team had a _____ season and went undefeated all year.
- adj.* without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance

ANSWERS: 29. xylophone, 30. entropy, 31. compulsive, 32. stunt, 33. reclaim, 34. flawless

35. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

36. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

37. The new hiking shoes gave me a _____ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

38. Weeds _____ throughout the garden.

v. to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage

39. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

40. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

ANSWERS: 35. disparate, 36. choreographed, 37. blister, 38. overgrow, 39. weaves, 40. doodle