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Session 1: Word List

exchange

- v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

seedy

- adj.* run-down, shabby, or in a state of disrepair; disreputable, sleazy, or sordid; lacking moral or ethical standards; describing a fruit that has many seeds

synonym: shabby, run-down, dilapidated

(1) **seedy** apartment building, (2) **seedy** deal

The **seedy** hotel attracted a rough crowd and was known for illegal activities.

downtown

- adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

beatbox

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

synonym : mouth drum, lip-smack percussion

(1) **beatbox** rhythm, (2) **beatbox** battle

His **beatbox** performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym: in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym: stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym:

depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

kinsfolk

n. one's relatives or family members; people who are connected by blood or marriage

synonym: relatives, family, kin

(1) **kinsfolk** traditions, (2) distant **kinsfolk**

The annual **kinsfolk** reunion is an event we all eagerly look forward to.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym: brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

niche

n. a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

synonym: role, position, habitat

(1) **niche** market, (2) every **niche** of society

The species occupies a unique **niche** in the ecosystem as a top predator.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym: center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

metropolis

n. a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity

synonym : city, megacity, urban center

(1) **metropolis** skyline, (2) bustling **metropolis**

Paris is a romantic **metropolis** famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.

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.

trumpet

n. a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

synonym : bugle, cornet, flugelhorn

(1) **trumpet** player, (2) **trumpet** solo

She played a beautiful melody on the **trumpet**.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym : taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym: harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym: swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym: low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym:

fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

Session 2: Spelling

1. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
2. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
3. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
4. le____d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
5. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
6. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
7. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
8. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
9. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 1. downtown, 2. desert, 3. introduction, 4. legend, 5. whatsoever, 6. demonstration, 7. applaud, 8. entirely, 9. jazz

10. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
11. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
12. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
13. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
14. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
15. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
16. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
17. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
18. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
19. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 10. alike, 11. claim, 12. amazing, 13. hub, 14. alike, 15. thrive, 16. desert, 17. microphone, 18. thrive, 19. jazz

20. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
21. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
22. do_____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
23. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
24. in_____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
25. b__s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
26. tr_____t player *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
27. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
28. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 20. destination, 21. exchange, 22. downtown, 23. jean, 24. inhuman, 25. bass, 26. trumpet, 27. applause, 28. loop

29. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
30. bustling met_____is *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
31. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
32. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
33. 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
34. distant ki_____lk *n.* one's relatives or family members; people who are connected by blood or marriage
35. be_____x battle *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
36. every ni___e of society *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

ANSWERS: 29. opera, 30. metropolis, 31. represent, 32. flavor, 33. reverb, 34. kinsfolk, 35. beatbox, 36. niche

37. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
38. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
39. st__e a fire *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
40. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
41. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
42. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
43. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
44. be_____x rhythm *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
45. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 37. entirely, 38. opera, 39. stoke, 40. absolutely, 41. mimic, 42. separate, 43. jean, 44. beatbox, 45. exchange

46. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
47. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
48. ki_____lk traditions *n.* one's relatives or family members; people who are connected by blood or marriage
49. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
50. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
51. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
52. tr_____t solo *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
53. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
54. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 46. unison, 47. hub, 48. kinsfolk, 49. whatsoever, 50. transform, 51. introduction, 52. trumpet, 53. appropriate, 54. loop

55. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
56. a delicate fl___r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
57. ni__e market *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
58. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
59. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
60. st__e passions *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
61. se__y apartment building *adj.* run-down, shabby, or in a state of disrepair; disreputable, sleazy, or sordid; lacking moral or ethical standards; describing a fruit that has many seeds
62. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
63. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
64. 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

ANSWERS: 55. appropriate, 56. flavor, 57. niche, 58. represent, 59. legend, 60. stoke, 61. seedy, 62. separate, 63. crazy, 64. reverb

65. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
66. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
67. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
68. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
69. clap the hands in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
70. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
71. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
72. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
73. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
74. in_____n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

ANSWERS: 65. pursue, 66. demonstration, 67. continent, 68. bass, 69. unison, 70. hemisphere, 71. mimic, 72. amazing, 73. absolutely, 74. inhuman

75. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
76. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
77. se__y deal *adj.* run-down, shabby, or in a state of disrepair; disreputable, sleazy, or sordid; lacking moral or ethical standards; describing a fruit that has many seeds
78. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
79. met_____is skyline *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
80. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
81. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
82. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
83. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
84. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 75. crazy, 76. continent, 77. seedy, 78. transform, 79. metropolis, 80. microphone, 81. applause, 82. pursue, 83. applaud, 84. destination

85. cerebral hem_____re

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

86. cl__m responsibility

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 85. hemisphere, 86. claim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ burst from the audience.
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
2. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.
n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
3. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
4. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what
5. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
6. The annual _____ reunion is an event we all eagerly look forward to.
n. one's relatives or family members; people who are connected by blood or marriage
7. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
8. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 1. applause, 2. hub, 3. appropriate, 4. whatsoever, 5. continent, 6. kinsfolk, 7. claim, 8. represent

9. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
- n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
10. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
11. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
12. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
- v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
13. They saluted in _____ to the captain.
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ANSWERS: 9. hemisphere, 10. mimic, 11. absolutely, 12. stoke, 13. unison, 14. introduction, 15. loop, 16. legends

17. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

18. His _____ performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

19. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

20. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

21. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

22. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

23. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

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adj. run-down, shabby, or in a state of disrepair; disreputable, sleazy, or sordid; lacking moral or ethical standards; describing a fruit that has many seeds

ANSWERS: 17. downtown, 18. beatbox, 19. crazy, 20. pursue, 21. desert, 22. opera, 23. jazz, 24. seedy

25. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

26. She played a beautiful melody on the _____.

n. a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone;
(verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

27. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

28. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

29. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

30. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

31. The species occupies a unique _____ in the ecosystem as a top predator.

n. a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

32. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

ANSWERS: 25. entirely, 26. trumpet, 27. microphone, 28. amazing, 29. flavor, 30. bass, 31. niche, 32. demonstration

33. 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
34. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
- adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
35. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
36. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
37. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.
- adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
38. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
39. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
40. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 33. reverb, 34. inhuman, 35. jeans, 36. transformed, 37. alike, 38. exchange, 39. thrive, 40. separate

41. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

42. Paris is a romantic _____ famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.

n. a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity

43. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 41. applaud, 42. metropolis, 43. destination