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Session 1: Word List

autism

n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

(1) high-functioning **autism**, (2) **autism** spectrum disorder

There is no cure for **autism**, but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

severely

adv. very badly or seriously

synonym: harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**

Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym: silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym : incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

dull

adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp

synonym : insensitive, unintelligent, boring

(1) a **dull** pain, (2) **dull** sight

The trade is **dull** right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym : shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

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.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

outlet

n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

synonym: opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

algebra

n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers

synonym: calculus

(1) **algebra** calculation, (2) strong in **algebra**

His classmates were laboring with advanced **algebra**.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym : grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

chaff

n. the husks or straw-like material that surrounds the grain seeds, often separated during the threshing process; worthless or useless parts or things

synonym : husk, straw, debris

(1) separate wheat from the **chaff**, (2) soybean **chaff**

The professor required his students to examine the **chaff** in historical documents to understand the era better.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence
They **strived** to make their dream come true.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

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.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

stray

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

synonym: deviate, err, depart

(1) **stray** beyond the confines, (2) **stray** from a rule

Tourists often get lost and **stray** into a restricted area.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
2. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
3. st__y beyond the confines *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
4. media ou____t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
5. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
6. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
7. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
8. soybean ch__f *n.* the husks or straw-like material that surrounds the grain seeds, often separated during the threshing process; worthless or useless parts or things

ANSWERS: 1. terrifying, 2. exciting, 3. stray, 4. outlet, 5. urge, 6. amazing, 7. mold, 8. chaff

9. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
10. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
11. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
12. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
13. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
14. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
15. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
16. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
17. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
18. high-functioning au___m *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
19. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

ANSWERS: 9. imaginary, 10. midst, 11. diagnose, 12. variation, 13. creative, 14. scream, 15. mathematics, 16. extraordinary, 17. cheer, 18. autism, 19. documentary

20. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
21. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
22. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
23. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
24. se_____ly burned arm *adv.* very badly or seriously
25. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
26. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
27. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
28. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
29. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
30. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 20. disability, 21. communicate, 22. loose, 23. normally, 24. severely, 25. amazing, 26. vivid, 27. associate, 28. nonverbal, 29. wheat, 30. urge

31. separate wheat from the ch__f *n.* the husks or straw-like material that surrounds the grain seeds, often separated during the threshing process; worthless or useless parts or things
32. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
33. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
34. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
35. d__l sight *adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
36. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
37. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
38. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
39. ine_____ble decision *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

ANSWERS: 31. chaff, 32. pun, 33. extraordinary, 34. stereotype, 35. dull, 36. documentary, 37. backward, 38. nonverbal, 39. inexplicable

40. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
41. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
42. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
43. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
44. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
45. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
46. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
47. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
48. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
49. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 40. achieve, 41. brilliant, 42. norm, 43. refuge, 44. specific, 45. diagnose, 46. mold, 47. individual, 48. genuine, 49. brilliant

50. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
51. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
52. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
53. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
54. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
55. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
56. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
57. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
58. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
59. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
60. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

ANSWERS: 50. refuge, 51. immediately, 52. normally, 53. unleash, 54. cheer, 55. specific, 56. pun, 57. individual, 58. sibling, 59. stereotype, 60. disability

61. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
62. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
63. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
64. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
65. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
66. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
67. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
68. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
69. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
70. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 61. compliment, 62. label, 63. demon, 64. genuine, 65. communicate, 66. celebrate, 67. associate, 68. wheat, 69. fantastic, 70. creative

71. an ou___t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
72. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
73. au___m spectrum disorder *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
74. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
75. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
76. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
77. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
78. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
79. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 71. outlet, 72. basis, 73. autism, 74. compliment, 75. basis, 76. mathematics, 77. demon, 78. vivid, 79. achieve

80. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
81. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
82. al____a calculation *n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
83. a d__l pain *adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
84. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
85. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
86. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
87. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
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89. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
90. ine_____ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
91. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
92. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 80. strive, 81. sibling, 82. algebra, 83. dull, 84. immediately, 85. variation, 86. unleash, 87. loose, 88. celebrate, 89. terrifying, 90. inexplicable, 91. scream, 92. backward

93. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
94. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
95. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
96. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
97. criticize him se_____ly *adv.* very badly or seriously
98. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
99. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
100. strong in al_____a *n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
101. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
102. st__y from a rule *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
103. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
104. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

ANSWERS: 93. fantastic, 94. instance, 95. norm, 96. imaginary, 97. severely, 98. exciting, 99. instance, 100. algebra, 101. label, 102. stray, 103. midst, 104. strive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tourists often get lost and _____ into a restricted area.
 - v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

2. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
 - adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

3. His classmates were laboring with advanced _____.
 - n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers

4. There is no cure for _____ but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.
 - n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

5. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
 - v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

6. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
 - n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

7. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
 - adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 1. stray, 2. backward, 3. algebra, 4. autism, 5. achieve, 6. label, 7. specific

8. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.
adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
9. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions
10. Is this painting _____ or forged?
adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
11. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was _____.
adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
12. 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
13. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things
14. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
15. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
16. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 8. nonverbal, 9. normally, 10. genuine, 11. inexplicable, 12. individual, 13. midst, 14. exciting, 15. fantastic, 16. outlet

17. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

18. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

19. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

20. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

21. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

22. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

23. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

24. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 17. terrifying, 18. associate, 19. refuge, 20. loose, 21. norms, 22. creative, 23. disability, 24. vivid

25. Her company was _____ affected by the bank's failure.

adv. very badly or seriously

26. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

27. The farmer grew _____ on his land.

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

28. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

29. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

30. They _____ to make their dream come true.

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

31. The trade is _____ right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.

adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp

32. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

33. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 25. severely, 26. instances, 27. wheat, 28. pun, 29. screaming, 30. strived, 31. dull, 32. extraordinary, 33. urged

34. The professor required his students to examine the _____ in historical documents to understand the era better.
- n.* the husks or straw-like material that surrounds the grain seeds, often separated during the threshing process; worthless or useless parts or things
35. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.
- n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
36. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
37. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
38. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
39. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.
- n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
40. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
41. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 34. chaff, 35. demon, 36. siblings, 37. amazing, 38. unleash, 39. compliment, 40. variation, 41. mathematics

42. He won an award for that short _____.

- n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

43. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.

- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

44. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

45. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

46. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

47. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

48. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

49. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 42. documentary, 43. diagnose, 44. stereotypes, 45. imaginary, 46. celebrated, 47. cheered, 48. immediately, 49. basis

50. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

51. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

52. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 50. communicate, 51. brilliant, 52. mold