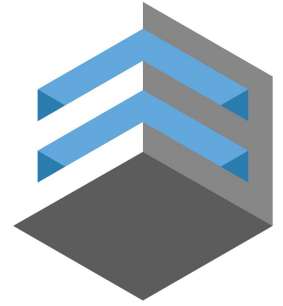


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Session 1: Word List

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

blurb

n. a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

synonym: summary, synopsis, review

(1) a **blurb** on a book, (2) website **blurb**

The book jacket included a captivating **blurb** that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

degrade

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

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

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

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

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

brothel

n. (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution

synonym: bagnio, bordello, whorehouse

(1) illegal **brothel**, (2) underground **brothel**

The police raided the **brothel** in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms
The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym : lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

coerce

v. to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands

synonym : force, compel, pressure

(1) **coerce** him to follow an order, (2) **coerce** obedience

The boss tried to **coerce** the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

gunpoint

n. the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

synonym : point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym : prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym : request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

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.

crackdown

n. a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

synonym : clampdown, sweep, repression

(1) a citywide **crackdown**, (2) strict **crackdown**

The government announced a **crackdown** on illegal activities in the city.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

descry

v. to catch sight of or discover something, especially something that is difficult to see or perceive

synonym: spot, detect, notice

(1) **descry** a figure in the distance, (2) **descry** a hidden motive

From afar, I could **descry** a ship approaching the harbor.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

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

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

synonym: retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

backdoor

adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

synonym: hidden, secret, covert

(1) **backdoor** access, (2) **backdoor** software

The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a **backdoor** deal with the government to avoid taxes.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the

audience gasped in amazement.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym : watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

synonym : disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

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.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

prohibitionist

n. a person who advocates or supports the prohibition or banning of a particular activity, typically referring to the sale, production, or consumption of alcohol

(1) **prohibitionist** advocacy, (2) anti-alcohol **prohibitionist**

The **prohibitionist** movement aimed to ban the sale and consumption of alcohol.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

undocumented

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

drown

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

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

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

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

cockle

n. a type of edible bivalve mollusk that typically has heart-shaped, symmetrical shells, also refers to the shell of this mollusk

synonym: clam, mollusk, shellfish

(1) grilled **cockle**, (2) edible **cockle**

The children enjoyed collecting **cockle** shells along the shoreline during their vacation.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a

crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

exorbitant

adj. excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees

synonym: excessive, extravagant, overpriced

(1) **exorbitant** cost, (2) **exorbitant** demand

The price of the designer shoes was **exorbitant**, so I decided not to buy them.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

legislate

v. to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws

synonym: enact, pass, establish

(1) **legislate** gun control, (2) **legislate** against discrimination

The government needs to **legislate** stricter laws to protect the environment.

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym: childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

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.

abolition

n. the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful

synonym: termination, discontinuation, end

(1) complete **abolition**, (2) total **abolition** of a law

The **abolition** of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.

manifestation

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

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

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

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

decriminalize

v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

synonym: legalize, decriminalization, depenalize

(1) **decriminalize** abortion, (2) **decriminalize** public drunkenness

Many activists are pushing for laws to **decriminalize** marijuana use.

punitive

adj. relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining

synonym: punishing, retributive, disciplinary

(1) **punitive** response, (2) **punitive** damages
His coworkers deemed the **punitive** measures taken against the employee too harsh.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
synonym: pardon, clemency, reprieve
(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt
The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument
(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect
You might need to **amplify** this point.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak
synonym: mute, silent, speechless
(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority
The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace
(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness
The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. dr__n in a bath | v. | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 2. de____e environmental quality | v. | to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 3. basketball h__p | n. | a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration |
| 4. exo_____nt cost | adj. | excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees |
| 5. witty p_n | n. | a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 6. em_____r my life | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 7. so_____t advice | v. | to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty |
| 8. exo_____nt demand | adj. | excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees |
| 9. so_____t patronage | v. | to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty |

ANSWERS: 1. drown, 2. degrade, 3. hoop, 4. exorbitant, 5. pun, 6. empower, 7. solicit, 8. exorbitant, 9. solicit

10. un_____ar decision *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
11. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
12. underground br_____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
13. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
14. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
15. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
16. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
17. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
18. grilled co___e *n.* a type of edible bivalve mollusk that typically has heart-shaped, symmetrical shells, also refers to the shell of this mollusk
19. ba_____or software *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

ANSWERS: 10. unpopular, 11. manifestation, 12. brothel, 13. exacerbate, 14. discredit, 15. provoke, 16. stab, 17. hoop, 18. cockle, 19. backdoor

20. a citywide cr_____wn *n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
21. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
23. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
24. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
25. held at gu_____nt *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
26. illegal br_____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
27. le_____te against discrimination *v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
28. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
29. co___e him to follow an order *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
30. vi_____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 20. crackdown, 21. industrious, 22. reconsider, 23. kidnapping, 24. kidnapping, 25. gunpoint, 26. brothel, 27. legislate, 28. pimp, 29. coerce, 30. vigilant

31. co___m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
32. safe co___m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
33. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
34. professional na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
35. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
36. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
37. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. und_____ted worker *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
39. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

ANSWERS: 31. condom, 32. condom, 33. pun, 34. nanny, 35. manifestation, 36. empower, 37. industrious, 38. undocumented, 39. reconsider

40. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
41. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
42. female la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
43. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
44. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
45. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
46. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
47. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
48. pro_____ist advocacy *n.* a person who advocates or supports the prohibition or banning of a particular activity, typically referring to the sale, production, or consumption of alcohol
49. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
50. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
51. part-time na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

ANSWERS: 40. voiceless, 41. prostitute, 42. lawmaker, 43. offend, 44. replenish, 45. bribe, 46. entrenched, 47. provoke, 48. prohibitionist, 49. prostitute, 50. drown, 51. nanny

52. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
53. re_____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
54. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
55. am_____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
56. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
57. website bl__b *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
58. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
59. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
60. de___y a hidden motive *v.* to catch sight of or discover something, especially something that is difficult to see or perceive
61. pu_____ve damages *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
62. ba_____or access *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

ANSWERS: 52. smuggle, 53. replenish, 54. entrenched, 55. amnesty, 56. stab, 57. blurb, 58. outlaw, 59. unpopular, 60. descry, 61. punitive, 62. backdoor

63. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
64. wi_____ld payment *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
65. co____e obedience *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
66. the movement of mi_____t birds *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
67. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
68. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
69. und_____ted command *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
70. total ab_____on of a law *n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
71. edible co____e *n.* a type of edible bivalve mollusk that typically has heart-shaped, symmetrical shells, also refers to the shell of this mollusk

ANSWERS: 63. smuggle, 64. withhold, 65. coerce, 66. migrant, 67. nun, 68. pimp, 69. undocumented, 70. abolition, 71. cockle

72. am____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
73. pu____ve response *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
74. anti-alcohol pro_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or supports the prohibition or banning of a particular activity, typically referring to the sale, production, or consumption of alcohol
75. le_____te gun control *v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
76. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
77. a bl__b on a book *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
78. complete ab_____on *n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
79. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
80. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

ANSWERS: 72. amplify, 73. punitive, 74. prohibitionist, 75. legislate, 76. bribe, 77. blurb, 78. abolition, 79. outlaw, 80. stigma

81. strict cr_____wn *n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
82. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
83. dec_____ize public drunkenness *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
84. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
85. vo_____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
86. grant an am_____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
87. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
88. st____a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
89. gu_____nt robbery *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
90. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
91. wi_____ld my laughter *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
92. de____y a figure in the distance *v.* to catch sight of or discover something, especially something that is difficult to see or perceive

ANSWERS: 81. crackdown, 82. nun, 83. decriminalize, 84. amplify, 85. voiceless, 86. amnesty, 87. offend, 88. stigma, 89. gunpoint, 90. exacerbate, 91. withhold, 92. descry

93. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
94. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
95. 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
96. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
97. incumbent la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
98. dec_____ize abortion *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

ANSWERS: 93. discredit, 94. degrade, 95. migrant, 96. vigilant, 97. lawmaker, 98. decriminalize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

2. The children enjoyed collecting _____ shells along the shoreline during their vacation.
n. a type of edible bivalve mollusk that typically has heart-shaped, symmetrical shells, also refers to the shell of this mollusk

3. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

4. You might need to _____ this point.
v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

5. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.
adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

6. Using a _____ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

7. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 1. replenish, 2. cockle, 3. stigma, 4. amplify, 5. vigilant, 6. condom, 7. bribe

8. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
9. The price of the designer shoes was _____ so I decided not to buy them.
- adj.* excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees
10. The _____ movement aimed to ban the sale and consumption of alcohol.
- n.* a person who advocates or supports the prohibition or banning of a particular activity, typically referring to the sale, production, or consumption of alcohol
11. The police raided the _____ in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.
- n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
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. His coworkers deemed the _____ measures taken against the employee too harsh.
- adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
14. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 8. smuggle, 9. exorbitant, 10. prohibitionist, 11. brothel, 12. migrant, 13. punitive, 14. drown

15. The circus clown jumped through a fiery _____ as the audience gasped in amazement.
- n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
16. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
17. The boss tried to _____ the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.
- v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
18. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
- v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
19. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
20. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
- v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
21. The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an _____ candidate for many voters.
- adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

ANSWERS: 15. hoop, 16. kidnapping, 17. coerce, 18. discredited, 19. provoked, 20. outlaw, 21. unpopular

22. The _____ of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.
- n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
23. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
- n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
24. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
- n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
25. The government announced a _____ on illegal activities in the city.
- n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
26. The book jacket included a captivating _____ that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.
- n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
27. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on _____ non-citizens.
- adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
28. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 22. abolition, 23. nun, 24. nanny, 25. crackdown, 26. blurb, 27. undocumented, 28. prostitute

29. The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a _____ deal with the government to avoid taxes.
- adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
30. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
- n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
31. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
32. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.
- adj.* established firmly and securely
33. From afar, I could _____ a ship approaching the harbor.
- v.* to catch sight of or discover something, especially something that is difficult to see or perceive
34. Many activists are pushing for laws to _____ marijuana use.
- v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
35. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
36. 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

ANSWERS: 29. backdoor, 30. amnesty, 31. offended, 32. entrenched, 33. descry, 34. decriminalize, 35. pun, 36. empowered

37. He was _____ many times with scissors.
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
38. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
39. This company has increased political contributions to federal _____.
n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
40. The government decided to _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
41. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
42. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
43. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.
v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
44. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45. The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at _____.
n. the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

ANSWERS: 37. stabbed, 38. degrade, 39. lawmakers, 40. withhold, 41. manifestation, 42. solicited, 43. exacerbated, 44. industrious, 45. gunpoint

46. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.
n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
47. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.
adj. without a voice or the ability to speak
48. The government needs to _____ stricter laws to protect the environment.
v. to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
49. He humbly _____ his conduct.
v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

ANSWERS: 46. pimp, 47. voiceless, 48. legislate, 49. reconsidered