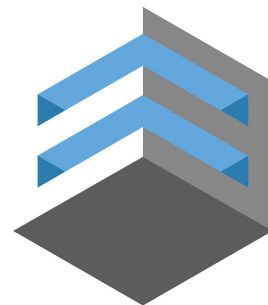


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### Bitcoin

*n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain

*synonym*: cryptocurrency, digital currency

(1) **Bitcoin** wallet, (2) **Bitcoin** transaction

Many businesses now accept **Bitcoin** as a form of payment.

### 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.

### smoker

*n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with

smoking but find it difficult to quit.

### chitchat

*n.* casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip

*synonym* : chatting, small talk, gossip

(1) **chitchat** session, (2) idle **chitchat**

I enjoy a little **chitchat** with co-workers during lunch breaks.

### visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym* : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

### elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym* : mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

### empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

### creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

### distinctly

*adv.* in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable

*synonym* : clearly, obviously, unmistakably

(1) **distinctly** remember, (2) **distinctly** different

The **distinctly** floral scent of the perfume lingered in the air long after the wearer had left the room.

## secondhand

*adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

*synonym*: used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym*: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## ride-sharing

*n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app

*synonym*: carpooling

(1) **ride-sharing** app, (2) **ride-sharing** parking lot

The court ruled that the **ride-sharing** company should consider the drivers as employees.

## trustworthy

*adj.* reliable and dependable

*synonym*: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym*: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep  
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## stun

*v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

*synonym* : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## audacity

*n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

*synonym* : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

## dishonest

*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest

*synonym* : fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior  
Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

## rampant

*adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption  
In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

## frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym* : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience  
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym* : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager  
We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## perplexity

*n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

*synonym* : confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**  
The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

## confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym* : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

## transact

*v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

*synonym*: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

## invert

*v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

*synonym*: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

## opaque

*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

*synonym*: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

## blockchain

*n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

## ledger

*n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

*synonym*: book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

## underpin

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

*synonym*: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

## cryptography

*n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers

*synonym*: coding, steganography, encryption

(1) asymmetric **cryptography**, (2) digital **cryptography**

The software engineers developed a new **cryptography** algorithm to protect users' data.

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym*: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## timestamp

*n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to investigate the system's bug.

## intermediary

*n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

*synonym*: middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial **intermediary**, (2) **intermediary** role

The **intermediary** between the buyer and the seller helped

them agree.

## revolutionize

*v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

*synonym*: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

## contentious

*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

*synonym*: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

## overused

*adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming clichéd; lacking originality

*synonym*: overworked, overutilized, exhausted

(1) **overused** common, (2) **overused** cliché

The concept of time travel has become **overused** in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

## 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.

## matte

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

*synonym*: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.



## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## swipe

*v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

*synonym* : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. op\_\_\_e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
2. sec\_\_\_\_\_nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
3. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
4. el\_\_\_\_\_nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
5. fri\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
6. the ti\_\_\_\_\_mp on a file *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
7. resolve per\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
8. digital cry\_\_\_\_\_phy *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
9. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
11. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 1. opaque, 2. secondhand, 3. trustworthy, 4. eloquent, 5. frightening, 6. timestamp, 7. perplexity, 8. cryptography, 9. opportune, 10. visualize, 11. rev

12. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
13. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
14. ov\_\_\_\_\_ed common *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
15. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
16. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
17. au\_\_\_\_\_ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
18. ra\_\_\_\_\_t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
19. ov\_\_\_\_\_ed clich□ *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
20. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
21. un\_\_\_\_\_in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
22. un\_\_\_\_\_in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

ANSWERS: 12. confession, 13. rev, 14. overused, 15. tweet, 16. creditor, 17. audacity, 18. rampant, 19. overused, 20. empower, 21. underpin, 22. underpin



35. blo\_\_\_\_\_in platform *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
36. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
37. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
38. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
39. ch\_\_\_\_\_at session *n.* casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip
40. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
41. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
42. sw\_\_e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
43. rev\_\_\_\_\_ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

ANSWERS: 35. blockchain, 36. tweet, 37. disrupt, 38. transact, 39. chitchat, 40. rethink, 41. app, 42. swipe, 43. revolutionize

44. in\_\_\_t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
45. int\_\_\_\_\_ary role *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
46. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
47. financial le\_\_\_r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
48. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
49. personal le\_\_\_r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
50. rid\_\_\_\_\_ing parking lot *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
51. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 44. invert, 45. intermediary, 46. transact, 47. ledger, 48. institutionalize, 49. ledger, 50. ride-sharing, 51. institutionalize

52. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
53. s\_\_n an audience      *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
54. the scalability of blo\_\_\_\_\_in      *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
55. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy source      *adj.* reliable and dependable
56. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
57. sm\_\_\_\_r behavior      *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
58. sec\_\_\_\_\_nd information      *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
59. ma\_\_e coating      *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
60. cannot log in to the a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
61. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
62. dis\_\_\_\_\_ly different      *adv.* in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable

ANSWERS: 52. rethink, 53. stun, 54. blockchain, 55. trustworthy, 56. empower, 57. smoker, 58. secondhand, 59. matte, 60. app, 61. opportune, 62. distinctly

63. con\_\_\_\_\_us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
64. con\_\_\_\_\_us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
65. asymmetric cry\_\_\_\_\_phy *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
66. ca\_\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
67. di\_\_\_\_\_st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
68. rev\_\_\_\_\_ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
69. an el\_\_\_\_\_nt speaker *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
70. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
71. an el\_\_\_\_\_e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
72. rid\_\_\_\_\_ing app *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app

ANSWERS: 63. contentious, 64. contentious, 65. cryptography, 66. Catholic, 67. dishonest, 68. revolutionize, 69. eloquent, 70. Catholic, 71. elusive, 72. ride-sharing



73. Bi\_\_\_\_\_n transaction
- n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain
74. Bi\_\_\_\_\_n wallet
- n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain
75. dis\_\_\_\_\_ly remember
- adv.* in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable
76. a UNIX ti\_\_\_\_\_mp
- n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
77. sw\_\_\_e a card
- v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
78. act of au\_\_\_\_\_ty
- n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

ANSWERS: 73. Bitcoin, 74. Bitcoin, 75. distinctly, 76. timestamp, 77. swipe, 78. audacity

79. ra\_\_\_\_t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
80. promote di\_\_\_\_\_st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
81. idle ch\_\_\_\_at *n.* casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip
82. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
83. photo with a ma\_\_e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
84. op\_\_\_\_e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
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86. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 79. rampant, 80. dishonest, 81. chitchat, 82. disrupt, 83. matte, 84. opaque, 85. stun, 86. intrigue

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.  
*n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
2. The body of his car has a \_\_\_\_\_ finish.  
*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
3. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
4. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
5. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ issues in claiming a patent.  
*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
6. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
7. The invention of the smartphone \_\_\_\_\_ the way we communicate with each other.  
*v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

ANSWERS: 1. intermediary, 2. matte, 3. catholic, 4. empowered, 5. contentious, 6. doe, 7. revolutionized

8. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.  
*v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
9. People tend to believe \_\_\_\_\_ friends with their secrets.  
*adj.* reliable and dependable
10. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.  
*v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
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*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
12. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ some business at the bank before it closes.  
*v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
13. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.  
*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
14. The software engineers developed a new \_\_\_\_\_ algorithm to protect users' data.  
*n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
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ANSWERS: 8. invert, 9. trustworthy, 10. swipe, 11. rev, 12. transact, 13. elusive, 14. cryptography, 15. dishonest

16. Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of \_\_\_\_\_ technology.
- n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
17. His \_\_\_\_\_ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
- n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
18. Many businesses now accept \_\_\_\_\_ as a form of payment.
- n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain
19. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
20. The concept of time travel has become \_\_\_\_\_ in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.
- adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
21. The engineer checked the log records' \_\_\_\_\_ to investigate the system's bug.
- n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
22. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 16. blockchain, 17. audacity, 18. Bitcoin, 19. disrupt, 20. overused, 21. timestamps, 22. app's

23. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

24. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

25. I enjoy a little \_\_\_\_\_ with co-workers during lunch breaks.

*n.* casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

*n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

27. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

28. The research findings \_\_\_\_\_ the theory that human activities cause global warming.

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

29. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

30. The curtains were made of \_\_\_\_\_ fabric that blocked out all light.

*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

31. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. rampant, 25. chitchat, 26. perplexity, 27. frightening, 28. underpin, 29. visualize, 30. opaque, 31. intrigues

32. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
33. The prisoner made a full \_\_\_\_\_ and admitted to his crime.  
*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
34. Many \_\_\_\_\_ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.  
*n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
35. This sprinter \_\_\_\_\_ the world with his speed.  
*v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
36. The court ruled that the \_\_\_\_\_ company should consider the drivers as employees.  
*n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
37. 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
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ floral scent of the perfume lingered in the air long after the wearer had left the room.  
*adv.* in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable
39. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the \_\_\_\_\_ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.  
*adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

ANSWERS: 32. creditor, 33. confession, 34. smokers, 35. stunned, 36. ride-sharing, 37. tweet, 38. distinctly, 39. secondhand

40. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

41. 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.)

42. She gave an \_\_\_\_\_ speech at the graduation ceremony.

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

43. The auditor checked every entry in the \_\_\_\_\_ for accuracy.

*n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

ANSWERS: 40. rethink, 41. institutionalize, 42. eloquent, 43. ledger