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Session 1: Word List

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym: grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

inhumane

adj. lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain

synonym: cruel, brutal, barbaric

(1) **inhumane** forms of punishment, (2) **inhumane** living conditions

The conditions at the factory were deemed **inhumane** and caused outrage among the public.

indefinite

adj. without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym : unclear, uncertain, ambiguous

(1) **indefinite** period, (2) **indefinite** number

The company's financial troubles have resulted in an **indefinite** hiring freeze.

limbo

n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

synonym : purgatory, oblivion, no man's land

(1) left in **limbo**, (2) **limbo** period

Her career was in **limbo** as she waited for a job offer.

proximate

adj. very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something

synonym : immediate, closest, nearest

(1) **proximate** region, (2) **proximate** location

The **proximate** cause of the accident was the driver texting on their phone.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

arid

adj. lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

synonym: dry, parched, barren

(1) **arid** terrain, (2) semi- **arid** zone

The desert is known for its **arid** climate and lack of rainfall.

destitute

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

synonym: poor, impoverished, needy

(1) **destitute** refugees, (2) living in **destitute** conditions

The hurricane left many families **destitute** and without homes.

perilous

adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

synonym: risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain

Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

encampment

n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

synonym: campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**

The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

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.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

recycle

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

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

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

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

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.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

collier

n. a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal

synonym: miner, digger, excavator

(1) **collier's** job, (2) **collier** factory

The town's economy was largely dependent on the **collier** industry.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

incubate

v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

synonym: hatch, breed, gestate

(1) **incubate** terrorism in developing countries, (2) **incubate**

an idea

The scientists decided to **incubate** the eggs for further study.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym : self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

consul

n. an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country and represent the commercial interests and protect the welfare of their home country and its citizens

(1) **consul** general, (2) American **consul**

The local **consul** handles various tasks, including issuing

passports and providing information to tourists.

consulate

n. the office or building of a consul, a government official who represents their country's interests in a foreign city; the period of time during which a consul serves in their office

synonym: embassy, mission, delegation

(1) **consulate** office, (2) foreign **consulate**

The **consulate** staff are always friendly and helpful, no matter how busy they are.

undercut

v. to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something

synonym: undermine, weaken, sabotage

(1) **undercut** a vein of ore, (2) **undercut** his effort

The company **undercut** its competitors by offering lower prices.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. I was dr__ned in work | v. | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 2. recover spo_____sly after five days | adv. | in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden |
| 3. fl_____sh worldwide | v. | to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 4. in_____te an idea | v. | to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture |
| 5. left in li__o | n. | a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things |
| 6. em___k on a trip | v. | to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something |
| 7. rec_____er my transfer | v. | to think about a decision or opinion again to |
| 8. pr_____ic approach | adj. | practical rather than idealistic |
| 9. rec_____er the determination | v. | to think about a decision or opinion again to |
| 10. no asp_____on for fame | n. | a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 11. mo__n death | v. | to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone |
| 12. in_____te terrorism in developing countries | v. | to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture |

ANSWERS: 1. drown, 2. spontaneously, 3. flourish, 4. incubate, 5. limbo, 6. embark, 7. reconsider, 8. pragmatic, 9. reconsider, 10. aspiration, 11. mourn, 12. incubate

13. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
14. de_____te refugees *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
15. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
16. se___e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
17. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
18. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
19. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
20. a__d terrain *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
21. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
22. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 13. seize, 14. destitute, 15. electrify, 16. selfie, 17. fundamentalist, 18. detain, 19. drown, 20. arid, 21. pragmatic, 22. electrify

23. re____e milk packaging into new paper
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
24. in____d cargo
adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
25. temporary enc____nt
n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
26. a successful fi____er
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
27. do a bra____ing about a new product
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
28. ind____te period
adj. without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
29. foreign co____te
n. the office or building of a consul, a government official who represents their country's interests in a foreign city; the period of time during which a consul serves in their office
30. un____ie the current economic deadlock
v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
31. pe____us terrain
adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 23. recycle, 24. inward, 25. encampment, 26. filmmaker, 27. brainstorming, 28. indefinite, 29. consulate, 30. underlie, 31. perilous

32. pe____us journey *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
33. military enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
34. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
35. semi-a__d zone *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
36. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
37. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
38. in___d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
39. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
40. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
42. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

