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Session 1: Word List

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym: submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

meltdown

n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

synonym: collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

Brexit

n. (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU

(1) **Brexit** referendum, (2) **Brexit** transition period

Many European citizens living in the UK are concerned about their rights post- **Brexit**.

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym: retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

ambivalence

n. the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation

synonym: uncertainty, indecision, equivocation

(1) **ambivalence** on the issue, (2) persistent **ambivalence**
My **ambivalence** towards the job offer kept me up at night.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym : tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

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.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

peddle

v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

synonym : sell, promote, advertise

(1) **peddle** influence, (2) **peddle** drugs

The street vendor **peddled** his wares to passing tourists.

mistrust

v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

synonym : doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality
She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

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.

specter

n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

synonym: ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

interdependence

n. the fact or state of depending on each other

synonym: relation, interconnection, linkage

(1) **interdependence** of mind and body, (2) global **interdependence**

The diplomatic rivalry between the two countries has strengthened the **interdependence** of their intra-regional supply chains for their manufacturing industries.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

detract

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

synonym: take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **detract** from quality of life, (2) **detract** from his fame

His terrible manners **detract** from his good character.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

exclusionary

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

synonym: discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

antagonistic

adj. characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a

confrontational or aggressive attitude

synonym: hostile, opposing, conflicting

(1) an **antagonistic** contradiction, (2) **antagonistic** relationship

His **antagonistic** behavior was causing trouble in the workplace.

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**.

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.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym: frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

vehement

adj. showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm

synonym: intense, fervent, passionate

(1) **vehement** protest, (2) **vehement** criticism

She expressed her **vehement** opposition to the proposed changes in the company's policies.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

intolerant

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

synonym: failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult

for him to get along with others.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

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.

cursory

adj. hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough

synonym: superficial, hasty, quick

(1) **cursory** reading, (2) **cursory** inspection

I only had time for a **cursory** look at the report before the meeting.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide

in the country.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

Session 2: Spelling

1. with a re_____ed voice
adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
2. sp_____r of death
n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
3. 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
4. imp_____hed family
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
5. em_____ss my project
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
6. an ant_____tic contradiction
adj. characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
7. pol_____ion effect
n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
8. in___n civilians
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 1. resigned, 2. specter, 3. disproportionately, 4. impoverished, 5. embarrass, 6. antagonistic, 7. polarization, 8. intern

9. mi____st the government *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
10. 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
11. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
12. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
13. Br___t referendum *n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
14. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
15. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
16. pe___e drugs *v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

ANSWERS: 9. mistrust, 10. disproportionately, 11. unpack, 12. reconcile, 13. Brexit, 14. polarization, 15. confer, 16. peddle

17. combat mis_____ion on social media
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
18. tackle the problem ur_____ly
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
19. an int_____nt person
adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
20. mis_____and each other
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
21. 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
22. re_____m land from the sea
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
23. persistent amb_____ce
n. the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation
24. 20/20 hi_____ht
n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
25. co____r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 17. misinformation, 18. urgently, 19. intolerant, 20. misunderstand, 21. rev, 22. reclaim, 23. ambivalence, 24. hindsight, 25. confer

26. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
27. int_____nce of mind and body *n.* the fact or state of depending on each other
28. 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
29. exc_____ary clause *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
30. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
31. economic me_____wn *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
32. international ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
33. me_____wn disaster *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
34. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

ANSWERS: 26. trump, 27. interdependence, 28. rev, 29. exclusionary, 30. accuse, 31. meltdown, 32. alienation, 33. meltdown, 34. migrant

35. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
36. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
37. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
38. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
39. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
40. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
41. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
42. ve_____nt protest *adj.* showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm
43. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 35. paraphrase, 36. austerity, 37. trump, 38. nostalgia, 39. intern, 40. xenophobia, 41. resigned, 42. vehement, 43. persuasive

44. de_____t from his fame *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
45. amb_____ce on the issue *n.* the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation
46. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
47. cu_____y inspection *adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough
48. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
49. el____t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
50. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
51. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
52. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
53. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

ANSWERS: 44. detract, 45. ambivalence, 46. impoverished, 47. cursory, 48. paraphrase, 49. elicit, 50. narrate, 51. reconcile, 52. persuasive, 53. xenophobia

54. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
55. cu_____y reading *adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough
56. mi_____st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
57. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
58. ac_____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
59. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
60. human ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
61. exc_____ary practices *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
62. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
63. un_____k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

ANSWERS: 54. austerity, 55. cursory, 56. mistrust, 57. misunderstand, 58. accuse, 59. migrant, 60. alienation, 61. exclusionary, 62. nationalist, 63. unpack

64. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
65. de_____t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
66. global int_____nce *n.* the fact or state of depending on each other
67. pe___e influence *v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
68. int_____nt of criticism *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
69. political sp_____r *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
70. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
71. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
72. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
73. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
74. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 64. elicit, 65. detract, 66. interdependence, 67. peddle, 68. intolerant, 69. specter, 70. embarrass, 71. opportune, 72. reclaim, 73. preach, 74. narrate

75. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
76. self-righteous bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
77. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
78. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
79. dis_____on him about reality *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
80. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
81. Br____t transition period *n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
82. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
83. ant_____tic relationship *adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude

ANSWERS: 75. urgently, 76. bigotry, 77. opportune, 78. preach, 79. disillusion, 80. misinformation, 81. Brexit, 82. nostalgia, 83. antagonistic

84. ethnic bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
85. dis_____on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
86. hi_____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
87. ve_____nt criticism *adj.* showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm
88. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
89. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
90. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 84. bigotry, 85. disillusion, 86. hindsight, 87. vehement, 88. profoundly, 89. nationalist, 90. profoundly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

2. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

3. Many European citizens living in the UK are concerned about their rights post-_____.
n. (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU

4. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

5. The new housing development faced criticism for its _____ policies towards lower-income residents.
adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

6. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

7. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 1. misunderstand, 2. unpack, 3. Brexit, 4. xenophobia, 5. exclusionary, 6. reclaim, 7. accused

8. His terrible manners _____ from his good character.
- v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
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- v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
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13. 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
14. 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

ANSWERS: 8. detract, 9. interned, 10. trump, 11. disillusioned, 12. interdependence, 13. disproportionately, 14. rev

15. He _____ her apology because of her past lies.
v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
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17. The street vendor _____ his wares to passing tourists.
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18. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
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adj. characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
21. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.
adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
22. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 15. mistrusted, 16. nostalgia, 17. peddled, 18. opportune, 19. migrant, 20. antagonistic, 21. resigned, 22. narrate

23. His _____ attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.
adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
24. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
25. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
26. My _____ towards the job offer kept me up at night.
n. the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about someone or something; the coexistence of opposing attitudes or emotions towards a person, thing, or situation
27. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.
n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
28. 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
29. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 23. intolerant, 24. polarization, 25. impoverished, 26. ambivalence, 27. austerity, 28. confer, 29. embarrass

30. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
31. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
32. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
33. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.
- n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
34. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
35. The _____ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.
- n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
36. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.
- adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
37. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 30. paraphrased, 31. preached, 32. reconcile, 33. alienation, 34. nationalist, 35. specter, 36. persuasive, 37. profoundly,

38. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
39. The nuclear _____ in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.
- n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
40. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
- n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
41. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
- v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
42. I only had time for a _____ look at the report before the meeting.
- adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough
43. She expressed her _____ opposition to the proposed changes in the company's policies.
- adj.* showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm
44. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.
- n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
45. I need to send this email _____.
- adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 38. misinformation, 39. meltdown, 40. Bigotry, 41. elicited, 42. cursory, 43. vehement, 44. hindsight, 45. urgently

ANSWERS: