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Session 1: Word List

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym: combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

Arabic

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

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

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

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.

erectile

adj. characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function

synonym: raised, standing, cavernous

(1) **erectile** dysfunction, (2) **erectile** tissues

The drug was found to have significant **erectile** side effects in clinical trials.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

ruse

n. a trick or deception used to achieve a strategic or tactical advantage; a strategy or plan used to deceive or mislead someone

synonym: stratagem, ploy, trick

(1) plan a **ruse**, (2) elaborate **ruse**

The thief used a clever **ruse** to access the bank's vault.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym: danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

illegible

adj. unable to be read or deciphered; unclear or indistinctly written; not legible due to poor handwriting, printing, or condition

synonym: unreadable, indecipherable

(1) **illegible** signature, (2) **illegible** document

The handwriting on the note was so **illegible** that I couldn't read it.

reagent

n. a substance or compound used in a chemical reaction to detect, measure, or produce other substances or chemical changes

synonym: chemical, substance, solution

(1) testing **reagent**, (2) chemical **reagent**

The lab technician added a few drops of the **reagent** to the test tube.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

provocative

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

synonym: instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

unsatisfying

adj. not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.

synonym: disappointing, dissatisfying, subpar

(1) **unsatisfying** labor, (2) **unsatisfying** reality

The meal was **unsatisfying** and left her feeling hungry an hour later.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

adventurer

n. a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences

synonym: explorer, entrepreneur, daredevil

(1) daredevil **adventurer**, (2) outdoor **adventurers**

The ocean **adventurer** holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.

undiscovered

adj. not yet found or known

synonym: unknown, hidden, unexplored

(1) **undiscovered** territory, (2) **undiscovered** potential

The jungle is full of **undiscovered** species waiting to be found.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

ultraviolet

adj. relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation

synonym: black light, UV light, invisible light

(1) **ultraviolet** protection, (2) **ultraviolet** light

Ultraviolet radiation can cause skin damage if one is exposed for too long.

palimpsest

n. a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing

(1) **palimpsest** parchment, (2) medieval **palimpsest**

The **palimpsest** manuscript he discovered contained layers of text from different centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.

overwrite

v. to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software

synonym: rewrite, correct, revise

(1) **overwrite** setting, (2) **overwrite** memory

Don't forget to back up your data before you **overwrite** any files on your computer.

goggle

v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

synonym: gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

gelatinous

adj. having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency

synonym : jelly-like, viscous, slippery

(1) **gelatinous** texture, (2) **gelatinous** substance

The jellyfish's body was transparent and **gelatinous**, making it difficult to see in the water.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

codex

n. a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing

synonym : manuscript, tome, document

(1) **codex** manuscript, (2) medieval **codex**

The archaeologists found a **codex** buried alongside a mummy in an underground tomb.

Christendom

n. the Christian world considered a collective body

synonym : Christianity

(1) Eastern **Christendom**, (2) the principal church of **Christendom**

The medieval concept of **Christendom** strongly influenced the time's political, social, and cultural developments.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

unwashed

adj. not cleaned or purified; untidy or unkempt in appearance or manner; lacking in refinement or sophistication

synonym: dirty, grimy, filthy

(1) **unwashed** hair, (2) **unwashed** vegetable

The dirty clothes remained **unwashed** in the hamper for weeks.

transcribe

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

synonym: copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

esoteric

adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

synonym: abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

welsh

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

synonym: default, renege, fail to pay

(1) **welsh** on a promise, (2) **welsh** on the deal

The shepherd had to **welsh** some of the animals due to illness.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

starlight

n. the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars

synonym: twinkle, starshine, stardust

(1) **starlight** sky, (2) romantic **starlight**

The romantic couple had a picnic under the **starlight**.

stutter

v. to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech

synonym: stammer, falter, stumble

(1) **stutter** speech, (2) **stutter** out an apology

He tends to **stutter** when he gets nervous, making it difficult

for others to understand him.

cancel

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

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.

hallowed

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

synonym: sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) **hallowed** tradition, (2) **hallowed** memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

dramatist

n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

synonym: playwright, author, scriptwriter

(1) the **dramatist's** latest production, (2) modern **dramatist**

The famous **dramatist** wrote many successful plays during his career.

Session 2: Spelling

1. modern dr_____st
n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
2. co_____e a vision
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
3. infrared go____es
v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
4. un_____ed vegetable
adj. not cleaned or purified; untidy or unkempt in appearance or manner; lacking in refinement or sophistication
5. put his life in je_____dy
n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
6. a casting m__d
n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
7. artistic ren_____ce
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
8. er_____le tissues
adj. characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function

ANSWERS: 1. dramatist, 2. conjure, 3. goggle, 4. unwashed, 5. jeopardy, 6. mold, 7. Renaissance, 8. erectile

9. und_____red potential *adj.* not yet found or known
10. un_____ed hair *adj.* not cleaned or purified; untidy or unkempt in appearance or manner; lacking in refinement or sophistication
11. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
12. es_____ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
13. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
14. a pro_____ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
15. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
16. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
17. tr__e of information *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
18. ov_____te setting *v.* to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software

ANSWERS: 9. undiscovered, 10. unwashed, 11. degrade, 12. esoteric, 13. Arabic, 14. provocative, 15. institutionalize, 16. fling, 17. trove, 18. overwrite

19. medieval pal_____st *n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing
20. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
21. st_____r out an apology *v.* to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
22. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
23. stumble on a tr___e *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
24. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
25. ult_____et light *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
26. testing re_____t *n.* a substance or compound used in a chemical reaction to detect, measure, or produce other substances or chemical changes

ANSWERS: 19. palimpsest, 20. degrade, 21. stutter, 22. curator, 23. trove, 24. censor, 25. ultraviolet, 26. reagent

27. st____r speech *v.* to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
28. er____le dysfunction *adj.* characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function
29. il____le document *adj.* unable to be read or deciphered; unclear or indistinctly written; not legible due to poor handwriting, printing, or condition
30. former em____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
31. tra____be documents *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
32. ov____te memory *v.* to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software
33. Ar____c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
34. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
35. the institute of arc____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
36. me____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 27. stutter, 28. erectile, 29. illegible, 30. emperor, 31. transcribe, 32. overwrite, 33. Arabic, 34. emperor, 35. archaeology, 36. medicinal

37. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
38. pal_____st parchment *n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing
39. gel_____us substance *adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency
40. medieval co__x *n.* a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing
41. we__h on a promise *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
42. an es_____ic religion *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
43. pro_____ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
44. romantic st_____ht *n.* the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars
45. mi_____nt nations *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
46. uns_____ing reality *adj.* not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.
47. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

ANSWERS: 37. Christ, 38. palimpsest, 39. gelatinous, 40. codex, 41. welsh, 42. esoteric, 43. provocative, 44. starlight, 45. militant, 46. unsatisfying, 47. conjure

48. und_____red territory *adj.* not yet found or known
49. ult_____et protection *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
50. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
51. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
52. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
53. the principal church of Chr_____om *n.* the Christian world considered a collective body
54. st_____ht sky *n.* the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars
55. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
56. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
57. ha_____ed memory *adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

ANSWERS: 48. undiscovered, 49. ultraviolet, 50. handwriting, 51. mold, 52. fling, 53. Christendom, 54. starlight, 55. jeopardy, 56. Renaissance, 57. hallowed

58. il_____le signature *adj.* unable to be read or deciphered; unclear or indistinctly written; not legible due to poor handwriting, printing, or condition
59. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
60. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
61. sl____r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
62. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
63. outdoor adv_____ers *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
64. Eastern Chr_____om *n.* the Christian world considered a collective body
65. go____e his eyes *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

ANSWERS: 58. illegible, 59. diminish, 60. censor, 61. sliver, 62. medicinal, 63. adventurer, 64. Christendom, 65. goggle

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70. gel_____us texture *adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency
71. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
72. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
73. ha_____ed tradition *adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
74. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
75. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 66. handwriting, 67. archaeology, 68. diminish, 69. welsh, 70. gelatinous, 71. sever, 72. fungus, 73. hallowed, 74. sliver, 75. institutionalize

76. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
77. daredevil adv____er *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
78. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
79. tra____be notes *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
80. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
81. plan a r__e *n.* a trick or deception used to achieve a strategic or tactical advantage; a strategy or plan used to deceive or mislead someone
82. the dr____st's latest production *n.* a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
83. imp____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
84. imp____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
85. a mi____nt reformer *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
86. uns____ing labor *adj.* not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.
87. elaborate r__e *n.* a trick or deception used to achieve a strategic or tactical advantage; a strategy or plan used to deceive or mislead someone

ANSWERS: 76. sever, 77. adventurer, 78. curator, 79. transcribe, 80. Christ, 81. ruse, 82. dramatist, 83. imperfectly, 84. imperfectly, 85. militant, 86. unsatisfying, 87. ruse

88. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
89. chemical re____t *n.* a substance or compound used in a chemical reaction to detect, measure, or produce other substances or chemical changes
90. co__x manuscript *n.* a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing

ANSWERS: 88. fungus, 89. reagent, 90. codex

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The book's content was so _____ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.
adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
2. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
3. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
4. Don't forget to back up your data before you _____ any files on your computer.
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5. She needs to _____ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.
v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
6. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
n. the male ruler of an empire
7. The meal was _____ and left her feeling hungry an hour later.
adj. not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.

ANSWERS: 1. esoteric, 2. renaissance, 3. institutionalize, 4. overwrite, 5. transcribe, 6. Emperor, 7. unsatisfying

8. The treasure _____ of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.
n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
9. The drug was found to have significant _____ side effects in clinical trials.
adj. characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function
10. The _____ manuscript he discovered contained layers of text from different centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.
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n. the Christian world considered a collective body
13. The handwriting on the note was so _____ that I couldn't read it.
adj. unable to be read or deciphered; unclear or indistinctly written; not legible due to poor handwriting, printing, or condition
14. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 8. trove, 9. erectile, 10. palimpsest, 11. stutter, 12. Christendom, 13. illegible, 14. medicinal

15. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
16. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
17. The ocean _____ holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.
n. a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
18. His _____ style frequently sparked controversies.
adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
19. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
20. The famous _____ wrote many successful plays during his career.
n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
21. The shepherd had to _____ some of the animals due to illness.
v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
22. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.
n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
23. The archaeologists found a _____ buried alongside a mummy in an underground tomb.
n. a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing

ANSWERS: 15. severed, 16. handwriting, 17. adventurer, 18. provocative, 19. conjured, 20. dramatist, 21. welsh, 22. jeopardy, 23. codex

24. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

25. She teaches _____ at the local university.

- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

26. _____ radiation can cause skin damage if one is exposed for too long.

- adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation

27. The jellyfish's body was transparent and _____ making it difficult to see in the water.

- adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency

28. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.

- v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

29. The software company bought the VR _____ manufacturer.

- v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

30. The jungle is full of _____ species waiting to be found.

- adj.* not yet found or known

31. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

- n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 24. mold, 25. archaeology, 26. Ultraviolet, 27. gelatinous, 28. fling, 29. goggles, 30. undiscovered, 31. sliver

32. The thief used a clever _____ to access the bank's vault.

- n.* a trick or deception used to achieve a strategic or tactical advantage; a strategy or plan used to deceive or mislead someone

33. He created an _____ shaped torso.

- adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

34. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

- n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

35. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

36. The dirty clothes remained _____ in the hamper for weeks.

- adj.* not cleaned or purified; untidy or unkempt in appearance or manner; lacking in refinement or sophistication

37. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.

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

38. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

39. The romantic couple had a picnic under the _____.

- n.* the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars

ANSWERS: 32. ruse, 33. imperfectly, 34. militant, 35. degrade, 36. unwashed, 37. Arabic, 38. fungus, 39. starlight

40. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
41. The church was considered a _____ ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.
- adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
42. The lab technician added a few drops of the _____ to the test tube.
- n.* a substance or compound used in a chemical reaction to detect, measure, or produce other substances or chemical changes
43. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
44. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
45. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
- n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. Christmas, 41. hallowed, 42. reagent, 43. censor, 44. diminish, 45. curator