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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime  
*synonym*: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party  
The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

### destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure  
*synonym*: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship  
The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

### opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  
*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

### discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or

unreliable

*synonym* : disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

**handwritten**

*adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed

(1) **handwritten** character, (2) **handwritten** signature

The letter was written in **handwritten** script and had a personal touch.

**clergyman**

*n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

*synonym* : minister, pastor, priest

(1) unfrocked **clergyman**, (2) **clergyman's** duty

The Catholic **clergyman** led the congregation in prayer.

**filthy**

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

*synonym* : dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

**megalomania**

*n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others

*synonym* : delusions of grandeur, narcissism, egomania

(1) political **megalomania**, (2) **megalomania** disorder

The dictator's **megalomania** fueled his desire to conquer and expand his empire.

**devote**

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym* :

commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life  
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## headquarter

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym*: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## burglar

*n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

*synonym*: thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

## squelch

*v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority

*synonym*: squish, slosh, splash

(1) **squelch** a rumor, (2) **squelch** a rebellion

She had to **squelch** her anger before she spoke to her boss about the issue.

## challenger

*n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

*synonym*: contender, rival, contestant

(1) **challenger** brand, (2) political **challenger**

The **challenger** in the boxing match put up a good fight.

## interpose

*v.* to intervene, insert, or come between two parties or things; to interrupt or interject during a conversation or discussion

*synonym* : interrupt, intervene, butt in

(1) **interpose** an objection, (2) **interpose** a question

He **interposed** himself between the arguing couple, hoping to diffuse the tension.

## wiretap

*v.* to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line

*synonym* : tap, bug, intercept

(1) receiver to **wiretap** transmission data, (2) **wiretap** private communications

It later appeared that the police had **wiretapped** the suspect's conversations.

## trump

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

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

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

## 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**.

## dragnet

*n.* a careful and complete search taken by the police that is intended to catch criminals; a net that is pulled through a river or across the ground to catch fish or animal

*synonym* : trawl

(1) **dragnet** fishing, (2) **dragnet** for the criminal

He was caught in a police **dragnet** and arrested.

## **troublemaker**

*n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

*synonym*: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

## **concoct**

*v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

*synonym*: conceive, invent, cook up

(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines

They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.

## **crib**

*n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

*synonym*: bed, bassinet, cradle

(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**

She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

## **ramification**

*n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

*synonym*: fork, branching, complication

(1) **ramifications** of the scenario, (2) political **ramification**

The court's decision had many unforeseen **ramifications**.

## **ferret**

*n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

*synonym*: weasel, stoat, polecat

(1) **ferret** food, (2) **ferret** out the truth

I love to watch my pet **ferret** play with its toys.

## tread

*v.* to step or walk on something

*synonym* : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

## quake

*v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

*synonym* : shake, trembler, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold

The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

## disproportionately

*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

*synonym* : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

## patriot

*n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

*synonym* : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

## impersonate

*v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

*synonym* : imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

## libertarian

*n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government

should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

*synonym* : latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

## repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

*synonym* : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

## retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

*synonym* : get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

## tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

*synonym* : despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

## encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym* : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses

**encrypt** their files.

## opportunistic

*adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle

*synonym*: timeserving, conciliatory

(1) **opportunistic** fungus, (2) **opportunistic** behavior

Many of the party's members joined for simply **opportunistic** reasons.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## funnel

*n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

*synonym*: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## inertia

*n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

*synonym*: sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**



The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. administrative hea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
2. fe\_\_\_t food *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
3. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. ex-convict bu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
5. sq\_\_\_\_h a rumor *v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
6. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. headquarter, 2. ferret, 3. sect, 4. burglar, 5. squelch, 6. opportune

7. cl\_\_\_\_\_an's duty *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
8. Newton's law of in\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
9. co\_\_\_\_\_t a conspiracy *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
10. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
11. separatory fu\_\_\_\_l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
12. political meg\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
13. lib\_\_\_\_\_an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
14. ty\_\_\_\_\_y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 7. clergyman, 8. inertia, 9. concoct, 10. disproportionately, 11. funnel, 12. megalomania, 13. libertarian, 14. tyranny

15. sq\_\_\_\_h a rebellion *v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
16. opp\_\_\_\_\_tic behavior *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
17. caught the bu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
18. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
19. dr\_\_\_\_t fishing *n.* a careful and complete search taken by the police that is intended to catch criminals; a net that is pulled through a river or across the ground to catch fish or animal
20. de\_\_\_\_t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
21. des\_\_\_\_\_ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
22. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
23. in\_\_\_\_\_se a question *v.* to intervene, insert, or come between two parties or things; to interrupt or interject during a conversation or discussion

ANSWERS: 15. squelch, 16. opportunistic, 17. burglar, 18. trump, 19. dragnet, 20. deport, 21. destabilize, 22. germ, 23. interpose

24. re\_\_\_\_\_se an old building      *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
25. en\_\_\_\_\_t data      *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
26. fe\_\_\_\_t out the truth      *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
27. political ram\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
28. civil lib\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
29. dr\_\_\_\_\_t for the criminal      *n.* a careful and complete search taken by the police that is intended to catch criminals; a net that is pulled through a river or across the ground to catch fish or animal
30. in\_\_\_\_\_a resistance      *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

ANSWERS: 24. repurpose, 25. encrypt, 26. ferret, 27. ramification, 28. libertarian, 29. dragnet, 30. inertia

31. tr\_\_d water *v.* to step or walk on something
32. fi\_\_\_y language *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
33. han\_\_\_\_\_en signature *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
34. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
35. di\_\_\_\_\_it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
36. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
37. di\_\_\_\_\_it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
38. political cha\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
39. imp\_\_\_\_\_te a government official *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

ANSWERS: 31. tread, 32. filthy, 33. handwritten, 34. sect, 35. discredit, 36. germ, 37. discredit, 38. challenger, 39. impersonate

40. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
41. opp\_\_\_\_\_tic fungus *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
42. ram\_\_\_\_\_ions of the scenario *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
43. de\_\_\_e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
44. brutal ty\_\_\_\_y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
45. re\_\_\_\_\_te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
46. unfrocked cl\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
47. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
48. qu\_\_e in his boots *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

ANSWERS: 40. disproportionately, 41. opportunistic, 42. ramification, 43. devote, 44. tyranny, 45. retaliate, 46. clergyman, 47. trump, 48. quake

49. de\_\_\_t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
50. imp\_\_\_\_\_te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
51. baby c\_\_b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
52. de\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
53. zealous pa\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
54. 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
55. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
56. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
57. blind pa\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
58. a fu\_\_\_l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 49. deport, 50. impersonate, 51. crib, 52. devote, 53. patriot, 54. rev, 55. headquarter, 56. opportune, 57. patriot, 58. funnel



59. 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
60. han\_\_\_\_\_en character  
*adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
61. co\_\_\_\_\_t herbal medicines  
*v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
62. cha\_\_\_\_\_er brand  
*n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
63. qu\_\_e with cold  
*v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
64. in\_\_\_\_\_se an objection  
*v.* to intervene, insert, or come between two parties or things; to interrupt or interject during a conversation or discussion
65. fi\_\_\_y streets  
*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
66. re\_\_\_\_\_se a used car  
*v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
67. en\_\_\_\_\_t message  
*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 59. rev, 60. handwritten, 61. concoct, 62. challenger, 63. quake, 64. interpose, 65. filthy, 66. repurpose, 67. encrypt

68. des\_\_\_\_\_ze a good relationship      *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
69. receiver to wi\_\_\_\_\_p transmission data      *v.* to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
70. wi\_\_\_\_\_p private communications      *v.* to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
71. tro\_\_\_\_\_ker kid      *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
72. tr\_\_d a similar path      *v.* to step or walk on something
73. accused tro\_\_\_\_\_ker      *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
74. c\_\_b bed      *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
75. meg\_\_\_\_\_ia disorder      *n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
76. re\_\_\_\_\_te for the blow      *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

ANSWERS: 68. destabilize, 69. wiretap, 70. wiretap, 71. troublemaker, 72. tread, 73. troublemaker, 74. crib, 75. megalomania, 76. retaliate

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
  - n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
2. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.
  - v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
3. 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
4. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
  - adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. We have to use a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour petrol into the tank.
  - n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
6. The object's \_\_\_\_\_ kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.
  - n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
7. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.
  - adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

ANSWERS: 1. trump, 2. encrypt, 3. rev, 4. opportune, 5. funnel, 6. inertia, 7. filthy

8. The dictator's \_\_\_\_\_ fueled his desire to conquer and expand his empire.
- n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
9. The rich can often \_\_\_\_\_ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.
- adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
10. The political crisis \_\_\_\_\_ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
- v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
11. The company's unethical practices have \_\_\_\_\_ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
- v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
12. The court's decision had many unforeseen \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
13. The teacher had to reprimand the \_\_\_\_\_ in class constantly.
- n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
14. They \_\_\_\_\_ a plot to discredit the local politician.
- v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

ANSWERS: 8. megalomania, 9. disproportionately, 10. destabilized, 11. discredited, 12. ramifications, 13. troublemaker, 14. concocted

15. The government has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.
- v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
16. He was caught in a police \_\_\_\_\_ and arrested.
- n.* a careful and complete search taken by the police that is intended to catch criminals; a net that is pulled through a river or across the ground to catch fish or animal
17. The letter was written in \_\_\_\_\_ script and had a personal touch.
- adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
18. The Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ led the congregation in prayer.
- n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ carefully on the slippery ice.
- v.* to step or walk on something
20. She put the baby in the portable \_\_\_\_\_ for a nap.
- n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
21. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the boxing match put up a good fight.
- n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

ANSWERS: 15. deport, 16. dragnet, 17. handwritten, 18. clergyman, 19. treads, 20. crib, 21. devoted, 22. challenger

23. The skilled \_\_\_\_\_ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.
- n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
24. The company decided to move its \_\_\_\_\_ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
25. Many of the party's members joined for simply \_\_\_\_\_ reasons.
- adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
26. After the other team scored, we \_\_\_\_\_ by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.
- v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
27. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy of the media.
- n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
29. The old barn was \_\_\_\_\_ into a modern event space.
- v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 23. burglar, 24. headquarters, 25. opportunistic, 26. retaliated, 27. libertarian, 28. germ, 29. repurposed

30. It later appeared that the police had \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect's conversations.
- v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
31. I love to watch my pet \_\_\_\_\_ play with its toys.
- n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
32. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her anger before she spoke to her boss about the issue.
- v. to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
33. The country was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ that oppressed its citizens.
- n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
34. The earth began to \_\_\_\_\_ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.
- v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself between the arguing couple, hoping to diffuse the tension.
- v. to intervene, insert, or come between two parties or things; to interrupt or interject during a conversation or discussion
36. He is more of a hypocrite than a \_\_\_\_\_ to be honest.
- n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

ANSWERS: 30. wiretapped, 31. ferret, 32. squelch, 33. tyranny, 34. quake, 35. interposed, 36. patriot,



37. The comedian is famous for his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ famous politicians.
- v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
38. The minority \_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 37. impersonate, 38. sect