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Session 1: Word List

chancellor

n. a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany

synonym: official, administrator, head

(1) **Chancellor** of the Exchequer, (2) associate **chancellor**

The **chancellor** of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

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.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

synonym: improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

camouflage

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

synonym: guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym: roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

hindrance

n. an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal

synonym: obstacle, impediment, barrier

(1) **hindrance** to progress, (2) logistical **hindrance**

The language barrier can be a **hindrance** to effective communication.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

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

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

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

cyberwarfare

n. the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations

synonym : cyberattack, online warfare, digital warfare

(1) **cyberwarfare** defense, (2) **cyberwarfare** threats

Experts warn that **cyberwarfare** attacks are becoming increasingly sophisticated and difficult to detect.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

expulsion

n. the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently

synonym : ejection, banishment, exile

(1) **expulsion** of gas, (2) forceful **expulsion**

The ambassador's **expulsion** was a sign of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants

back to their home countries.

veil *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal
(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face
He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

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.

imprison *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine
(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room
He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

stylize *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
synonym: conventionalize
(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design
She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

immerse *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
synonym: dip, inundate, submerge
(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient
He **immersed** himself in his research.

weep *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy
I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

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.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

censor

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.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym : limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

speechless

adj. unable to speak because of shock, fear, surprise, or other strong emotion; so impressive or awe-inspiring that one cannot find adequate words to express one's thoughts or feelings

synonym : wordless, mute, speech-impaired

(1) **speechless** reaction, (2) **speechless** with shock

The breathtaking view left me **speechless** for a minute.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

gypsy

n. (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

synonym: Romani, traveler, nomad

(1) **gypsy** lifestyle, (2) **gypsy** culture

The **gypsy** caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

hymn

n. a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

synonym: psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

overcrowded

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

synonym: packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____se my feelings | v. | to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others |
| 2. in____pt X rays | v. | to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination |
| 3. de____t a refugee | v. | to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime |
| 4. the wo____ew of the ancient civilization | n. | a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world |
| 5. apparently con____ory | adj. | containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements |
| 6. se__r a rope | v. | to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly |
| 7. de____n for investigation | v. | to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 8. con____ory evidence | adj. | containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements |
| 9. re____t an old friend | v. | to go to a place again, especially after a long period |
| 10. in____pt an enemy force | v. | to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination |
| 11. directly int____ect with those systems | v. | to connect similar things |

ANSWERS: 1. disguise, 2. intercept, 3. deport, 4. worldview, 5. contradictory, 6. sever, 7. detain, 8. contradictory, 9. revisit, 10. intercept, 11. interconnect

12. cam_____ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
13. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
14. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
15. cyb_____are defense *n.* the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations
16. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
17. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
18. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 12. camouflage, 13. onstage, 14. whistle, 15. cyberwarfare, 16. exposition, 17. determinant, 18. sever

19. Cha_____or of the Exchequer *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
20. a sacred h__n *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
21. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
22. forceful ex_____on *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
23. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
24. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
25. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
26. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
27. hi_____ce to progress *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
28. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
29. bo_____ss imagination *adj.* having no limits; limitless

ANSWERS: 19. chancellor, 20. hymn, 21. drone, 22. expulsion, 23. revisit, 24. imprison, 25. makeshift, 26. provoke, 27. hindrance, 28. weep, 29. boundless

30. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
32. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. st_____e the design *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
34. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
35. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
36. associate cha_____or *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
37. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
38. st_____e the behavior *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

ANSWERS: 30. opportune, 31. balk, 32. opportune, 33. stylize, 34. migrant, 35. disguise, 36. chancellor, 37. constellation, 38. stylize

39. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
40. ex_____on of gas *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
41. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
42. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
43. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
44. ove_____ed with passengers *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
45. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
46. bo_____ss energy *adj.* having no limits; limitless
47. on the western ou_____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
48. work as cam_____ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

ANSWERS: 39. imprison, 40. expulsion, 41. onstage, 42. interconnect, 43. worldview, 44. overcrowded, 45. immerse, 46. boundless, 47. outskirts, 48. camouflage

49. ro____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
50. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
51. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
52. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
53. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
54. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
55. 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
56. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
57. ro____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

ANSWERS: 49. rooftop, 50. disparate, 51. insurmountable, 52. makeshift, 53. diplomat, 54. determinant, 55. censor, 56. grandchild, 57. rooftop

67. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
68. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
69. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
70. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
71. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
72. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
73. logistical hi_____ce *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
74. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
75. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 67. detain, 68. drone, 69. insurmountable, 70. constellation, 71. disparate, 72. weep, 73. hindrance, 74. outskirts, 75. whistle

76. 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
77. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
78. gy__y culture *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
79. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
80. spe_____ss reaction *adj.* unable to speak because of shock, fear, surprise, or other strong emotion; so impressive or awe-inspiring that one cannot find adequate words to express one's thoughts or feelings
81. spe_____ss with shock *adj.* unable to speak because of shock, fear, surprise, or other strong emotion; so impressive or awe-inspiring that one cannot find adequate words to express one's thoughts or feelings

ANSWERS: 76. censor, 77. broaden, 78. gypsy, 79. exposition, 80. speechless, 81. speechless

82. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
83. h__n tune *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
84. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
85. de___t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
86. gy__y lifestyle *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

ANSWERS: 82. veil, 83. hymn, 84. provoke, 85. deport, 86. gypsy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
2. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
3. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.
adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
4. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
5. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
6. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.
n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
7. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 1. grandchild, 2. imprisoned, 3. contradictory, 4. disparate, 5. broadened, 6. rooftop, 7. determinant

8. They utilized branches of trees as _____.
- n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
9. 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
10. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
11. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
- v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
12. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
13. The government has decided to _____ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.
- v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

ANSWERS: 8. camouflage, 9. censor, 10. diplomat, 11. whistle-blow, 12. migrant, 13. deport

14. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
15. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
16. The team set up a _____ tent for shelter during the storm.
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18. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
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19. The _____ ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.
adj. having no limits; limitless
20. It is illegal to _____ police radio.
v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
21. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
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adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 14. onstage, 15. detained, 16. makeshift, 17. speechless, 18. severed, 19. boundless, 20. intercept, 21. constellation, 22. opportune

23. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
24. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
25. The _____ of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.
- n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
26. The _____ caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.
- n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
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ANSWERS: 23. worldviews, 24. veil, 25. chancellor, 26. gypsy, 27. drone, 28. hymn, 29. disguised

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- v.* to connect similar things
33. The school district is facing a problem with _____ classrooms.
- adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
34. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
35. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
36. The ambassador's _____ was a sign of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.
- n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
37. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 30. stylized, 31. outskirts, 32. interconnect, 33. overcrowded, 34. provoked, 35. exposition, 36. expulsion, 37. revisit

38. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
- v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
39. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
- v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
40. He _____ himself in his research.
- v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
41. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.
- adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
42. The language barrier can be a _____ to effective communication.
- n. an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
43. Experts warn that _____ attacks are becoming increasingly sophisticated and difficult to detect.
- n. the use of digital technologies, such as hacking, viruses, and other malicious tactics, to disrupt, damage, or destroy computer systems, networks, and electronic devices, to cause harm to individuals, governments, or organizations

ANSWERS: 38. balk, 39. weep, 40. immersed, 41. insurmountable, 42. hindrance, 43. cyberwarfare