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Session 1: Word List

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

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.

divvy

v. to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people

synonym: share, split, distribute

(1) **divvy** up duties, (2) **divvy** out rewards

The group decided to **divvy** up the tasks evenly for the project.

booty

n. valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom

synonym: loot, plunder, hip

(1) chunky **booty**, (2) war **booty**

The pirates buried their treasure on the deserted island, including a large amount of **booty**.

captain

n. the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft

synonym: boss, director, leader

(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry

The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

nay

adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

synonym: no, never, not at all

(1) **nay** vote, (2) said **nay**

He claimed he could finish the project in a day, **nay**, in just a few hours.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym: board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

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.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

notch

n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

synonym : groove, slit, incision

(1) top- **notch** service, (2) score a **notch**

The cake was decorated with a **notch** to represent the birthday boy's age.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

override

v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

synonym: overrule, annul, nullify

(1) **override** the system, (2) **override** a veto

The CEO decided to **override** the decision made by the lower-level managers.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

outvote

v. to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support

synonym: oust, defeat, surpass

(1) **outvote** opponents, (2) **outvote** the dissenters

We must convince more people to side with us, or they'll **outvote** us at the next election.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils
He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym: recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

grudgingly

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

synonym: reluctantly, unwillingly, begrudgingly

(1) assume **grudgingly**, (2) **grudgingly** apologize

He **grudgingly** agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym: balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

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.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

revise

v. to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

synonym : alter, revamp, modify

(1) **revise** the plan, (2) **revise** his belief

The prediction method has been **revised** drastically.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr____s improvement | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |
| 2. an alt____ve plan | <i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice |
| 3. di___e the cake into two pieces | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 4. de____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 5. in____e a high degree of risk | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 6. ou____e opponents | <i>v.</i> to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support |
| 7. re___e the plan | <i>v.</i> to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it |
| 8. de___e the meaning of a word | <i>v.</i> to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning |

ANSWERS: 1. process, 2. alternative, 3. divide, 4. decision, 5. involve, 6. outvote, 7. revise, 8. deduce

9. di__y up duties *v.* to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people
10. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
11. th___t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
12. political equ_____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
13. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
14. provide ac____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
15. di__y out rewards *v.* to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people
16. an in____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
17. score a no__h *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
18. pi___e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
19. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

ANSWERS: 9. divvy, 10. proposal, 11. thirst, 12. equilibrium, 13. divide, 14. accurate, 15. divvy, 16. initial, 17. notch, 18. pirate, 19. plank

20. ou_____e the dissenters *v.* to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support
21. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
22. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
23. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
24. 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
25. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
26. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
27. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
28. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
29. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
30. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
31. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. outvote, 21. collaborate, 22. naturally, 23. decision, 24. strike, 25. obvious, 26. equilibrium, 27. distribute, 28. scenario, 29. coop, 30. outcome, 31. outcome

32. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
33. the ca____n of an opposing team *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
34. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
35. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
36. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
37. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
38. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
39. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
40. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
41. de____e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
42. n_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
43. top-no__h service *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
44. dumped ov____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

ANSWERS: 32. backward, 33. captain, 34. backward, 35. alternative, 36. reject, 37. individual, 38. advance, 39. pause, 40. proposal, 41. deduce, 42. nay, 43. notch, 44. overboard

45. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
46. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
47. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
48. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
49. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
50. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
51. video pi_____e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
52. war bo__y *n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
53. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 45. mate, 46. distribute, 47. process, 48. impressive, 49. advance, 50. pause, 51. pirate, 52. booty, 53. accord

54. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
55. in____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
56. ac____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
57. re____e his belief *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
58. ad____t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
59. a burning th____t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
60. dog-loving m____e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
61. col____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
62. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
63. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
64. oak pl__k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

ANSWERS: 54. slightly, 55. initial, 56. accurate, 57. revise, 58. adjust, 59. thirst, 60. mate, 61. collaborate, 62. logic, 63. propose, 64. plank

65. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
66. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
67. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
68. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
69. chunky bo__y *n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
70. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
71. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
72. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
73. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
74. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
75. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 65. absurd, 66. concept, 67. predict, 68. coop, 69. booty, 70. obvious, 71. propose, 72. involve, 73. strike, 74. intuition, 75. adjust

76. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
77. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
78. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
79. ov_____de the system *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
80. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
81. ca_____n of industry *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
82. fell ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
83. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
84. said n_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 76. bribe, 77. intuition, 78. strategy, 79. override, 80. individual, 81. captain, 82. overboard, 83. logic, 84. nay

85. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
86. ov_____de a veto *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
87. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
88. gru_____ly apologize *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
89. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
90. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
91. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
92. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
93. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
94. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
95. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
96. assume gru_____ly *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

ANSWERS: 85. rank, 86. override, 87. absurd, 88. grudgingly, 89. accord, 90. predict, 91. reject, 92. slightly, 93. concept, 94. strategy, 95. naturally, 96. grudgingly

97. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
98. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
99. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
100. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 97. impressive, 98. bribe, 99. scenario, 100. rank

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
3. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
4. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
5. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
6. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
7. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
8. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
9. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
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ANSWERS: 1. individual, 2. concept, 3. coop, 4. obvious, 5. proposal, 6. strategy, 7. accurate, 8. adjust, 9. bribe

10. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

11. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

12. The CEO decided to _____ the decision made by the lower-level managers.

v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

13. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

14. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

15. The pirates buried their treasure on the deserted island, including a large amount of _____.

n. valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom

16. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

17. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 10. logic, 11. backward, 12. override, 13. rejected, 14. plank, 15. booty, 16. absurd, 17. slightly

18. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
19. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
20. The prediction method has been _____ drastically.
v. to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
21. He claimed he could finish the project in a day, _____ in just a few hours.
adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
22. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
23. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
24. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
25. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
26. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 18. paused, 19. rank, 20. revised, 21. nay, 22. thirst, 23. propose, 24. alternative, 25. pirate, 26. collaborate

27. The _____ ordered the troops to fire.
- n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
28. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
29. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
30. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
31. 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
32. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
- adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
33. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 27. captain, 28. intuitions, 29. predict, 30. involves, 31. strike, 32. initial, 33. scenarios

34. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.
- n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
35. He was _____ gifted.
- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
36. The cake was decorated with a _____ to represent the birthday boy's age.
- n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
37. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
38. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
39. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
40. The group decided to _____ up the tasks evenly for the project.
- v.* to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people
41. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
- n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

ANSWERS: 34. mate, 35. naturally, 36. notch, 37. accord, 38. decision, 39. impressive, 40. divvy, 41. equilibrium

42. He _____ agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

43. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

44. We must convince more people to side with us, or they'll _____ us at the next election.

v. to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support

45. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

46. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

47. The researcher _____ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

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

48. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

49. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 42. grudgingly, 43. outcome, 44. outvote, 45. divide, 46. advance, 47. deduced, 48. distributed, 49. process

50. He went _____ with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

ANSWERS: 50. overboard