ANSWERS: 32. perilous, 33. encampment, 34. proclaim, 35. arid, 36. proclaim, 37. seize, 38. inward, 39. brainstorming, 40. opportune, 41. repress, 42. mourn

43. fl____sh economically
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
44. co____r factory
n. a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal
45. pr____te location
adj. very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
46. li__o period
n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
47. bl__k future
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
48. in____te the quality of his life
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
49. ru___e-strewn road
n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
50. op____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
51. co____r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
52. co____te office
n. the office or building of a consul, a government official who represents their country's interests in a foreign city; the period of time during which a consul serves in their office

ANSWERS: 43. flourish, 44. collier, 45. proximate, 46. limbo, 47. bleak, 48. innovate, 49. rubble, 50. opportune, 51. confer, 52. consulate

53. un_____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
54. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
55. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
56. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
57. in_____ne forms of punishment *adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
58. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
59. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
60. clear away ru_____e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
61. living in de_____te conditions *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
62. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 53. underlie, 54. aspiration, 55. innovate, 56. repress, 57. inhumane, 58. fundamentalist, 59. displace, 60. rubble, 61. destitute, 62. recycle

63. ind_____te number *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
64. pr_____te region *adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
65. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
66. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
67. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
68. co_____r's job *n.* a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal
69. in_____ne living conditions *adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
70. American co____l *n.* an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country and represent the commercial interests and protect the welfare of their home country and its citizens
71. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
72. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
73. em____k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 63. indefinite, 64. proximate, 65. smuggle, 66. bleak, 67. spontaneously, 68. collier, 69. inhumane, 70. consul, 71. filmmaker, 72. confer, 73. embark

74. un_____ut a vein of ore *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
75. un_____ut his effort *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
76. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
77. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
78. de____n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
79. co____l general *n.* an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country and represent the commercial interests and protect the welfare of their home country and its citizens
80. pose for a se____e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 74. undercut, 75. undercut, 76. displace, 77. smuggle, 78. detain, 79. consul, 80. selfie

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The town's economy was largely dependent on the _____ industry.
n. a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal
2. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
3. His bitter experiences _____ his moral principles.
v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
4. The _____ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.
adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
5. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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7. The company _____ its competitors by offering lower prices.
v. to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
8. Climbing the cliff was a _____ adventure.
adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 1. collier, 2. innovate, 3. underlie, 4. inward, 5. aspiration, 6. opportune, 7. undercut, 8. perilous

9. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
10. Her career was in _____ as she waited for a job offer.
n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
11. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
12. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
13. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
adj. practical rather than idealistic
14. We _____ on a new project.
v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
15. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
16. The company's financial troubles have resulted in an _____ hiring freeze.
adj. without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time

ANSWERS: 9. confer, 10. limbo, 11. repressed, 12. smuggle, 13. pragmatic, 14. embarked, 15. bleak, 16. indefinite

17. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
18. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
- v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
19. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
- n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
20. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
- v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
21. The conditions at the factory were deemed _____ and caused outrage among the public.
- adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
22. The local _____ handles various tasks, including issuing passports and providing information to tourists.
- n.* an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country and represent the commercial interests and protect the welfare of their home country and its citizens
23. The electrical cord _____ combusted.
- adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
24. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 17. fundamentalist, 18. proclaimed, 19. selfie, 20. detained, 21. inhumane, 22. consul, 23. spontaneously, 24. recycle

25. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.
- v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
26. The desert is known for its _____ climate and lack of rainfall.
- adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
27. The _____ of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.
- n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
28. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
29. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
30. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
31. The _____ staff are always friendly and helpful, no matter how busy they are.
- n.* the office or building of a consul, a government official who represents their country's interests in a foreign city; the period of time during which a consul serves in their office
32. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
- n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 25. mourned, 26. arid, 27. encampment, 28. seize, 29. flourished, 30. displace, 31. consulate, 32. brainstorming

33. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

34. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

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v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

36. The scientists decided to _____ the eggs for further study.

v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

37. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

38. The hurricane left many families _____ and without homes.

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

39. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

40. The _____ cause of the accident was the driver texting on their phone.

adj. very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something

ANSWERS: 33. filmmaker, 34. electrify, 35. reconsidered, 36. incubate, 37. drown, 38. destitute, 39. rubble, 40. proximate

ANSWERS: