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Session 1: Word List

harrowing

adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
synonym: traumatic, torturous, distressing

(1) **harrowing** battle, (2) **harrowing** journey

Her **harrowing** experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

weary

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

synonym: depleted, exhausted, fatigued

(1) a **weary** brain, (2) **weary** expression

He became **weary** of the daily train commute.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement;
wanting to be successful in life

synonym : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

smuggle

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

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

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

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a
short time, especially in preparation for an examination;
to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a
small space

synonym : stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the
son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis
for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

premonition

n. a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance

synonym: forewarning, prognostication, presentiment

(1) **premonition** of a bad outcome, (2) **premonition** of success

His **premonition** of an impending disaster saved his family from a serious accident.

agitated

adj. characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way

synonym: nervous, troubled, restless

(1) **agitated** state, (2) **agitated** behavior

The **agitated** dog kept barking at the door, wanting to go outside.

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym: throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

disembark

v. to leave a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles after a journey; to unload or remove cargo or passengers from a vehicle

synonym: land, disembark, leave

(1) **disembark** passengers, (2) **disembark** from a ship

We will **disembark** from the airplane shortly and begin our vacation.

seaworthy

adj. able to sail or operate safely and effectively in open waters; fit or suitable for use at sea

synonym: seafaring, nautical

(1) **seaworthy** vessel, (2) **seaworthy** equipment

The boat had to undergo extensive repairs to make it

seaworthy again.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

capsize

v. to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

synonym : overturn, overturning, tipping

(1) **capsize** a boat, (2) **capsize** in the middle of the storm

The strong wind caused the kayak to **capsize**, throwing the paddler into the water.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

propeller

n. a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

synonym : prop, rotor, fan

(1) **propeller** design, (2) **propeller** aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym : step, walk, pace

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

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

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

afloat

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

synonym : floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

limbo

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

synonym: purgatory, oblivion, no man's land

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

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

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

influx

n. the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system

synonym: inflow, arrival, impression

(1) **influx** of capital, (2) **influx** of tourists

The **influx** of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.

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.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

bloat

v. to become swollen, distended, or inflated, especially in an unpleasant way; (noun) a condition in which the abdomen becomes swollen or distended with gas or fluid

synonym : swell, blow up, inflate

(1) **bloat** with pride, (2) **bloat** government spending

He noticed that the snack food bag was **bloating** near the top of the mountain.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym : cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

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.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

dehydrated

adj. to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process

synonym : dried, desiccated, parched

(1) **dehydrated** skin, (2) **dehydrated** skimmed milk

I need to drink more water because I'm feeling **dehydrated**.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym: home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

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**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
2. da___e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
3. deh_____ed skin *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
4. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
5. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
6. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
7. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
8. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
9. or_____ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
10. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
11. have as_____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

ANSWERS: 1. frightening, 2. dangle, 3. dehydrated, 4. sibling, 5. smuggle, 6. niece, 7. ram, 8. reunite, 9. orphanage, 10. astonished, 11. aspiring

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| 12. tr__d a similar path | <i>v.</i> | to step or walk on something |
| 13. sm_____e drugs | <i>v.</i> | to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally |
| 14. before Ch____t | <i>n.</i> | the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity |
| 15. br_____y against the enemy | <i>n.</i> | courage in the face of danger |
| 16. pre_____on of success | <i>n.</i> | a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance |
| 17. y__l as loud as we can | <i>v.</i> | to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 18. we__y expression | <i>adj.</i> | feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time |
| 19. s_b quietly | <i>v.</i> | to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds |
| 20. bl__t with pride | <i>v.</i> | to become swollen, distended, or inflated, especially in an unpleasant way; (noun) a condition in which the abdomen becomes swollen or distended with gas or fluid |
| 21. pr_____er design | <i>n.</i> | a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft |
| 22. gr__d your teeth | <i>v.</i> | to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time |

ANSWERS: 12. tread, 13. smuggle, 14. Christ, 15. bravery, 16. premonition, 17. yell, 18. weary, 19. sob, 20. bloat, 21. propeller, 22. grind

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| 23. ast_____ed at the success | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprised and upset |
| 24. build an or_____ge | <i>n.</i> an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead) |
| 25. th____t for authority | <i>n.</i> a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something |
| 26. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 27. a mir_____us encounter | <i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected |
| 28. a burning th____t | <i>n.</i> a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something |
| 29. I was dr__ned in work | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 30. play with her ni__e | <i>n.</i> a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law |
| 31. am__e a baby with a rattle | <i>v.</i> to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh |
| 32. bl_____g fury | <i>adj.</i> burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive |
| 33. Ar____c cuisine | <i>n.</i> the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language |
| 34. h__l a brickbat | <i>v.</i> to throw something with great force |
| 35. c__m five people into a car | <i>v.</i> to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space |

ANSWERS: 23. astonished, 24. orphanage, 25. thirst, 26. institutionalize, 27. miraculous, 28. thirst, 29. drown, 30. niece, 31. amuse, 32. blazing, 33. Arabic, 34. hurl, 35. cram

36. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
37. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
38. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
39. 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
40. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
41. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
42. 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
43. ag_____ed state *adj.* characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way

ANSWERS: 36. overwhelm, 37. yell, 38. perch, 39. migrant, 40. terrify, 41. dangle, 42. migrant, 43. agitated

44. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
45. di_____rk from a ship *v.* to leave a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles after a journey; to unload or remove cargo or passengers from a vehicle
46. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
47. 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
48. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
49. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
50. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
51. in___x of capital *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
52. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
53. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
54. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
55. pre_____on of a bad outcome *n.* a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance

ANSWERS: 44. exile, 45. disembark, 46. tread, 47. wreck, 48. doom, 49. frightening, 50. hurl, 51. influx, 52. blazing, 53. overwhelm, 54. institutionalize, 55. premonition

56. pe__h on a ledge
v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
57. cargo af__t
adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
58. s_b out a story
v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
59. as____ng prime minister
adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
60. dr__n in a bath
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
61. deh_____ed skimmed milk
adj. to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
62. am__e guests
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
63. c__m more circuits into chips
v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
64. li__o period
n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

ANSWERS: 56. perch, 57. afloat, 58. sob, 59. aspiring, 60. drown, 61. dehydrated, 62. amuse, 63. cram, 64. limbo

65. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
66. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
67. af___t in debt *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
68. se_____hy equipment *adj.* able to sail or operate safely and effectively in open waters; fit or suitable for use at sea
69. ag_____ed behavior *adj.* characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way
70. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
71. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
72. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
73. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
74. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

ANSWERS: 65. sibling, 66. Arabic, 67. afloat, 68. seaworthy, 69. agitated, 70. Christ, 71. terrify, 72. doom, 73. pediatrics, 74. reunite

75. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
76. ha_____ng battle *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
77. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
78. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
79. in___x of tourists *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
80. pr_____er aircraft *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
81. di_____rk passengers *v.* to leave a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles after a journey; to unload or remove cargo or passengers from a vehicle
82. ca_____e a boat *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
83. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
84. a we__y brain *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time
85. bl__t government spending *v.* to become swollen, distended, or inflated, especially in an unpleasant way; (noun) a condition in which the abdomen becomes swollen or distended with gas or fluid

ANSWERS: 75. pediatrics, 76. harrowing, 77. kidnapping, 78. bravery, 79. influx, 80. propeller, 81. disembark, 82. capsize, 83. grind, 84. weary, 85. bloat

86. ca_____e in the middle of the storm *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
87. se_____hy vessel *adj.* able to sail or operate safely and effectively in open waters; fit or suitable for use at sea
88. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
89. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
90. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
91. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
92. ha_____ng journey *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
93. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
94. left in li__o *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

ANSWERS: 86. capsizes, 87. seaworthy, 88. miraculous, 89. kidnapping, 90. ram, 91. exile, 92. harrowing, 93. wreck, 94. limbo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
2. I need to drink more water because I'm feeling _____.
adj. to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
3. The boat had to undergo extensive repairs to make it _____ again.
adj. able to sail or operate safely and effectively in open waters; fit or suitable for use at sea
4. Her _____ experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
5. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
6. His _____ of an impending disaster saved his family from a serious accident.
n. a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance
7. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

ANSWERS: 1. Arabic, 2. dehydrated, 3. seaworthy, 4. harrowing, 5. Christmas, 6. premonition, 7. sobbed

8. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

9. We will _____ from the airplane shortly and begin our vacation.

v. to leave a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles after a journey; to unload or remove cargo or passengers from a vehicle

10. The boat's _____ stopped working in the middle of the lake.

n. a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

11. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

12. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

n. courage in the face of danger

13. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

14. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

15. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

16. 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: 8. blazing, 9. disembark, 10. propeller, 11. kidnapping, 12. bravery, 13. overwhelm, 14. frightening, 15. doom, 16. wreck

17. She angrily _____ the book across the room.

v. to throw something with great force

18. Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay _____ thanks to its loyal customers.

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

19. He became _____ of the daily train commute.

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

20. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

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

21. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

22. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

23. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

24. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

ANSWERS: 17. hurled, 18. afloat, 19. weary, 20. siblings, 21. orphanage, 22. aspiring, 23. exiled, 24. pediatrics

25. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
26. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
27. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
28. He made a _____ recovery.
- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
29. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
- v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
30. Her career was in _____ as she waited for a job offer.
- n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
31. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
32. The band will _____ only for this show.
- v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

ANSWERS: 25. institutionalize, 26. smuggle, 27. terrify, 28. miraculous, 29. perched, 30. limbo, 31. yelled, 32. reunite

33. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

adj. extremely surprised and upset

34. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

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

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

36. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

37. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

38. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

39. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

40. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 33. astonished, 34. niece, 35. drown, 36. cram, 37. rammed, 38. dangle, 39. amused, 40. grind

41. The _____ of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.
- n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
42. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
- n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
43. The _____ dog kept barking at the door, wanting to go outside.
- adj.* characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way
44. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.
- v.* to step or walk on something
45. The strong wind caused the kayak to _____ throwing the paddler into the water.
- v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
46. 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
47. He noticed that the snack food bag was _____ near the top of the mountain.
- v.* to become swollen, distended, or inflated, especially in an unpleasant way; (noun) a condition in which the abdomen becomes swollen or distended with gas or fluid

ANSWERS: 41. influx, 42. thirst, 43. agitated, 44. treads, 45. capsize, 46. migrant, 47. bloating

ANSWERS: