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Session 1: Word List

lexicographer

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

synonym: lexicologist, dictionary maker

(1) academic **lexicographer**, (2) famous **lexicographer**

The well-respected **lexicographer** published an innovative new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym : syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**

I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym : multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

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.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

whip

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.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

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

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym: appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods
We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

kumquat

n. a small citrus fruit with an edible rind and a sour or sweet-tart flavor, native to Southeast Asia

synonym: citrus fruit, small orange

(1) juicy **kumquat**, (2) ripe **kumquat**

This year, the **kumquat** tree in my backyard produced a bountiful harvest of delicious fruits.

caramel

n. a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly

synonym: toffee, dulce de leche, butterscotch

(1) **caramel** candy, (2) **caramel** topping

The **caramel** sauce on the ice cream was the perfect finishing touch.

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym: assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

squish

v. to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

synonym: crush, smash, squeeze

(1) **squish** the ellipse, (2) **squish** a tomato

He **squished** the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

bookworm

n. a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read
synonym: booklover, bibliophile, library mouse

(1) shy **bookworm**, (2) **bookworm** club

His **bookworm** obsession sometimes makes him forget to eat his meals.

castle

n. a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
synonym: fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances
synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

brunch

n. a meal that is typically eaten in the late morning or early afternoon, combining elements of breakfast and lunch, often including eggs, meat, pastries, and salads
synonym: breakfast-lunch, mid-morning meal

(1) weekend **brunch**, (2) Sunday **brunch**

Let's meet for **brunch** next Sunday and catch up over

pancakes and coffee.

motel

n. a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel

synonym : inn, lodge, hotel

(1) **motel** room, (2) **motel** amenities

The couple decided to stay at a **motel** for the night, cheaper than a hotel.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym : actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

electrocution

n. death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity

synonym : shock, high voltage, burning

(1) fatal **electrocution**, (2) **electrocution** victim

The construction worker was rushed to the hospital after suffering from **electrocution** on the job site.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym: applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

adjective

n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun

synonym: modifier, accessory, attribute

(1) **adjective** clause, (2) an attributive **adjective**

The **adjective** "red" describes the color of the apple.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

burglar

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym: thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

aeronautics

n. the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft

synonym: aviation, aerospace, flying

(1) **aeronautics** industry, (2) **aeronautics** research

He studied **aeronautics** in college and worked as an aerospace engineer.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. ex-convict bu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime |
| 2. fatal ele_____ion | <i>n.</i> death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity |
| 3. bo_____rm club | <i>n.</i> a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read |
| 4. g__b an opportunity | <i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way |
| 5. sq___h the ellipse | <i>v.</i> to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted |
| 6. preserve my gr_____y | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 7. pl___l form | <i>n.</i> the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person |
| 8. academic lex_____her | <i>n.</i> a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases |
| 9. ease her hea_____ak | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |

ANSWERS: 1. burglar, 2. electrocution, 3. bookworm, 4. grab, 5. squish, 6. gravity, 7. plural, 8. lexicographer, 9. heartbreak

10. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
11. aer____cs industry *n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft
12. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
13. hour of ent____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
14. ca____l candy *n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly
15. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
16. gain ed____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
17. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
18. ripe ku____t *n.* a small citrus fruit with an edible rind and a sour or sweet-tart flavor, native to Southeast Asia
19. w__p 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.
20. ca____l topping *n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly

ANSWERS: 10. blend, 11. aeronautics, 12. hood, 13. entertainment, 14. caramel, 15. grab, 16. editorial, 17. norm, 18. kumquat, 19. whip, 20. caramel

21. the attraction of gr____y *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
22. dic____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
23. online dic____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
24. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
25. adm____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
26. shy bo____rm *n.* a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read
27. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
28. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
29. juicy ku____t *n.* a small citrus fruit with an edible rind and a sour or sweet-tart flavor, native to Southeast Asia

ANSWERS: 21. gravity, 22. dictionary, 23. dictionary, 24. brain, 25. administer, 26. bookworm, 27. noun, 28. norm, 29. kumquat

30. pl___l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
31. household bu___r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
32. ni__a warrior *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
33. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
34. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
35. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
36. gr_____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
37. Latin gr_____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
38. aer_____cs research *n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft
39. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
40. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

ANSWERS: 30. plural, 31. butler, 32. ninja, 33. delicious, 34. shift, 35. jean, 36. grammar, 37. grammar, 38. aeronautics, 39. unconscious, 40. ninja

41. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
42. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
43. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
44. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
45. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
46. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
47. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
48. mo__l amenities *n.* a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel
49. bu___r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
50. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

ANSWERS: 41. motor, 42. discourage, 43. opposed, 44. creative, 45. nation, 46. jean, 47. execute, 48. motel, 49. butler, 50. edit

51. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
52. sq___h a tomato *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
53. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
54. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
55. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
56. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
57. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
58. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
59. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
60. ele_____ion victim *n.* death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity

ANSWERS: 51. delicious, 52. squish, 53. shift, 54. noun, 55. functional, 56. native, 57. traffic, 58. compound, 59. editorial, 60. electrocution

61. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
62. w__p 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.
63. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
64. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
65. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
66. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
67. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
68. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
69. the ruins of a ca____e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
70. mo__l room *n.* a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel

ANSWERS: 61. blend, 62. whip, 63. administer, 64. compound, 65. motor, 66. creative, 67. functional, 68. experiment, 69. castle, 70. motel

71. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
72. ca___e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
73. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
74. weekend br___h *n.* a meal that is typically eaten in the late morning or early afternoon, combining elements of breakfast and lunch, often including eggs, meat, pastries, and salads
75. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
76. caught the bu____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
77. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
78. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
79. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

ANSWERS: 71. brain, 72. castle, 73. entertainment, 74. brunch, 75. heartbreak, 76. burglar, 77. native, 78. verb, 79. unconscious

80. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
81. bu_____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
82. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
83. an attributive ad_____ve *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
84. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
85. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
86. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
87. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
88. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 80. commerce, 81. bulldoze, 82. bulldoze, 83. adjective, 84. edit, 85. commerce, 86. invention, 87. linguist, 88. invention

89. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
90. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
91. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
92. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
93. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
94. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
95. cognitive li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
96. ad_____ve clause *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
97. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
98. dis_____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
99. Sunday br___h *n.* a meal that is typically eaten in the late morning or early afternoon, combining elements of breakfast and lunch, often including eggs, meat, pastries, and salads

ANSWERS: 89. nation, 90. decide, 91. experiment, 92. opposed, 93. hood, 94. verb, 95. linguist, 96. adjective, 97. traffic, 98. discourage, 99. brunch

100. ex_____e a bold strategy

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

101. famous lex_____her

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

102. de___e on a course of action

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 100. execute, 101. lexicographer, 102. decide

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
2. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
3. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
4. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
5. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
6. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
7. 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
8. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.
n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

ANSWERS: 1. compound, 2. administer, 3. blend, 4. hood, 5. commerce, 6. linguist, 7. gravity, 8. verb

9. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
10. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.
v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
11. The couple decided to stay at a _____ for the night, cheaper than a hotel.
n. a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel
12. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.
adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
14. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.
adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
15. The skilled _____ moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.
n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
16. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 9. discourage, 10. bulldozed, 11. motel, 12. decide, 13. unconscious, 14. delicious, 15. ninja, 16. editorial

17. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
18. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
19. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
20. The _____ "red" describes the color of the apple.
- n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
21. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
22. The medieval _____ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
23. Let's meet for _____ next Sunday and catch up over pancakes and coffee.
- n.* a meal that is typically eaten in the late morning or early afternoon, combining elements of breakfast and lunch, often including eggs, meat, pastries, and salads

ANSWERS: 17. creative, 18. traffic, 19. native, 20. adjective, 21. heartbreak, 22. castle, 23. brunch

24. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something
- n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
25. He _____ the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.
- v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
26. 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.
27. He studied _____ in college and worked as an aerospace engineer.
- n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft
28. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
29. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.
- adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
30. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.
- n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
31. The well-respected _____ published an innovative new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined
- n.* a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

ANSWERS: 24. plural, 25. squished, 26. whipped, 27. aeronautics, 28. norms, 29. opposed, 30. nouns, 31. lexicographer

32. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

33. I need to purchase a new English _____.

- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

34. The construction worker was rushed to the hospital after suffering from _____ on the job site.

- n.* death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity

35. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

36. The _____ sauce on the ice cream was the perfect finishing touch.

- n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly

37. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

38. His _____ obsession sometimes makes him forget to eat his meals.

- n.* a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read

ANSWERS: 32. grab, 33. dictionary, 34. electrocution, 35. entertainment, 36. caramel, 37. butler, 38. bookworm

39. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
40. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.
- adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
41. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
- n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
42. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
43. This year, the _____ tree in my backyard produced a bountiful harvest of delicious fruits.
- n.* a small citrus fruit with an edible rind and a sour or sweet-tart flavor, native to Southeast Asia
44. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
45. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
46. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 39. edit, 40. functional, 41. grammar, 42. motors, 43. kumquat, 44. experiments, 45. brain, 46. shift

47. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
48. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
- v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
49. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
50. The skilled _____ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.
- n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
51. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 47. invention, 48. executed, 49. jeans, 50. burglar, 51. nation