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Session 1: Word List

allude

v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
synonym : imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning
He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly
synonym : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain
A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym : segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

bouncer

n. a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole

synonym: doorman, security guard, protector

(1) **bouncer** job, (2) **bouncer** policy

The **bouncer** at the club checked everyone's ID at the door.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

turnaround

n. the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something

synonym: recovery, improvement, reversal

(1) miraculous **turnaround**, (2) **turnaround** strategy

The company's **turnaround** was a result of new management strategies.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym: kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym : unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

synonym : understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a

barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

archaic

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym: ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

unthinkingly

adv. without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness

synonym: automatically, mindlessly, impulsively

(1) respond **unthinkingly**, (2) **unthinkingly** follow

She **unthinkingly** agreed to the terms of the contract without reading it thoroughly.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

pan-American

adj. relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America

(1) **pan-American** unity, (2) a **pan-American** organization

The goal of the summit was to **pan-American** efforts to combat climate change.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

heartburn

n. a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus

synonym: acid reflux, pyrosis, indigestion

(1) **heartburn** relief, (2) chronic **heartburn**

After eating that spicy meal, she suffered from **heartburn** all night long.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

synonym : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

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.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Session 2: Spelling

1. marked with a ha_____g
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
2. burn my fi_____ip
n. the end or tip of a finger
3. inv_____ly polite
adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception
4. international st_____an
n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
5. bo_____d him with questions
v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
6. fl____t Chinese
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
7. pose for a se____e
n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
8. the geo_____cal situations
adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
9. pr_____ce a name
v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 1. hashtag, 2. fingertip, 3. invariably, 4. statesman, 5. bombard, 6. fluent, 7. selfie, 8. geopolitical, 9. pronounce

10. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
11. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
12. drunk and in_____le *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
13. mo_____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
14. bo_____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
15. com_____nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
16. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
17. se____e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 10. apartheid, 11. archaic, 12. incapable, 13. monarchy, 14. bombard, 15. comprehend, 16. apartheid, 17. selfie

18. seem somewhat ar____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
19. co____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
20. bo____r policy *n.* a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole
21. negative ste____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
22. reduce geo____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
23. int____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
24. su____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 18. archaic, 19. commute, 20. bouncer, 21. stereotype, 22. geopolitical, 23. intertwine, 24. suffocate

25. abolish mo____hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
26. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
27. al___e to the planning *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
28. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
29. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
30. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
31. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
32. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
33. he_____rn relief *n.* a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus
34. unt_____gly follow *adv.* without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness

ANSWERS: 25. monarchy, 26. stereotype, 27. allude, 28. garner, 29. obsess, 30. fluent, 31. aspiration, 32. statesman, 33. heartburn, 34. unthinkingly

35. tur_____nd strategy *n.* the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
36. respond unt_____gly *adv.* without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness
37. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
38. a tyr_____al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
39. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
40. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
41. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
42. al___e to his low origin *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
43. ou_____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 35. turnaround, 36. unthinkingly, 37. poke, 38. tyrannical, 39. destine, 40. poke, 41. smartphone, 42. allude, 43. outsider

44. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
45. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
46. bo_____r job *n.* a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole
47. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
48. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
49. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
50. ra___e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
51. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
52. miraculous tur_____nd *n.* the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
53. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 44. garner, 45. intellect, 46. bouncer, 47. detain, 48. colonize, 49. empathy, 50. ravage, 51. innovate, 52. turnaround, 53. suffocate

54. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
55. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
56. chronic he_____rn *n.* a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus
57. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
58. inv_____ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
59. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
60. com_____nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
61. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
62. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
63. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
64. apply fi_____ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger

ANSWERS: 54. intertwine, 55. empathy, 56. heartburn, 57. aspiration, 58. invariably, 59. hashtag, 60. comprehend, 61. opportune, 62. opportune, 63. intellect, 64. fingertip

65. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
66. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
67. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
68. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
69. a tyr_____al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
70. ou_____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
71. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
72. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
73. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

ANSWERS: 65. pronounce, 66. commute, 67. incapable, 68. turmoil, 69. tyrannical, 70. outsider, 71. turmoil, 72. tweet, 73. colonize

74. a pan_____can organization *adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America
75. pan_____can unity *adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America
76. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
77. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
78. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
79. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
80. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
81. ra___e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
82. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 74. pan-American, 75. pan-American, 76. tweet, 77. detain, 78. innovate, 79. destine, 80. smartphone, 81. ravage, 82. obsess

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
2. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
5. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.
adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something
6. The _____ at the club checked everyone's ID at the door.
n. a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole
7. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

ANSWERS: 1. tweet, 2. innovate, 3. opportune, 4. pronounce, 5. incapable, 6. bouncer, 7. turmoil

8. The _____ government had been in power for centuries.
n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
9. He _____ to the problem but did not mention it directly.
v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
10. This statue honors a distinguished _____.
n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
11. A large fire _____ the forest.
v. to cause damage to something badly
12. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
13. After eating that spicy meal, she suffered from _____ all night long.
n. a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus
14. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
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v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 8. monarchy, 9. alluded, 10. statesman, 11. ravaged, 12. smartphones, 13. heartburn, 14. intertwine, 15. bombard

16. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

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17. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

18. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

19. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

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20. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

21. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

22. She _____ agreed to the terms of the contract without reading it thoroughly.

adv. without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness

23. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 16. selfie, 17. fluent, 18. stereotypes, 19. Tyrannical, 20. aspiration, 21. intellect, 22. unthinkingly, 23. invariably

24. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
25. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
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26. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
- v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
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- adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

ANSWERS: 24. Empathy, 25. destined, 26. garner, 27. apartheid, 28. geopolitical, 29. comprehend, 30. outsider, 31. archaic

32. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
33. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
34. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
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v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
36. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
37. The company's _____ was a result of new management strategies.
n. the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
38. The archaeologist ran his _____ along the pattern of the tombstones.
n. the end or tip of a finger
39. The goal of the summit was to _____ efforts to combat climate change.
adj. relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America

ANSWERS: 32. poked, 33. obsessed, 34. commute, 35. suffocate, 36. hashtag, 37. turnaround, 38. fingertips, 39. pan-American

40. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

- v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

41. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.

- v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 40. colonized, 41. detained