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## Session 1: Word List

### hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym*: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

### obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

### moth

*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

### horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

*synonym*: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

### annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym* : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

### unreal

*adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact

*synonym* : false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation

The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

### parody

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

*synonym* : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

### aerosol

*n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application

*synonym* : spray, mist, fog

(1) **aerosol** container, (2) **aerosol** can

She waited a few seconds after spraying the **aerosol** insecticide before entering the room.

### airborne

*adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

*synonym* : flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

### coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym* : colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**  
My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## doorway

*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into  
*synonym*: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success  
He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

## inmate

*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility  
*synonym*: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights  
The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

## hallway

*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open  
*synonym*: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor  
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

## breastfeeding

*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts  
*synonym*: nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support  
Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

## wreck

*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident  
*synonym*: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**  
The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

## hemorrhage

*n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel  
*synonym*: heavy bleeding

(1) **hemorrhage** from a breast, (2) **hemorrhage** control  
He had a severe brain **hemorrhage** that left him paralyzed.

## horrify

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly  
*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims  
The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease  
*synonym*: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere  
The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## breadwinner

*n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple  
Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

## procreation

*n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction  
*synonym*: progeny, offspring, breeding

(1) **procreation** instinct, (2) natural **procreation**  
The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of **procreation** within a population.

## palatable

*adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

*synonym*: delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution  
I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

## ineligible

*adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration

*synonym* : disqualified, unqualified, barred

(1) **ineligible** candidate, (2) **ineligible** for promotion

He was **ineligible** for the scholarship because he did not meet the academic requirements.

## preexist

*v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before

*synonym* : antedate, precede

(1) **preexist** the modern city, (2) **preexist** the current political tensions

The idea for the novel **preexisted** as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.

## waitress

*n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

*synonym* : server, attendant, waitperson

(1) **waitress** at a restaurant, (2) tip the **waitress**

The friendly **waitress** brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

## postpartum

*adj.* occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth

*synonym* : afterbirth, postnatal, postdelivery

(1) **postpartum** workout, (2) lose **postpartum** belly fat

Many women experience **postpartum** depression after giving birth.

## bartender

*n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

*synonym* : barman, mixologist, server

(1) professional **bartender**, (2) moonlight as a **bartender**

The chief **bartender** mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.

## childbirth

*n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby  
*synonym* : delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

## unbearable

*adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

*synonym* : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

## colic

*n.* a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances

*synonym* : cramp, spasm, gripe

(1) **colic** symptoms, (2) **colic** relief

New parents often struggle to soothe their infants with **colic**.

## 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.

## shush

*v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

*synonym* : silence, hush, quiet

(1) **shush** the baby, (2) **shush** the crowd

I had to **shush** my chatty friend during the movie.

## vaccinate

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym* : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every

year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## guinea

*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

*synonym*: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

## marshal

*n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

*synonym*: marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

## 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.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## birthrate

*n.* the number of live births per 1,000 people in a given population in a given period of time, usually a year

*synonym* : fertility, natality

(1) low **birthrate**, (2) declining **birthrate**

The **birthrate** in many developed countries has been decreasing in recent years.

## incentivize

*v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

*synonym* : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

## subsidize

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym* : finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

## hobble

*v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

*synonym* : limp, fether, shuffle

(1) **hobble** down the street, (2) **hobble** due to injury

She had to **hobble** with crutches after breaking her ankle.

## incubator

*n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and



equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

*synonym* : hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

## meager

*adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

*synonym* : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

## dishonor

*n.* the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace

*synonym* : disgrace, shame, dishonorableness

(1) do him a **dishonor**, (2) **dishonor** of my family

His actions brought **dishonor** to the family, and he was disowned.

## peril

*n.* serious and great danger or risk

*synonym* : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. co\_\_c relief *n.* a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances
2. hem\_\_\_\_\_ge control *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
3. tip the wa\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
4. sh\_\_h the crowd *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
5. two-bre\_\_\_\_\_er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
6. unb\_\_\_\_\_le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
7. gu\_\_\_a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
8. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
9. ae\_\_\_\_\_l container *n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application

ANSWERS: 1. colic, 2. hemorrhage, 3. waitress, 4. shush, 5. breadwinner, 6. unbearable, 7. guinea, 8. drown, 9. aerosol

10. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
11. gu\_\_\_a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
12. infant in \_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
13. hem\_\_\_\_\_ge from a breast *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
14. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
15. comedic pa\_\_\_y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
16. business in \_\_\_\_\_or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
17. natural pro \_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

ANSWERS: 10. sham, 11. guinea, 12. incubator, 13. hemorrhage, 14. incentivize, 15. parody, 16. incubator, 17. procreation

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| 18. ob___s over her weight                   | v.   | to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else   |
| 19. pr_____st the modern city                | v.   | to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before   |
| 20. pr_____st the current political tensions | v.   | to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before   |
| 21. an__y at the time                        | v.   | to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly   |
| 22. the head of a ha_____y                   | n.   | an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open  |
| 23. pos_____um workout                       | adj. | occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth |
| 24. pa_____le solution                       | adj. | having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted   |
| 25. ine_____le for promotion                 | adj. | not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration  |
| 26. professional ba_____er                   | n.   | a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar   |
| 27. ho___e due to injury                     | v.   | to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement   |
| 28. ai_____ne particles                      | adj. | moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air  |

ANSWERS: 18. obsess, 19. preexist, 20. preexist, 21. annoy, 22. hallway, 23. postpartum, 24. palatable, 25. ineligible, 26. bartender, 27. hobble, 28. airborne

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| 29. un___l situation         | <i>adj.</i> imaginary; not existing in fact  |
| 30. moonlight as a ba_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar   |
| 31. family bre_____er        | <i>n.</i> the member of a family who earns money to support the others   |
| 32. su_____ze the cost       | <i>v.</i> to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially  |
| 33. pro_____on instinct      | <i>n.</i> the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction  |
| 34. ine_____le candidate     | <i>adj.</i> not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration  |
| 35. ai_____ne troop          | <i>adj.</i> moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air  |
| 36. pa_____le food           | <i>adj.</i> having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted   |
| 37. me___r salary            | <i>adj.</i> small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate  |
| 38. co__c symptoms           | <i>n.</i> a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances |
| 39. pa___y imitation         | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work   |
| 40. bre_____ing support      | <i>n.</i> the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts   |

ANSWERS: 29. unreal, 30. bartender, 31. breadwinner, 32. subsidize, 33. procreation, 34. ineligible, 35. airborne, 36. palatable, 37. meager, 38. colic, 39. parody, 40. breastfeeding

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| 41. su_____ze the project           | <i>v.</i> to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially  |
| 42. m__h attracted to the light     | <i>n.</i> an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light  |
| 43. ho_____y victims                | <i>v.</i> to shock or disgust greatly  |
| 44. face an inc_____ent truth       | <i>adj.</i> causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable  |
| 45. a worthless wr__k               | <i>n.</i> a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident   |
| 46. lose pos_____um belly fat       | <i>adj.</i> occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth |
| 47. ho_____ic experience            | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying   |
| 48. me___r resources                | <i>adj.</i> small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate  |
| 49. va_____te against scarlet fever | <i>v.</i> to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease   |
| 50. wax a ha_____y floor            | <i>n.</i> an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open  |
| 51. do him a di_____or              | <i>n.</i> the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace   |
| 52. assisted chi_____th             | <i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby   |

ANSWERS: 41. subsidize, 42. moth, 43. horrify, 44. inconvenient, 45. wreck, 46. postpartum, 47. horrific, 48. meager, 49. vaccinate, 50. hallway, 51. dishonor, 52. childbirth

53. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
54. the house was a wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
55. a wide do\_\_\_\_y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
56. deputy ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
57. ma\_\_\_\_l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
58. do\_\_\_\_y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
59. have an un\_\_\_\_l feeling *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
60. va\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 53. sham, 54. wreck, 55. doorway, 56. marshal, 57. marshal, 58. doorway, 59. unreal, 60. vaccinate

61. the ha\_\_\_\_rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
62. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
63. feel cr\_\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
64. cr\_\_\_\_y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
65. wa\_\_\_\_ss at a restaurant *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
66. environmental pe\_\_l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
67. the pe\_\_l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
68. the ha\_\_\_\_rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
69. co\_\_\_\_er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
70. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
71. low bi\_\_\_\_te *n.* the number of live births per 1,000 people in a given population in a given period of time, usually a year
72. in\_\_\_\_e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
73. ae\_\_\_\_l can *n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application

ANSWERS: 61. hallmark, 62. moth, 63. creepy, 64. creepy, 65. waitress, 66. peril, 67. peril, 68. hallmark, 69. coworker, 70. incentivize, 71. birthrate, 72. inmate, 73. aerosol



74. in\_\_\_e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
75. natural chi\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
76. di\_\_\_\_\_or of my family *n.* the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace
77. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
78. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
79. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
80. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
81. bre\_\_\_\_\_ing mother *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
82. ho\_\_\_e down the street *v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement
83. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
84. ho\_\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
85. 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
86. declining bi\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* the number of live births per 1,000 people in a given population in a given period of time, usually a year

ANSWERS: 74. inmate, 75. childbirth, 76. dishonor, 77. annoy, 78. drown, 79. coworker, 80. obsess, 81. breastfeeding, 82. hobble, 83. inconvenient, 84. horrify, 85. disproportionately, 86. birthrate

87. 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

88. sh\_\_h the baby

*v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

89. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic condition

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

90. unb\_\_\_\_\_le heat

*adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

ANSWERS: 87. disproportionately, 88. shush, 89. horrific, 90. unbearable

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The accident scene was \_\_\_\_\_ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.  
*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
2. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.  
*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
3. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.  
*v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
4. Many women are now their families' primary \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
5. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
6. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust greatly
7. His actions brought \_\_\_\_\_ to the family, and he was disowned.  
*n.* the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace
8. The divers accidentally discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ on the ocean floor.  
*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 1. horrific, 2. annoy, 3. incentivize, 4. breadwinners, 5. palatable, 6. horrify, 7. dishonor, 8. wreck

9. The chief \_\_\_\_\_ mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.  
*n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
10. The amount of \_\_\_\_\_ pollen this year is higher than usual.  
*adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
11. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.  
*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
12. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* serious and great danger or risk
13. He had a severe brain \_\_\_\_\_ that left him paralyzed.  
*n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
14. The idea of winning the lottery seemed so \_\_\_\_\_ that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.  
*adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
15. The prison implemented a new educational program for \_\_\_\_\_ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.  
*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
16. The friendly \_\_\_\_\_ brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.  
*n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
17. New parents often struggle to soothe their infants with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances

ANSWERS: 9. bartender, 10. airborne, 11. inconvenient, 12. peril, 13. hemorrhage, 14. unreal, 15. inmates, 16. waitress, 17. colic

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ in many developed countries has been decreasing in recent years.
- n.* the number of live births per 1,000 people in a given population in a given period of time, usually a year
20. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
21. The eggs were placed in an artificial \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure proper hatching conditions.
- n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
22. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
23. The movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ of classic horror films.
- n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
24. The loss of his wife was an \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
- adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

ANSWERS: 18. moth, 19. birthrate, 20. obsessed, 21. incubator, 22. sham, 23. parody, 24. unbearable

25. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.  
*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
26. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.  
*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
27. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship because he did not meet the academic requirements.  
*adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration
28. The idea for the novel \_\_\_\_\_ as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.  
*v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
29. 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
30. The refugee family had to survive on a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of food and water daily.  
*adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
31. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.  
*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
32. The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ within a population.  
*n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

ANSWERS: 25. drown, 26. subsidize, 27. ineligible, 28. preexisted, 29. disproportionately, 30. meager, 31. vaccinated, 32. procreation

33. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.  
*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
34. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my chatty friend during the movie.  
*v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
35. The cost of the antique vase is three \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
36. The old, abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me the chills.  
*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
37. Many women experience \_\_\_\_\_ depression after giving birth.  
*adj.* occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth
38. He leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for her to come home.  
*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
39. She waited a few seconds after spraying the \_\_\_\_\_ insecticide before entering the room.  
*n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application
40. He was present at the \_\_\_\_\_ of his children.  
*n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby

ANSWERS: 33. coworker, 34. shush, 35. guineas, 36. creepy, 37. postpartum, 38. doorway, 39. aerosol, 40. childbirth

41. He dashed down a \_\_\_\_\_ to a bathroom.

*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

42. The event organizer appointed a professional \_\_\_\_\_ to manage the flow of traffic.

*n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

43. Getting the hang of \_\_\_\_\_ at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

44. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ with crutches after breaking her ankle.

*v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

45. A clear and simple expression is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good writing.

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

ANSWERS: 41. hallway, 42. marshal, 43. breastfeeding, 44. hobble, 45. hallmark