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Session 1: Word List

paralegal

n. a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

synonym: legal assistant, legal secretary, lawyer's assistant

(1) **paralegal** assistant, (2) **paralegal** services

The law firm hired a team of **paralegals** to assist with the large volume of documents in the case.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

decoy

v. to lure or lead someone to follow a particular path or take a particular action, often with the intent of catching or trapping them; (noun) an object, person, or animal used to lure or lead someone or something into a trap or a dangerous situation

synonym : lure, bait, entice

(1) **decoy** ducks, (2) **decoy** cameras

The spy used a **decoy** bag to make it appear she was carrying sensitive information.

handcuff

n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym :

shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

rewind

v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

synonym : wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape

Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

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**.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym: hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**

I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free time.

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

synonym: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

sanity

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

synonym: mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her **sanity**.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym: pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

arbitrate

v. to act as a mediator or judge between conflicting parties, often to settle a dispute; to decide or determine something impartially or authoritatively

synonym: mediate, judge, umpire

(1) **arbitrate** a disagreement, (2) **arbitrate** a contract

The mediator will **arbitrate** our dispute and help us reach a fair agreement.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

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.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

reconcile

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

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

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

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

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

typhoon

n. a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean

synonym: cyclone, hurricane, storm

(1) super **typhoon**, (2) **typhoon** season

Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the **typhoon's** severity.

stateless

adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

synonym: without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

synonym: holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many

religions.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

inexcusable

adj. impossible to excuse or justify; reprehensible or unforgivable

synonym: unforgivable, unjustifiable, indefensible

(1) **inexcusable** delay, (2) **inexcusable** excuse

His behavior at the meeting was **inexcusable** and will not be tolerated.

impunity

n. exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability

synonym: immunity, exemption

(1) act with **impunity**, (2) enjoy **impunity**

The criminal was able to escape with **impunity**, despite committing multiple offenses.

behead

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

synonym: decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

ordeal

n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

synonym: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 2. sa_____ty of life | <i>n.</i> the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something |
| 3. st_____ss person | <i>adj.</i> having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government |
| 4. irr_____ble actions | <i>adj.</i> not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable |
| 5. rescue br_____e | <i>n.</i> a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity |
| 6. kn__l down and worship | <i>v.</i> to rest on someone's knee or knees |
| 7. be____d a prisoner | <i>v.</i> to cut off the head of a person or animal |
| 8. break free from ha_____fs | <i>n.</i> a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process |

ANSWERS: 1. ancestor, 2. sanctity, 3. stateless, 4. irresponsible, 5. brigade, 6. kneel, 7. behead, 8. handcuff

9. act with im____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
10. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
11. funerary ins_____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
12. economic to_____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
13. pa_____al services *n.* a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents
14. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
15. be___d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
16. ty_____n season *n.* a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean

ANSWERS: 9. impunity, 10. reconcile, 11. inscription, 12. torment, 13. paralegal, 14. fertilize, 15. behead, 16. typhoon

17. sa____ic pleasure *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
18. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
19. ha_____ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
20. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
21. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
22. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
23. violate the sa_____ty *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
24. emotionally ind_____nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
25. ha_____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

ANSWERS: 17. sadistic, 18. interrogate, 19. handcuff, 20. kidnapping, 21. memorize, 22. motto, 23. sanctity, 24. indifferent, 25. haunting

26. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
27. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
28. become st_____ss *adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
29. kn__l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
30. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
31. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
32. sa_____ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
33. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
34. ar_____te a disagreement *v.* to act as a mediator or judge between conflicting parties, often to settle a dispute; to decide or determine something impartially or authoritatively

ANSWERS: 26. blindfold, 27. captivity, 28. stateless, 29. kneel, 30. yell, 31. irresponsible, 32. sadistic, 33. reconcile, 34. arbitrate

35. ar_____te a contract *v.* to act as a mediator or judge between conflicting parties, often to settle a dispute; to decide or determine something impartially or authoritatively
36. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
37. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
38. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
39. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
40. re____d a film *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
41. or____l by fire *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
42. have a sa____y hearing *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
43. ine_____le delay *adj.* impossible to excuse or justify; reprehensible or unforgivable
44. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 35. arbitrate, 36. torment, 37. medicinal, 38. interrogate, 39. displace, 40. rewind, 41. ordeal, 42. sanity, 43. inexcusable, 44. quitter

45. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
46. de__y cameras *v.* to lure or lead someone to follow a particular path or take a particular action, often with the intent of catching or trapping them; (noun) an object, person, or animal used to lure or lead someone or something into a trap or a dangerous situation
47. ab____t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
48. de__y ducks *v.* to lure or lead someone to follow a particular path or take a particular action, often with the intent of catching or trapping them; (noun) an object, person, or animal used to lure or lead someone or something into a trap or a dangerous situation
49. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
50. super ty_____n *n.* a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean
51. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
52. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 45. quitter, 46. decoy, 47. abduct, 48. decoy, 49. medicinal, 50. typhoon, 51. ancestor, 52. dedicate

53. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
54. a familiar pa____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
55. manually re____d the tape *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
56. a ha____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
57. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
58. escape from ca____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
59. pa____al assistant *n.* a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents
60. sa____y check *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
61. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
62. try hard to me____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
63. bl____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 53. furious, 54. pastime, 55. rewind, 56. haunting, 57. dedicate, 58.

captivity, 59. paralegal, 60. sanity, 61. furious, 62. memorize, 63. blindfold

64. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
65. enjoy im_____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
66. ine_____le excuse *adj.* impossible to excuse or justify; reprehensible or unforgivable
67. hu_____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
68. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
69. national pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
70. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
71. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
72. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
73. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

ANSWERS: 64. superhero, 65. impunity, 66. inexcusable, 67. humanize, 68. powerless, 69. pastime, 70. humanize, 71. indifferent, 72. powerless, 73. kidnapping

74. ab___t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
75. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
76. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
77. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
78. br_____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
79. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
80. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
81. emotional or___l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
82. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 74. abduct, 75. fertilize, 76. inscription, 77. motto, 78. brigade, 79. yell, 80. superhero, 81. ordeal, 82. displace

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
2. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her _____.
n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
3. The _____ of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.
n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
4. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.
v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
5. The _____ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.
adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
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- n. a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean
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ANSWERS: 8. decoy, 9. typhoon's, 10. ordeal, 11. fertilize, 12. blindfold, 13.

handcuffs

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n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

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adj. extremely angry; full of rage

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

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

21. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

ANSWERS: 14. pastime, 15. reconcile, 16. indifferent, 17. impunity, 18. superhero, 19. furious, 20. kidnapping, 21. irresponsible

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- n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
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29. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 22. inscription, 23. behead, 24. dedicated, 25. captivity, 26. interrogate, 27. inexcusable, 28. paralegals, 29. motto

30. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
31. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
- adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
32. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
33. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
34. The mediator will _____ our dispute and help us reach a fair agreement.
- v. to act as a mediator or judge between conflicting parties, often to settle a dispute; to decide or determine something impartially or authoritatively
35. Please _____ the thread onto the reel.
- v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
36. The _____ refugees were not allowed to enter the country.
- adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
37. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 30. displace, 31. powerless, 32. medicinal, 33. yelled, 34. arbitrate, 35. rewind, 36. stateless, 37. ancestor

38. The players are _____ during the national anthem.

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

39. The culinary _____ prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

40. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

41. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

ANSWERS: 38. kneeling, 39. brigade, 40. memorize, 41. torment