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Session 1: Word List

swan	 n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance synonym: cygnet, waterfowl, bird 			
	(1) swan song, (2) black swan			
	The swan's feathers glistened in the sunlight.			
endless	 adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless 			
	(1) endless possibilities, (2) endless hours			
	He looked out the window at the endless stream of people.			
bob	 v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders synonym: bobble, bounce, wag 			
	(1) bob a quick curtsy, (2) bob on the surface of the water			
	I need to bob my head to the beat of the music.			
spinning	<i>n.</i> the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form			

 synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel (1) spinning machine, (2) spinning wheel She took a spinning class at the gym to improve her 	
She took a spinning class at the gym to improve her	
cardiovascular fitness.	
sequencen.a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., where a particular orderhave a particular ordersynonym : arrangement, succession, series	nich
(1) the sequence of the seasons, (2) the DNA sequen	ce
We do move forward with those tasks in sequence next week.	
balletn.a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic storeor expresses an idea with music but no talking or sind	
(1) a ballet enthusiast, (2) ballet lessons	
She is a leading female classical ballet dancer	
perpetual <i>adj.</i> continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted	
synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant	
(1) perpetual motion machine, (2) perpetual struggle	
The company employs a perpetual inventory system.	
spectacular <i>adj.</i> striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement	
synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand	
(1) spectacular view, (2) achieve spectacular growth	
The spectacular fireworks display was the highlight of the	าย
festival.	
 whip v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flex stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc. 	ible
synonym: thrash, flog, scourge	

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

incredible	adj. unbelievable; enormous
	synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable
	(1) incredible amount, (2) at incredible speed
	Her response revealed incredible idiocy.
marvel	n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
	synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement
	(1) a marvel of beauty, (2) technical marvel
	The space shuttle is a modern engineering marvel .
unravel	<i>v.</i> undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it <i>synonym</i> : separate, unknot, ravel
	(1) unravel a knit, (2) unravel a plot
	Detectives are still attempting to unravel the mystery of his death.
physics	<i>n.</i> the science of matter and energy and their interactions
	(1) nuclear physics , (2) laws of physics
	He studied the physics of radiation.
torque	 <i>n</i>. a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate; <i>synonym</i>: twist, rotation, spin
	(1) high torque , (2) torque settings
	The mechanic used a torque wrench to tighten the bolts on
	the car engine.
maintain	 v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
	synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain
	(1) maintain order, (2) maintain good health

	I need to maintain my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
rotation	<i>n.</i> the action or process of moving in a circle around an
	axis or center
	synonym: revolution, spin, turning
	(1) job rotation , (2) a period of rotation
	The rotation of the Earth causes day and night.
friction	<i>n.</i> the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
	synonym: rub, scrape, resistance
	(1) friction force, (2) surface friction
	The friction between the two countries was causing tension
pause	 v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing synonym: halt, break, intermit
	(1) pause a moment, (2) pause for a reaction
	The man paused before opening the door.
split	 v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line synonym: break, divide, break apart
	(1) split a bill, (2) split a reward equally
	Companies often split their shares to lower the stock price
	and encourage investors to buy.
twist	v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape <i>synonym</i> : wrench, turn, twirl
	(1) twist around to the left, (2) twist a wet towel
	He twisted pieces of rope out of straw.
sweep	 v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

	(1) sweep up dead leaves, (2) sweep a room with a glance The politician tried to sweep the embarrassing incident under the rug.
balance	 a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
	synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder
	(1) the balance of power, (2) asset on the company's balance sheet
	Try to keep a balance between work and off.
gravity	 n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
	synonym: heaviness, attraction, weight
	(1) the attraction of gravity , (2) preserve my gravity
	The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of
	gravity.
constant	adj. happening repeatedly or all the time synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging
	(1) a constant wind, (2) a constant temperature
	Constant dropping wears away the stone.
axis	 n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
	synonym: central, core, pole
	(1) vertical axis , (2) a coordinate axis
	The earth's axis of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
vertical	<i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line <i>synonym</i> : perpendicular, upright, plumb
	(1) vertical takeoff, (2) vertical axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

extended	<i>adj.</i> longer than usual or anticipated <i>synonym</i> : extensive, prolonged, elongated
	(1) extended vacation, (2) extended payment
	The extended airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
elevate	 v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position synonym: lift, heighten, promote
	(1) elevate educational standards, (2) elevate a close relationship
	Eating food in a hurry elevates blood glucose levels.
straighten	 v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned synonym: even up, align, untangle
	(1) straighten out a problem, (2) straighten a crooked picture
	I need to straighten my hair before I go to the party.
transfer	 v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another synonym: move, relocate, shift
	(1) transfer a file, (2) transfer power
	She transferred the money from her savings account to her
	checking account.
propel	 v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force synonym: drive, push, move
	(1) propel growth, (2) propel the ship
	An increase in employment helps propel economic growth.

ballerina	 n. a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer synonym: dancer, danseuse
	(1) classical ballerina , (2) famous ballerina
	The ballerina's graceful movements were a joy to watch.
extend	v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
	synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance
	(1) extend the warranty, (2) extend a line
	Her visit will extend from Monday to Friday.
retract	 v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made synonym: withdraw, take back, revoke
	(1) retract a promise, (2) retract a lawsuit
	I need to retract my statement because I realized it was incorrect.
extension	 n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line synonym: addition, augment, supplement
	(1) time extension, (2) telephone extension
	They are building an extension to the house to add more bedrooms.
angular	 adj. measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape synonym: jagged, angulate
	 (1) angular mountain ridge, (2) angular momentum Any rotating body has angular momentum about its center of mass.

replenish	 v. to fill something that had previously been emptied synonym: refill, reload, restock 		
	(1) replenish a reserve fund, (2) replenish my spirit		
	Please replenish my glass with some more wine.		
govern	 v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services synonym: control, rule, preside 		
	(1) a nation's right to govern , (2) govern a public enterprise		
	The regulations governing medical malpractice claims are rigorous.		
velocity	 n. the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s) synonym: speed, rapidity, swiftness 		
	(1) initial velocity , (2) high velocity		
	The velocity of the car was too fast for the road conditions.		
rot	v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually		
	synonym: perish, decay, corrode		
	(1) begin to rot , (2) rot with age		
	Please refrigerate the meat, or it will rot .		
inertia	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act		
	synonym: sluggishness, lethargy, idleness		
	(1) inertia resistance, (2) Newton's law of inertia		
	The object's inertia kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.		
conservation	<i>n.</i> the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity		
	synonym: preservation, protection, saving		
	(1) soil conservation , (2) the conservation law of physics		

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or resistance n. refusing to accept something synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance (1) resistance movement, (2) resistance to insulin The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much resistance from the public. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or n. mass form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together synonym: abundance, crowd, mob (1) a mass of molten rock, (2) critical mass The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to distribute v. spread or furnish something synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out (1) distribute wealth evenly, (2) distribute video content His estate was **distributed** to his sons. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size shrink v. or amount *synonym*: decrease, diminish, shy away (1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear This shirt will **shrink** in the wash. to protect something, especially the natural environment conserve v. or culture, from change, damage, or destruction synonym: preserve, save, maintain (1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources Children must be taught to conserve our natural environment.

 n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces synonym: blade, runner, sled
(1) skate park, (2) roller skate
She has been practicing an ice skate routine for months
 n. the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft synonym: magic, witchcraft, enchantment
(1) mystical sorcery , (2) dark sorcery
He claimed that he could perform sorcery and cast spells.
<i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention or interest of <i>synonym</i> : enchant, charm, fascinate
(1) captivate public sentiment, (2) captivate the mind
The magician captivated the audience with his illusions.
<i>adj.</i> of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural
(1) supernatural beings, (2) supernatural intuition
The supernatural powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
 <i>n</i>. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers <i>synonym</i>: fascination, illusion, wizardry
(1) a magic spell, (2) she is magic
He performed magic tricks with sophisticated moves.

Session 2: Spelling

to decay, or cause something to decay, 1. begin to r t v. naturally and gradually 2. sup____ral beings adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws ex___d the warranty to broaden in scope, range, or area 3. v. ex ed payment adj. longer than usual or anticipated 4. str____en a crooked picture 5. to make something straight or orderly; *v*. to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned means to co____ve energy to protect something, especially the 6. *v*. natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction the quality or state of being inactive, Newton's law of in___a 7. n. sluggish, or slow to move or act 8. b b a quick curtsy to move up and down quickly and v. repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around. usually above the shoulders to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep 9. ma in good health v. in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true a type of footwear that has a blade 10. sk e park n. attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 1. rot, 2. supernatural, 3. extend, 4. extended, 5. straighten, 6. conserve, 7. inertia, 8. bob, 9. maintain, 10. skate

11. anr mountain ridge	adj.	measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape
12. anr momentum	adj.	measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape
13. diste wealth evenly	ν.	to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
14. spt a reward equally	ν.	to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
15. roller ske	n.	a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
16. job roon	n.	the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center
17. trer a file	ν.	to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
18. a mal of beauty	n.	someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
19. shk the tumor	v.	to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
20. high toe	n.	a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;

ANSWERS: 11. angular, 12. angular, 13. distribute, 14. split, 15. skate, 16. rotation, 17. transfer, 18. marvel, 19. shrink, 20. torque

21. critical m_s	n.	a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
22. ele a close relationship	v.	to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
23. fron force	n.	the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
24. a bat enthusiast	n.	a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
25. incle amount	adj.	unbelievable; enormous
26. spt a bill	v.	to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
27. the sece of the seasons	n.	a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
28. cate the mind	<i>v</i> .	to attract and hold the attention or interest of
29. peal motion machine	adj.	continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
30. at incle speed	adj.	unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 21. mass, 22. elevate, 23. friction, 24. ballet, 25. incredible, 26. split, 27. sequence, 28. captivate, 29. perpetual, 30. incredible

31. peal struggle	adj.	continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
32. surface fron	n.	the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
33. prl the ship	v.	to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
34. bat lessons	n.	a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
35. diste video content	v.	to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
36. exed vacation	adj.	longer than usual or anticipated
37. trer power	v.	to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
38. ina resistance	n.	the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
39. telephone exon	n.	a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 31. perpetual, 32. friction, 33. propel, 34. ballet, 35. distribute, 36. extended, 37. transfer, 38. inertia, 39. extension

40.	black sn	n.	a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
41.	preserve my gry	n.	the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
42.	resce movement	n.	the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
43.	soil conion	n.	the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
44.	ret a lawsuit	ν.	to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
45.	the DNA sece	n.	a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
46.	asset on the company's bae sheet	n.	a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
47.	toe settings	n.	a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;
48.	wp into shape	v.	to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. swan, 41. gravity, 42. resistance, 43. conservation, 44. retract, 45. sequence, 46. balance, 47. torque, 48. whip

49.	gon a public enterprise	v.	to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
50.	r_t with age	v.	to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
51.	classical bana	n.	a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
52.	laws of phs	n.	the science of matter and energy and their interactions
53.	a nation's right to gon	v.	to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
54.	the bae of power	n.	a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
55.	mystical soy	n.	the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
56.	spng wheel	n.	the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
57.	wp egg whites	v.	to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. govern, 50. rot, 51. ballerina, 52. physics, 53. govern, 54. balance, 55. sorcery, 56. spinning, 57. whip

58. ele educational standards	v.	to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
59. unl a plot	v.	undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
60. a cont temperature	adj.	happening repeatedly or all the time
61. a cont wind	adj.	happening repeatedly or all the time
62. high vety	n.	the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
63. sn song	n.	a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
64. vertical as	n.	a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
65. nuclear phs	n.	the science of matter and energy and their interactions
66. technical mal	n.	someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
67. main order	v.	to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
68. pae a moment	v.	to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
69. resce to insulin	n.	the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

ANSWERS: 58. elevate, 59. unravel, 60. constant, 61. constant, 62. velocity, 63. swan, 64. axis, 65. physics, 66. marvel, 67. maintain, 68. pause, 69. resistance

70. a ms of molten rock	n.	a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
71. resh my spirit	v.	to fill something that had previously been emptied
72. b_b on the surface of the water	v.	to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
73. a coordinate as	n.	a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
74. cove coal resources	v.	to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
75. time exon	n.	a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
76. she is mac	n.	beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 70. mass, 71. replenish, 72. bob, 73. axis, 74. conserve, 75. extension, 76. magic

77. dark soy	n.	the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
78. veal axis	adj.	upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
79. twt a wet towel	v.	to bend or turn something into a certain shape
80. swp up dead leaves	ν.	to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
81. achieve spear growth	adj.	striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
82. a period of roon	n.	the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center
83. twt around to the left	v.	to bend or turn something into a certain shape
84. exd a line	<i>v</i> .	to broaden in scope, range, or area
85. supral intuition	adj.	of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
86. shk with fear	v.	to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
87. stren out a problem	ν.	to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
88. the attraction of gry	n.	the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

ANSWERS: 77. sorcery, 78. vertical, 79. twist, 80. sweep, 81. spectacular, 82. rotation, 83. twist, 84. extend, 85. supernatural, 86. shrink, 87. straighten, 88. gravity

89. resh a reserve fund	v.	to fill something that had previously been emptied
90. unl a knit	ν.	undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
91. ens hours	adj.	having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
92. ens possibilities	adj.	having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
93. swp a room with a glance	v.	to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
94. pae for a reaction	v.	to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
95. initial vety	n.	the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
96. ret a promise	v.	to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
97. famous bana	n.	a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
98. cate public sentiment	<i>v</i> .	to attract and hold the attention or interest of
99. a mac spell	n.	beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 89. replenish, 90. unravel, 91. endless, 92. endless, 93. sweep, 94. pause, 95. velocity, 96. retract, 97. ballerina, 98. captivate, 99. magic

100. the conion law of physics	n.	the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
101. spear view	adj.	striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
102. spng machine	n.	the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
103. prl growth	v.	to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
104. veal takeoff	adj.	upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

ANSWERS: 100. conservation, 101. spectacular, 102. spinning, 103. propel, 104. vertical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
- 2. The object's ______ kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.
- *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
- 3. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
- *n*. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
- 4. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
- 5. The ______ of the Earth causes day and night.
- *n.* the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center
- 6. Her response revealed ______ idiocy.
- *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
- 7. I need to ____ my head to the beat of the music.
- v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 1. physics, 2. inertia, 3. gravity, 4. elevates, 5. rotation, 6. incredible, 7. bob

- 8. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
 - v. to fill something that had previously been emptied
- 9. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
- *v*. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
- 10. The ______ of the car was too fast for the road conditions.
- *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
- 11. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
- *n*. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
- 12. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
- 13. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
- v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
- 14. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
- 15. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
- v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

ANSWERS: 8. replenish, 9. shrink, 10. velocity, 11. axis, 12. Constant, 13. propel, 14. balance, 15. sweep

- 16. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
- 17. She ______ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
- v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
- 18. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

- 19. The ______ feathers glistened in the sunlight.
- *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
- 20. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.
- *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
- 21. The ______ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
- adj. longer than usual or anticipated
- 22. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
- 23. The ______ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
- 24. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer
- *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

ANSWERS: 16. mass, 17. transferred, 18. endless, 19. swan's, 20. straighten, 21. extended, 22. sequence, 23. spectacular, 24. ballet

- 25. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months
 - *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
- 26. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
 - *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
- 27. She took a ______ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
- *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
- 28. The magician ______ the audience with his illusions.
 - v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of
- 29. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
- *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
- 30. Any rotating body has _____ momentum about its center of mass.
- *adj.* measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape
- 31. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
- adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
- 32. I need to _____ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.
- *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

ANSWERS: 25. skate, 26. split, 27. spinning, 28. captivated, 29. conserve, 30. angular, 31. vertical, 32. retract

- 33. They are building an ______ to the house to add more bedrooms.
 - *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
- 34. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
- *v*. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
- 35. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
 - v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
- 36. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
- *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
- 37. Detectives are still attempting to ______ the mystery of his death.
 - v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
- 38. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
- *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
- 39. His estate was ______ to his sons.
- *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
- 40. The ______ between the two countries was causing tension.
 - *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

ANSWERS: 33. extension, 34. rot, 35. twisted, 36. perpetual, 37. unravel, 38. marvel, 39. distributed, 40. friction

- *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
- 42. The mechanic used a ______ wrench to tighten the bolts on the car engine.
- *n*. a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;
- 43. The forest was recently designated a ______ area.
- *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
- 44. I need to ______ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
 - v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
- 45. The man _____ before opening the door.
- *v*. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
- 46. The regulations ______ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
 - v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
- 47. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
 - v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
- 48. He claimed that he could perform _____ and cast spells.
- *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

ANSWERS: 41. resistance, 42. torque, 43. conservation, 44. maintain, 45. paused, 46. governing, 47. extend, 48. sorcery

- 49. The ______ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
- *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
- 50. He performed ______ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
- 51. The ______ graceful movements were a joy to watch.
- *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
- 52. The jockey ______ the horse hard to take first place.
 - v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. supernatural, 50. magic, 51. ballerina's, 52. whipped