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Session 1: Word List

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
synonym: unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

Venus

n. the planet second in order from the sun

(1) **Venus** orbiter, (2) surface of **Venus**

They launched a rocket toward **Venus**.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym: undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

destitute

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

synonym: poor, impoverished, needy

(1) **destitute** refugees, (2) living in **destitute** conditions

The hurricane left many families **destitute** and without homes.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

snatch

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

synonym: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

hoist

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

synonym: raise, lift, haul up

(1) **hoist** the flags, (2) **hoist** the anchor

The surgeon **hoisted** the patient onto the operation table.

sack

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

synonym: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

locust

n. a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids

synonym: grasshopper, cicada, cricket

(1) **locust** army, (2) **locust** plague

The **locust** infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

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

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

intoxicate

v. (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior

synonym: befuddle, daze, fascinate

(1) be **intoxicated** with success, (2) **intoxicate** the person

For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to **intoxicate**.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

disintegration

n. the process of something breaking down or falling apart physically or metaphorically; the state of being weakened or destroyed

synonym: decay, collapse, decomposition

(1) **disintegration** process, (2) cultural **disintegration**

The **disintegration** of the old bridge was a warning sign of its impending collapse.

lawless

adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

synonym: unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

dorm

n. a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

synonym: residence hall, hostel, boarding house

(1) **dorm** room, (2) university **dorm**

Living in a **dorm** can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym: harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

unprotected

adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

synonym: uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

scandalous

adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

synonym: disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the

politician and his assistant.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym: retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym: incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

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.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council
The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

drown

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

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

retrain

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

synonym : educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

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.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym : deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

narcotic

n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly

regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

synonym : drug, sedative, opiate

(1) **narcotic** drug, (2) **narcotic** addiction

The doctor prescribed a **narcotic** painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sn___h up her purse | <i>v.</i> to take or grab something suddenly or quickly |
| 2. make dr____c revision | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 3. ine_____ble decision | <i>adj.</i> unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling |
| 4. ma_____us performance | <i>adj.</i> causing wonder or astonishment; excellent |
| 5. ine_____ble event | <i>adj.</i> unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling |
| 6. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 7. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 8. surface of Ve__s | <i>n.</i> the planet second in order from the sun |
| 9. sca_____us revelations | <i>adj.</i> causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior |
| 10. re_____in from violence | <i>v.</i> to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses |
| 11. na_____ic addiction | <i>n.</i> a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm |

ANSWERS: 1. snatch, 2. drastic, 3. inexplicable, 4. marvelous, 5. inexplicable, 6. disappoint, 7. grandchild, 8. Venus, 9. scandalous, 10. restrain, 11. narcotic

12. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
14. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
15. int_____te the person *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
16. hi_____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
17. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
18. unp_____ed area *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
19. ine_____le excuse *adj.* impossible to excuse or justify; reprehensible or unforgivable
20. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
21. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

ANSWERS: 12. opportune, 13. Jewish, 14. corruptible, 15. intoxicate, 16. hindsight, 17. manifestation, 18. unprotected, 19. inexcusable, 20. bully, 21. malnutrition

22. co_____e the council
v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
23. d__m wrong or inappropriate
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
24. cor_____le judges
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
25. in___n civilians
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
26. imp_____ly developed
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
27. en_____e poor peasants
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
28. per_____or identity
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
29. company mo__o
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
30. cr___y service
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
31. co_____e a press conference
v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
32. na_____ic drug
n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

ANSWERS: 22. convene, 23. deem, 24. corruptible, 25. intern, 26. imperfectly, 27. enslave, 28. perpetrator, 29. motto, 30. crappy, 31. convene, 32. narcotic

33. mo____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
34. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
35. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
36. Ve__s orbiter *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
37. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
38. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
39. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
40. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
41. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
42. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 33. moreover, 34. bully, 35. wrench, 36. Venus, 37. devastate, 38. choke, 39. terrify, 40. wrench, 41. intern, 42. motto

43. lo___t army *n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
44. living in de_____te conditions *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
45. cultural dis_____ion *n.* the process of something breaking down or falling apart physically or metaphorically; the state of being weakened or destroyed
46. dis_____ion process *n.* the process of something breaking down or falling apart physically or metaphorically; the state of being weakened or destroyed
47. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
48. be int_____ted with success *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
49. sn___h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
50. a sleep s__k *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

ANSWERS: 43. locust, 44. destitute, 45. disintegration, 46. disintegration, 47. privatize, 48. intoxicate, 49. snatch, 50. sack

51. de_____te refugees *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
52. ho__t the flags *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
53. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
54. ine_____le delay *adj.* impossible to excuse or justify; reprehensible or unforgivable
55. cr___y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
56. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
57. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
59. re_____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
60. uns_____le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
61. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 51. destitute, 52. hoist, 53. drown, 54. inexcusable, 55. crappy, 56. unison, 57. opportune, 58. imperfectly, 59. restrain, 60. unspeakable, 61. perpetrator

62. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
63. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
64. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
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74. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
75. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
76. university d__m *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
77. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
78. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
79. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
80. la_____s society *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
81. d__m room *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

ANSWERS: 73. malnutrition, 74. deem, 75. devastate, 76. dorm, 77. firsthand, 78. unspeakable, 79. descend, 80. lawless, 81. dorm

82. clap the hands in un___n
n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
83. la____s behavior
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adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
85. hear customer's voices fi_____nd
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adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
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adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

93. dis_____nt the audience

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

94. en_____e indigenous people

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 92. moreover, 93. disappoint, 94. enslave

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter

2. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

3. For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to _____.
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- n.* the process of something breaking down or falling apart physically or metaphorically; the state of being weakened or destroyed
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- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
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adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

21. The hurricane left many families _____ and without homes.

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

22. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

23. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 16. motto, 17. descended, 18. Jewish, 19. wrenched, 20. inexplicable, 21. destitute, 22. unison, 23. interned

24. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

25. He _____ victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

26. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

27. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

28. He was _____ from his job for stealing company property.

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

29. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

30. His behavior at the meeting was _____ and will not be tolerated.

adj. impossible to excuse or justify; reprehensible or unforgivable

31. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

ANSWERS: 24. deemed, 25. snatches, 26. convene, 27. unspeakable, 28. sacked, 29. hindsight, 30. inexcusable, 31. privatize

32. The media exposed the _____ affair between the politician and his assistant.

adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

33. The doctor prescribed a _____ painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.

n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

34. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

35. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

36. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

37. It's important never to have _____ sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

38. Her beauty _____ me completely.

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

39. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 32. scandalous, 33. narcotic, 34. perpetrator, 35. choke, 36. marvelous, 37. unprotected, 38. enslaved, 39. terrify

40. The surgeon _____ the patient onto the operation table.
v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
41. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
42. Living in a _____ can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.
n. a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
43. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
44. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
45. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
46. The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid _____.
n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
47. The _____ infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.
n. a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids

ANSWERS: 40. hoisted, 41. devastate, 42. dorm, 43. crappy, 44. moreover, 45. corruptible, 46. malnutrition, 47. locust

ANSWERS: