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Session 1: Word List

seminal

adj. highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

synonym : influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) **seminal** research, (2) **seminal** duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym : reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

crucible

n. a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high

temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

synonym : melting pot, cauldron, furnace

(1) electric **crucible** furnace, (2) fire **crucible**

The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature **crucible**.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym : ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

glint

v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface

synonym : sparkle, shimmer, twinkle

(1) **glint** coldly, (2) a **glint** in his eye

The sun **glinted** off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

lantern

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

synonym : lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

ideogram

n. a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds

synonym : symbol, character, glyph

(1) **ideogram** character, (2) ancient **ideogram**

Ancient Mayan hieroglyphs were a complex system of **ideograms** and phonetic signs.

gazelle

n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

synonym : antelope, springbok, impala

(1) **gazelle** hunting, (2) graceful **gazelle**

The zookeeper carefully monitored the **gazelle's** diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

platter

n. a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner

synonym : dish, tray, serving plate

(1) party **platter**, (2) cheese **platter**

The waiter brought out a large **platter** of appetizers for us to share.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym : grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

tempest

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

synonym : storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub
With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**
The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

acquaint

v. to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

synonym: familiarize, inform, enlighten

(1) **acquaint** himself with a subject, (2) **acquaint** me with business

I recently **acquainted** myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.

bedfellow

n. a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition

synonym: partner, mate, companion

(1) strange **bedfellow**, (2) unlikely **bedfellow**

The combination of spicy food and alcohol is not a good **bedfellow** for a peaceful night's sleep.

shalt

v. an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction

synonym: must, should, ought

(1) full of thou **shalt** nots, (2) list of thou **shalts**

Thou **shalt** not steal.

cramp

n. a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress

synonym : crick, spasm, twinge

(1) hand **cramp**, (2) stomach **cramp**

I had to stop running because of a severe **cramp** in my leg.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

rake

n. a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess

synonym : scraper, harrow, hoe

(1) bamboo **rake**, (2) **rake's** behavior

The golf course has special **rakes** for smoothing out the sand traps.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym : drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym : dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

rainstorm

n. a heavy fall of rain

synonym : downpour, deluge, cloudburst

(1) furious **rainstorm**, (2) brave a **rainstorm**

The severe **rainstorm** caused flash flooding in low-lying areas.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

precipice

n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face

synonym : cliff, drop, brink

(1) leap off a **precipice**, (2) mural **precipice**

The hiker stood at the edge of the **precipice**, taking in the breathtaking view.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

shale

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

synonym: rock, sedimentary rock

(1) **shale** rock, (2) **shale** gas

The geologist studied the **shale** layers in the rock formations to determine their age.

sarong

- n.* a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up

synonym: wrapper, garment

- (1) beautiful floral **sarong**, (2) beach **sarong**

She wore a colorful **sarong** as a beach cover-up during her vacation.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. r__e's behavior *n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess

2. brave a ra_____rm *n.* a heavy fall of rain

3. electric cr_____le furnace *n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

4. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

5. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

6. graceful ga_____e *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. rake, 2. rainstorm, 3. crucible, 4. slam, 5. sunrise, 6. gazelle, 7. gypsy

8. a la____n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
9. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
10. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
11. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
12. beautiful floral sa____g *n.* a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up
13. se_____l duct *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
14. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
15. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
16. sh__e rock *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

ANSWERS: 8. lantern, 9. roar, 10. soar, 11. villager, 12. sarong, 13. seminal, 14. choreograph, 15. soar, 16. shale

17. id____am character *n.* a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds
18. beach sa____g *n.* a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up
19. pr____r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
20. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
21. stomach cr__p *n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress
22. ac____nt me with business *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
23. sh__e gas *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

ANSWERS: 17. ideogram, 18. sarong, 19. prosper, 20. spear, 21. cramp, 22. acquaint, 23. shale

24. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
25. bamboo r__e *n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess
26. ga_____e hunting *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
27. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
28. candle la_____n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
29. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
30. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
31. corporate pu____t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 24. drip, 25. rake, 26. gazelle, 27. volcano, 28. lantern, 29. erupt, 30. nurture, 31. puppet

