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Session 1: Word List

strum

v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

synonym: pluck, pick, play

(1) **strum** a ukulele, (2) **strum** chords

He loved to **strum** his guitar while singing his favorite songs.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym: ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym: gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a

character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym: alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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.

bloom

n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

synonym: blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

broom

n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

synonym: sweeper, brush

(1) **broom** closet, (2) **broom** handle

Could you please grab the **broom** and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym: promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

bugle

n. a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

synonym: trumpet, brass instrument

(1) military **bugle**, (2) **bugle** sound

The **bugle** call woke up the soldiers at dawn.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different

position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

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

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

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

crossover

n. a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

synonym : fusion, blend, mixture

(1) **crossover** artist, (2) a **crossover** between a sedan and an SUV

The **crossover** between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.

gospel

n. a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred

synonym : doctrine, truth, teaching

(1) preach the **gospel**, (2) **gospel** music

The **gospel** of love and forgiveness is central to their religion.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym : nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

lone

adj. solitary or single

synonym : solitary, single, alone

(1) a **lone** flight, (2) a **lone** house in the field

The **lone** traveler walked along the deserted road.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle
He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

weary

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

synonym: depleted, exhausted, fatigued

(1) a **weary** brain, (2) **weary** expression

He became **weary** of the daily train commute.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym: low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

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.

call-and-response

n. a form of music or other vocal performance in which a leader sings or says a melody or refrain, and a group of performers respond with a repeated phrase or chorus

(1) **call-and-response** worship, (2) **call-and-response** style

The gospel choir sang a **call-and-response** song during the church service.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cal_____nse style | <i>n.</i> a form of music or other vocal performance in which a leader sings or says a melody or refrain, and a group of performers respond with a repeated phrase or chorus |
| 2. control my em_____n | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others |
| 3. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 4. as nu_____us as the sand | <i>adj.</i> amounting to a large indefinite number |
| 5. gr__t a customer | <i>v.</i> to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone |
| 6. b__s fisherman | <i>n.</i> the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes |
| 7. gr__t an idea | <i>v.</i> to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone |
| 8. pl___e military assistance | <i>v.</i> to make a formal promise to give or do something |
| 9. hi_____ic accomplishment | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so |
| 10. normal se_____r life | <i>adj.</i> not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly |
| 11. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically | <i>v.</i> to plan, prepare for, and carry out something |

ANSWERS: 1. call-and-response, 2. emotion, 3. individual, 4. numerous, 5. greet, 6. bass, 7. greet, 8. pledge, 9. historic, 10. secular, 11. arrange

12. cr_____er artist *n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences
13. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
14. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
15. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
16. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
17. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
18. cal_____nse worship *n.* a form of music or other vocal performance in which a leader sings or says a melody or refrain, and a group of performers respond with a repeated phrase or chorus
19. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
20. en_____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 12. crossover, 13. jail, 14. jack, 15. jail, 16. bury, 17. diamond, 18. call-and-response, 19. arrange, 20. endeavor

21. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
22. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
23. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
24. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
25. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
26. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
27. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
28. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
29. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 21. heaven, 22. diamond, 23. secular, 24. slavery, 25. roll, 26. bloom, 27. bury, 28. innovate, 29. lift

30. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
31. a we__y brain *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time
32. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
33. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
34. bu__e sound *n.* a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument
35. t__e her books in a colorful backpack *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
36. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
37. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 30. horn, 31. weary, 32. shack, 33. narrative, 34. bugle, 35. tote, 36. communal, 37. AI

38. st__m a ukulele *v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
39. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
40. we__y expression *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time
41. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
42. en_____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
43. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
44. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
45. a l__e house in the field *adj.* solitary or single
46. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
47. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
48. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
49. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

ANSWERS: 38. strum, 39. individual, 40. weary, 41. historic, 42. endeavor, 43. numerous, 44. innovate, 45. lone, 46. bloom, 47. emotion, 48. strike, 49. bass

50. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
51. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
52. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
53. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
54. a cr_____er between a sedan and an SUV *n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences
55. br__m closet *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
56. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 50. AI, 51. narrative, 52. solo, 53. slavery, 54. crossover, 55. broom, 56. horn

57. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
58. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
59. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
60. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
61. w_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
62. preach the go___l *n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred
63. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
64. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
65. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
66. a l__e flight *adj.* solitary or single
67. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 57. jack, 58. influential, 59. hero, 60. strike, 61. woo, 62. gospel, 63. woo, 64. communal, 65. incredibly, 66. lone, 67. heaven

68. pl___e my fidelity *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
69. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
70. go___l music *n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred
71. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
72. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
73. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
74. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
75. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
76. military bu__e *n.* a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument
77. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

ANSWERS: 68. pledge, 69. hero, 70. gospel, 71. influential, 72. shack, 73. lift, 74. incredibly, 75. solo, 76. bugle, 77. bust

78. r__l down his cheeks
- v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
79. br__m handle
- n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
80. the b__t of the statue
- v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
81. st__m chords
- v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
82. t__e a cell-phone
- v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 78. roll, 79. broom, 80. bust, 81. strum, 82. tote

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?
 - v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

2. The _____ between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.
 - n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

3. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
 - n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

4. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
 - n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

5. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of _____.
 - n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

6. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
 - adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something

7. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
 - adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 1. tote, 2. crossover, 3. narrative, 4. hero, 5. AI, 6. influential, 7. incredibly

8. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.
- v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
9. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
- n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
10. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
11. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.
- n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
12. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
- n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
13. Could you please grab the _____ and sweep the crumbs on the floor?
- n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
14. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.
- v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
15. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 8. endeavor, 9. jack, 10. lifted, 11. bloom, 12. shack, 13. broom, 14. bust, 15. strike

16. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.
- n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
17. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
18. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
19. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.
- v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
20. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
21. He tried to ___ her with his charm and wit.
- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
22. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
23. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
- adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number

ANSWERS: 16. bass, 17. horns, 18. individual, 19. pledge, 20. diamond, 21. woo, 22. emotions, 23. numerous

24. The gospel choir sang a _____ song during the church service.
n. a form of music or other vocal performance in which a leader sings or says a melody or refrain, and a group of performers respond with a repeated phrase or chorus
25. The ____ traveler walked along the deserted road.
adj. solitary or single
26. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
27. He loved to _____ his guitar while singing his favorite songs.
v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
28. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
29. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
30. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.
v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
31. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 24. call-and-response, 25. lone, 26. jail, 27. strum, 28. innovate, 29. Communal, 30. arrange, 31. slavery

32. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

33. I would love to _____ camping someday.

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

34. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

35. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

36. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

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

37. The _____ of love and forgiveness is central to their religion.

n. a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred

38. He became _____ of the daily train commute.

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

39. The _____ call woke up the soldiers at dawn.

n. a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

40. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 32. rolled, 33. solo, 34. greeted, 35. secular, 36. bury, 37. gospel, 38. weary, 39. bugle, 40. historic

41. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 41. heaven