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Session 1: Word List

sizzle

v. to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan

synonym: crackle, hiss, pop

(1) **sizzle** in the distance, (2) **sizzle** in the pan

The hot metal **sizzled** as it hit the water, creating steam.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym: fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

saran

n. a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made

from vinylidene chloride

synonym: plastic wrap, cling film, food wrap

(1) **saran** film, (2) stretchable **saran**

Make sure to use microwave-safe **saran** wrap to avoid melting.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

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.

celery

n. a plant of the parsley family with crisp green stalks and leaves, used as a vegetable in cooking and for salads

(1) **celery** stick, (2) **celery** juice

I like to eat **celery** with peanut butter as a healthy snack.

lettuce

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

synonym: greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**

I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional

religious practices.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym : central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

propeller

n. a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

synonym : prop, rotor, fan

(1) **propeller** design, (2) **propeller** aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

cannonball

n. a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon

synonym : projectile, ammunition, bullet

(1) a 4 kg **cannonball**, (2) human **cannonball**

The castle collapsed as multiple **cannonballs** hit the walls.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym : eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves**

with ease.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym: stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym: echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

reverberate

v. to be repeated several times as an echo

synonym: echo, resonate, resound

(1) **reverberate** through the hall, (2) **reverberate** in my head

The effects might **reverberate** across the oceans in unexpected ways.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is

propelled toward the target

synonym : shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

flashback

n. an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative

synonym : recollection, reminiscence, memory

(1) vivid **flashback**, (2) **flashback** memory

The **flashback** scene in the movie shows the character's past experiences.

freeman

n. a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote

synonym : citizen, individual, person

(1) **freeman** rights, (2) **freeman** status

In the colonial period, only **freeman** was allowed to vote.

yin

n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

synonym : feminine, negative, passive

(1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**

The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese

philosophy.

yang

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

synonym: masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

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.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

pretentious

adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

synonym: ostentatious, showy, pompous

(1) **pretentious** behavior, (2) **pretentious** language

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest

film.

synonym

n. a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language

synonym: equivalent, substitute, parallel

(1) **synonym** retrieval, (2) rough **synonym**

She was searching for a **synonym** for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.

ambience

n. the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting

synonym: atmosphere, vibe, feeling

(1) tropical **ambience**, (2) sophisticated **ambience**

The **ambience** of the restaurant was carefully curated to create a romantic atmosphere.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

subconsciously

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

synonym: unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled **subconsciously**

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

chirp

n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym: tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

lynch

- v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

connote

- v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

dissonant

- adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions

synonym: discordant, harsh, inharmonious

(1) a **dissonant** voice, (2) **dissonant** note

The **dissonant** sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.

howl

- v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym: wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

- 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.
- 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**.
- disciple** *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
synonym: student, follower, apprentice
(1) enthusiastic **disciple**, (2) **disciple** of Buddha
He became a **disciple** of a well-known spiritual leader.
- panopticon** *n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population
synonym: surveillance, prison, watchtower
(1) **panopticon-like** surveillance, (2) **panopticon** effect on behavior
The **panopticon** prison design allows for constant surveillance of the inmates.
- monastery** *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
synonym: abbey, convent, friary
(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym: squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. electronic typ_____er
n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
2. w__p under pressure
v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
3. pre_____us behavior
adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
4. ly__h law
v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
5. the ch__p of a bird
n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
6. pl___e into the water
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 1. typewriter, 2. warp, 3. pretentious, 4. lynch, 5. chirp, 6. plunge

7. a 4 kg can_____ll *n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon
8. the ch__p of a cricket *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
9. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
10. sa__n film *n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride
11. gu_____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
12. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
13. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
14. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
15. embody y__g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

ANSWERS: 7. cannonball, 8. chirp, 9. contemplate, 10. saran, 11. gunshot, 12. howl, 13. narrator, 14. provoke, 15. yang

16. 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
17. de_____on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
18. sq___k out a few words *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
19. sy_____m retrieval *n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
20. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
21. enthusiastic di_____le *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
22. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
23. fl_____ck memory *n.* an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative
24. re___b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

ANSWERS: 16. rev, 17. deception, 18. squeak, 19. synonym, 20. deceive, 21. disciple, 22. narrator, 23. flashback, 24. reverb

33. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
34. y_n deficiency *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
35. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
36. pre_____us language *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
37. leave a mo_____ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
38. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
39. fr_____n status *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
40. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 33. contemplate, 34. yin, 35. filmmaker, 36. pretentious, 37. monastery, 38. howl, 39. freeman, 40. connote

41. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
42. 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
43. pr____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
44. oc___e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
45. rev_____te through the hall *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
46. pr___l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
47. pa_____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
48. si___e in the pan *v.* to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan
49. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

ANSWERS: 41. yang, 42. app, 43. provoke, 44. octave, 45. reverberate, 46. primal, 47. paramount, 48. sizzle, 49. churn

50. crisp le____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
51. co____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
52. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
53. stretchable sa__n *n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride
54. fr____n rights *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
55. ce____y stick *n.* a plant of the parsley family with crisp green stalks and leaves, used as a vegetable in cooking and for salads
56. 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
57. twisty ca____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
58. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

ANSWERS: 50. lettuce, 51. connote, 52. sect, 53. saran, 54. freeman, 55. celery, 56. app, 57. canyon, 58. veil

59. rough sy____m *n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
60. human can_____ll *n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon
61. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
62. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
63. mo_____ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
64. pan_____on effect on behavior *n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population
65. tropical am_____ce *n.* the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting

ANSWERS: 59. synonym, 60. cannonball, 61. warp, 62. lynch, 63. monastery, 64. panopticon, 65. ambience

66. ce___y juice *n.* a plant of the parsley family with crisp green stalks and leaves, used as a vegetable in cooking and for salads
67. sophisticated am_____ce *n.* the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting
68. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
69. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
70. 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
71. di_____le of Buddha *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
72. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
73. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
74. si___e in the distance *v.* to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan
75. di_____nt note *adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions

ANSWERS: 66. celery, 67. ambience, 68. paramount, 69. deceive, 70. rev, 71. disciple, 72. synchronize, 73. filmmaker, 74. sizzle, 75. dissonant

76. typ_____er keys *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
77. kidney y_n *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
78. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
79. pan_____on-like surveillance *n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population
80. 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
81. pr_____er aircraft *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
82. pr___l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
83. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 76. typewriter, 77. yin, 78. subconsciously, 79. panopticon, 80. veil, 81. propeller, 82. primal, 83. sect

84. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
85. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
86. pr_____er design *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
87. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
88. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
89. rev_____te in my head *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
90. re___b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
91. ca___n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
92. oc___e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

ANSWERS: 84. plunge, 85. synchronize, 86. propeller, 87. deception, 88. stab, 89. reverberate, 90. reverb, 91. canyon, 92. octave

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
 - v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

2. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
 - v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

3. The singer's range was impressive, covering three _____ with ease.
 - n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

4. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
 - adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

5. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
 - adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

6. The effects might _____ across the oceans in unexpected ways.
 - v.* to be repeated several times as an echo

7. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
 - n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 1. lynch, 2. connotes, 3. octaves, 4. primal, 5. paramount, 6. reverberate, 7. Canyon

8. 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
9. The _____ scene in the movie shows the character's past experiences.
- n.* an interruption of the chronological sequence of events in a narrative, in which an event or scene from a past time is inserted into the current narrative
10. In the colonial period, only _____ was allowed to vote.
- n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
11. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
12. The _____ guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.
- adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
13. The concept of ____ and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
14. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 8. veil, 9. flashback, 10. freeman, 11. deceive, 12. pretentious, 13. yin, 14. plunged

15. The boat's _____ stopped working in the middle of the lake.
n. a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
16. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
17. The door _____ when I opened it.
v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
18. The _____ of the restaurant was carefully curated to create a romantic atmosphere.
n. the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting
19. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
20. The _____ sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.
adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
21. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
22. The sound of the _____ woke me up early in the morning.
n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

ANSWERS: 15. propeller, 16. sect, 17. squeaked, 18. ambience, 19. warped, 20. dissonant, 21. narrator, 22. chirp

23. This ancient _____ was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.
- n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
24. The castle collapsed as multiple _____ hit the walls.
- n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon
25. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
26. He became a _____ of a well-known spiritual leader.
- n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
27. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
- n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
28. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- 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
29. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
- n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
30. I like to eat _____ with peanut butter as a healthy snack.
- n.* a plant of the parsley family with crisp green stalks and leaves, used as a vegetable in cooking and for salads

ANSWERS: 23. monastery, 24. cannonballs, 25. yang, 26. disciple, 27. gunshot, 28. rev, 29. deception, 30. celery

31. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.

- v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

32. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

- v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

33. I want a sandwich with extra _____ please.

- n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

34. Make sure to use microwave-safe _____ wrap to avoid melting.

- n. a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

35. He _____ picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

- adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

36. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

- v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

37. The hot metal _____ as it hit the water, creating steam.

- v. to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan

ANSWERS: 31. howl, 32. contemplated, 33. lettuce, 34. saran, 35. subconsciously, 36. synchronized, 37. sizzled

38. He was _____ many times with scissors.
- v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
39. She was searching for a _____ for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.
- n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
40. 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
41. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
42. The cream needs to be _____ for several minutes before it becomes butter.
- v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
43. The _____ prison design allows for constant surveillance of the inmates.
- n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population
44. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
45. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
- n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

ANSWERS: 38. stabbed, 39. synonym, 40. app's, 41. filmmaker, 42. churned, 43.

panopticon, 44. provoked, 45. reverb

46. I found an old _____ at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

- n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

ANSWERS: 46. typewriter