32. ba__l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
33. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
34. ac_____nt himself with a subject *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
35. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
36. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
37. furious ra_____rm *n.* a heavy fall of rain
38. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
39. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
40. feeling of am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
41. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
42. tropical sa_____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 32. banal, 33. electrify, 34. acquaint, 35. clad, 36. turbulent, 37. rainstorm, 38. retell, 39. electrify, 40. amazement, 41. turbulent, 42. savannah

43. list of thou sh__ts *v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
44. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
45. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
46. gl__t coldly *v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
47. 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
48. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
49. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
50. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 43. shalt, 44. nurture, 45. villager, 46. glint, 47. gypsy, 48. disbelief, 49. retell, 50. savannah

51. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
52. strange be_____ow *n.* a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition
53. ba__l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
54. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
55. hand cr__p *n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress
56. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
57. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
58. te_____t in a teapot *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
59. leap off a pr_____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face

ANSWERS: 51. disbelief, 52. bedfellow, 53. banal, 54. choreograph, 55. cramp, 56. spear, 57. drip, 58. tempest, 59. precipice

60. se____l research *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
61. express am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
62. full of thou sh__t nots *v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
63. party pl_____r *n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner
64. violent te_____t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
65. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
66. pr_____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
67. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
68. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
69. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 60. seminal, 61. amazement, 62. shalt, 63. platter, 64. tempest, 65. roar, 66. prosper, 67. slam, 68. sunrise, 69. erupt

70. cr___r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
71. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
72. cheese pl_____r *n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner
73. perform the r___e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
74. mural pr_____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
75. r___e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
76. c___d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
77. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 70. crater, 71. crater, 72. platter, 73. rite, 74. precipice, 75. rite, 76. clad, 77. puppet

78. unlikely be_____ow
- n.* a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition
79. vo_____o alert level
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
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- n.* a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds
81. a gl__t in his eye
- v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
82. fire cr_____le
- n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

ANSWERS: 78. bedfellow, 79. volcano, 80. ideogram, 81. glint, 82. crucible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The combination of spicy food and alcohol is not a good _____ for a peaceful night's sleep.
 - n.* a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition

2. The waiter brought out a large _____ of appetizers for us to share.
 - n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner

3. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
 - n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

4. The geologist studied the _____ layers in the rock formations to determine their age.
 - n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

5. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
 - v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

6. I had to stop running because of a severe _____ in my leg.
 - n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress

ANSWERS: 1. bedfellow, 2. platter, 3. crater, 4. shale, 5. roared, 6. cramp

7. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
8. The book was a _____ work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.
adj. highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
9. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
10. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
11. The zookeeper carefully monitored the _____ diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.
n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
12. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.
v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
13. She wore a colorful _____ as a beach cover-up during her vacation.
n. a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up

ANSWERS: 7. turbulent, 8. seminal, 9. rite, 10. sunrise, 11. gazelle's, 12. choreographed, 13. sarong

14. The golf course has special _____ for smoothing out the sand traps.
- n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess
15. The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the _____.
- n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
16. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
17. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in _____.
- n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
18. The paper-covered _____ glowed softly in the darkness.
- n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
19. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
20. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 14. rakes, 15. tempest, 16. volcano, 17. amazement, 18. lantern, 19. clad, 20. villagers

21. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
22. The sun _____ off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.
- v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
23. The hiker stood at the edge of the _____ taking in the breathtaking view.
- n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
24. Thou _____ not steal.
- v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
25. The restaurant's menu had a _____ selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.
- adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
26. I recently _____ myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.
- v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
27. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.
- v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

ANSWERS: 21. savannahs, 22. glinted, 23. precipice, 24. shalt, 25. banal, 26. acquainted, 27. prosper

28. The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature _____.
- n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
29. The severe _____ caused flash flooding in low-lying areas.
- n.* a heavy fall of rain
30. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
31. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
32. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
33. His reaction was one of complete _____.
- n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
34. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
- v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
35. 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

ANSWERS: 28. crucible, 29. rainstorm, 30. puppet, 31. electrify, 32. slammed, 33.

disbelief, 34. erupted, 35. gypsy

36. Ancient Mayan hieroglyphs were a complex system of _____ and phonetic signs.
- n.* a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds
37. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.
- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
38. Water is _____ from the faucet.
- v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
39. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.
- v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
40. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
- v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
41. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 36. ideograms, 37. spears, 38. dripping, 39. retells, 40. soared, 41. nurture