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## Session 1: Word List

### intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym*: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

### unsuspecting

*adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

*synonym*: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

### pictorial

*adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text

*synonym*: illustrated, graphical, visual

(1) **pictorial** representation, (2) **pictorial** evidence

The art gallery displayed a beautiful **pictorial** exhibition of landscapes and portraits.

### lax

*adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

*synonym*: loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

## instigate

*v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior

*synonym* : provoke, incite, raise

(1) **instigate** a conflict, (2) **instigate** a discussion

The protesters tried to **instigate** change and promote equality in their community.

## precondition

*n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

*synonym* : requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful negotiations.

## tyrant

*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

*synonym* : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym* : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## tandem

*n.* a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other

*synonym* : bicycle built for two, double, tandem bike

(1) **tandem** approach, (2) **tandem** skydiving

The **tandem** bike ride was fun for the couple to enjoy

together.

## evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

*synonym*: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

## efface

v. to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent

*synonym*: erase, delete, wipe out

(1) **efface** a memory, (2) **efface** a blemish

The cleaning crew had to **efface** the stubborn stain from the carpet using a specialized cleaner

## outstretch

v. to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

*synonym*: extend, stretch out, reach

(1) **outstretch** my patience, (2) **outstretch** a hand

The yoga instructor instructed the class to **outstretch** their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.

## liken

v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

*synonym*: compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

## decoy

v. to lure or lead someone to follow a particular path or take a particular action, often with the intent of catching or trapping them; (noun) an object, person, or animal used to lure or lead someone or something into a trap or a dangerous situation

*synonym*:

lure, bait, entice

(1) **decoy** ducks, (2) **decoy** cameras

The spy used a **decoy** bag to make it appear she was carrying sensitive information.

## frantic

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

*synonym*: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

## personalize

*v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

*synonym*: customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

## sinister

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

*synonym*: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## amphitheater

*n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

*synonym*: arena, stadium, coliseum

(1) outdoor **amphitheater**, (2) ancient **amphitheater**  
The performers took to the stage in the **amphitheater's** center, surrounded by cheering fans.

## clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym*: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## 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.

## feeble

adj. lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact

*synonym*: weak, frail, feeble-minded

(1) **feeble** attempt, (2) **feeble** excuse

The older man's **feeble** voice suggested he was not feeling well.

## ovation

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

*synonym*: applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

## elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## 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.

## capricious

*adj.* given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable; governed by a whim or fancy

*synonym* : volatile, unpredictable, whimsical

(1) **capricious** decisions, (2) **capricious** mood

The **capricious** weather made it difficult to plan outdoor activities.

## uneasy

*adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

*synonym* : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## engulf

*v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

*synonym* : swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

## 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.

## inhabit

*v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

*synonym* : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

## slapstick

*n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

*synonym* : farce, comedy, humor

(1) **slapstick** comedy, (2) **slapstick** performance

The classic comedy routine was filled with **slapstick** humor.

## 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.

## animate

*v.* to make something full of interest and energy

*synonym* : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## oblivious

*adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

*synonym* : forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

## carefree

*adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

*synonym* : light-hearted, carefree, easygoing

(1) **carefree** attitude, (2) **carefree** vacation

I miss the **carefree** days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

## entrap

*v.* to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation

*synonym* : ensnare, deceive, trammel

(1) **entrap** me into going to the event, (2) **entrap** unsuspecting victims

The police officer used a wire to **entrap** the criminal in a sting operation.

## fortress

*n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

*synonym* : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

## cog

*n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

*synonym* : gear, wheel, sprocket

(1) **cog** in the system, (2) missing **cog**

The **cog** in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.



## wiggle

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

*synonym*: wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement

Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. in____t a cave          | <i>v.</i> to live in a specific location; to reside   |
| 2. cap_____us decisions    | <i>adj.</i> given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable; governed by a whim or fancy   |
| 3. ta___m skydiving        | <i>n.</i> a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other                    |
| 4. per_____ze my workspace | <i>v.</i> to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something |
| 5. round of ap_____se      | <i>n.</i> a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together  |
| 6. essential pre_____ion   | <i>n.</i> a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible   |
| 7. en___f the politician   | <i>v.</i> to swallow up; to surround and cover completely   |
| 8. have un___y eyes        | <i>adj.</i> causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort  |
| 9. ta___m approach         | <i>n.</i> a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other                    |

ANSWERS: 1. inhabit, 2. capricious, 3. tandem, 4. personalize, 5. applause, 6. precondition, 7. engulf, 8. uneasy, 9. tandem

10. de\_\_y cameras
- v. to lure or lead someone to follow a particular path or take a particular action, often with the intent of catching or trapping them; (noun) an object, person, or animal used to lure or lead someone or something into a trap or a dangerous situation
11. fe\_\_\_e excuse
- adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
12. de\_\_y ducks
- v. to lure or lead someone to follow a particular path or take a particular action, often with the intent of catching or trapping them; (noun) an object, person, or animal used to lure or lead someone or something into a trap or a dangerous situation
13. un\_\_\_y relationship
- adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
14. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue
- v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
15. li\_\_n to a flower
- v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
16. a domestic ty\_\_\_t
- n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
17. ty\_\_\_t regime
- n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 10. decoy, 11. feeble, 12. decoy, 13. uneasy, 14. distract, 15. liken, 16. tyrant, 17. tyrant

18. with fr\_\_\_\_c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
19. fo\_\_\_\_ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
20. ob\_\_\_\_us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
21. 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
22. missing c\_g *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
23. ca\_\_\_\_ee attitude *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
24. out\_\_\_\_ch my patience *v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
25. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
26. creative in\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 18. frantic, 19. fortress, 20. oblivious, 21. puppet, 22. cog, 23. carefree, 24. outstretch, 25. carve, 26. intuition

27. outdoor amp\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
28. 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
29. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
30. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
31. pi\_\_\_\_\_al evidence *adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text
32. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
33. per\_\_\_\_\_ze social media profile *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
34. out\_\_\_\_\_ch a hand *v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

ANSWERS: 27. amphitheater, 28. sect, 29. unsuspecting, 30. distract, 31. pictorial, 32. clap, 33. personalize, 34. outstretch

35. el\_\_\_t a solution      *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
36. en\_\_\_p me into going to the event      *v.* to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation
37. ex\_\_\_e the crowd      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
38. c\_g in the system      *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
39. ancient amp\_\_\_\_\_ter      *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
40. spontaneous ov\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
41. fe\_\_\_e attempt      *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
42. in\_\_\_\_\_te a discussion      *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
43. 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: 35. elicit, 36. entrap, 37. excite, 38. cog, 39. amphitheater, 40. ovation, 41. feeble, 42. instigate, 43. puppet

44. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a disease      *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
45. in\_\_\_\_\_t the stomach      *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
46. ca\_\_\_\_\_ee vacation      *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
47. the common but nu\_\_\_\_\_d opinion      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
48. nu\_\_\_\_\_d view      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
49. si\_\_\_\_\_er look      *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
50. wi\_\_\_e her lips      *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
51. 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
52. pre\_\_\_\_\_ion agreement      *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
53. in\_\_\_\_\_te a conflict      *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
54. standing ov\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

ANSWERS: 44. provoke, 45. inhabit, 46. carefree, 47. nuanced, 48. nuanced, 49. sinister, 50. wiggle, 51. sect, 52. precondition, 53. instigate, 54. ovation

55. pi\_\_\_\_\_al representation *adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text
56. en\_\_\_p unsuspecting victims *v.* to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation
57. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
58. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
59. ev\_\_e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
60. en\_\_\_f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
61. fr\_\_\_\_\_c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
62. sl\_\_\_\_\_ck performance *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps
63. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
64. wi\_\_\_e with excitement *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
65. cap\_\_\_\_\_us mood *adj.* given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable; governed by a whim or fancy

ANSWERS: 55. pictorial, 56. entrap, 57. carve, 58. animate, 59. evoke, 60. engulf, 61. frantic, 62. slapstick, 63. provoke, 64. wiggle, 65. capricious



66. earn ap\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
67. an\_\_\_\_e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
68. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
69. l\_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
70. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
71. military fo\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
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74. el\_\_\_\_t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
75. ob\_\_\_\_us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
76. ef\_\_\_\_e a memory *v.* to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent

ANSWERS: 66. applause, 67. animate, 68. excite, 69. lax, 70. clap, 71. fortress, 72. liken, 73. intuition, 74. elicit, 75. oblivious, 76. efface

77. in si\_\_\_\_er terms      *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
78. ev\_\_e sympathy      *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
79. sl\_\_\_\_\_ck comedy      *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps
80. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing victim      *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
81. l\_x border controls      *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
82. ef\_\_\_e a blemish      *v.* to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent

ANSWERS: 77. sinister, 78. evoke, 79. slapstick, 80. unsuspecting, 81. lax, 82. efface

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.  
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ANSWERS: 1. lax, 2. nuanced, 3. entrap, 4. feeble, 5. elicited, 6. precondition, 7. intuitions

8. The yoga instructor instructed the class to \_\_\_\_\_ their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.
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- n.* a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other
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ANSWERS: 8. outstretch, 9. oblivious, 10. liken, 11. animated, 12. tandem, 13. sinister, 14. sect, 15. pictorial

16. He was \_\_\_\_\_ about the situation and didn't know what to do.

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22. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather made it difficult to plan outdoor activities.

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ANSWERS: 16. uneasy, 17. decoy, 18. unsuspecting, 19. efface, 20. puppet, 21. slapstick, 22. capricious

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ rule was marked by oppression and fear.

*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

24. The performers took to the stage in the \_\_\_\_\_ center, surrounded by cheering fans.

*n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

25. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.

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

26. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

27. I miss the \_\_\_\_\_ days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

*adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

28. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

29. The fire quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the entire building.

*v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

30. The mother was \_\_\_\_\_ as she searched for her lost child.

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

ANSWERS: 23. tyrant's, 24. amphitheater's, 25. provoked, 26. distract, 27. carefree, 28. clapped, 29. engulfed, 30. frantic

31. The protesters tried to \_\_\_\_\_ change and promote equality in their community.
- v. to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
32. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.
- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ burst from the audience.
- n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
34. The singer received an \_\_\_\_\_ from the crowd after her performance.
- n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
35. This movie is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ strong emotions in the viewer.
- v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
36. Her hips \_\_\_\_\_ as she walks.
- v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
37. The ancient \_\_\_\_\_ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
- n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
38. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ my phone case with a picture of my dog.
- v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

ANSWERS: 31. instigate, 32. carved, 33. applause, 34. ovation, 35. evoke, 36. wiggle, 37. fortress, 38. personalize

39. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

40. I have no idea what sort of folks \_\_\_\_\_ the neighborhood.

*v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

41. The \_\_\_\_ in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.

*n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

ANSWERS: 39. excited, 40. inhabit, 41. cog