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## Session 1: Word List

### retrospective

*adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

*synonym*: backward-looking, reflective, nostalgic

(1) **retrospective** review, (2) **retrospective** study

The **retrospective** exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.

### curator

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

*synonym*: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

### mastery

*n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

*synonym*: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

## varsity

*n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players

*synonym*: team, squad, first-string

(1) a **varsity** player, (2) **varsity** sport

Jane made the **varsity** team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.

## archer

*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

*synonym*: Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym*: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## skew

*v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

*synonym*: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

## fletch

*v.* to attach feathers to an arrow or a dart to stabilize its flight; to decorate or embellish with feathers

*synonym*: feather, arrow, shaft

(1) **fletch** a dart, (2) **fletch** with feathers

He carefully **fletched** each arrow before heading out for his archery competition.

## matchstick

*n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used

for lighting fires or as a component of a match

(1) burning **matchstick**, (2) **matchstick** figure

She carved the carrot into **matchstick-sized** pieces for the salad.

## tenacity

*n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

*synonym*: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

## exactitude

*n.* the quality of being precise and accurate, with attention to the finest details; correctness or exactness

*synonym*: accuracy, precision, meticulousness

(1) **exactitude** of measurements, (2) **exactitude** in details

The scientist maintained **exactitude** standards in his research to achieve reliable results.

## obscurity

*n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction

*synonym*: vagueness, ambiguity, uncertainty

(1) sink into **obscurity**, (2) **obscurity** of expression

The **obscurity** of the author's writing style made it difficult to understand the book.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## hopeless

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym*: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything  
After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym*: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

## protagonist

*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

*synonym*: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

## implore

*v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

*synonym*: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

## testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym*: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## 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.

## untold

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

*synonym*: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

## indomitable

*adj.* impossible to defeat, discourage or subdue; unconquerable; unyielding in spirit

*synonym*: unbeatable, invincible, unconquerable

(1) **indomitable** determination, (2) **indomitable** courage

Despite facing many challenges, her **indomitable** spirit helped her overcome them all.

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym*: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## propulsion

*n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means

*synonym*: propelling, driving, actuation

(1) **propulsion** technology, (2) nuclear **propulsion**

The spacecraft's **propulsion** system helped it travel through space.

## repertoire

*n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

*synonym* : collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

## **motto**

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## **propel**

*v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

*synonym* : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

## **gamble**

*v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

*synonym* : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

## **industrious**

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## **compel**

*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym* : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## proximate

*adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something

*synonym* : immediate, closest, nearest

(1) **proximate** region, (2) **proximate** location

The **proximate** cause of the accident was the driver texting on their phone.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## granular

*adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

*synonym* : gritty, grainy, sandy

(1) a **granular** medicine, (2) **granular** data

The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

## triathlon

*n.* an athletic competition consisting of three different sports activities, usually swimming, cycling, and long-distance running, typically completed in immediate succession as a race

(1) **triathlon** race, (2) **triathlon** training

The **triathlon** course included challenging hills on the cycling segment.

## craftsman

*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

*synonym* : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

## imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym* : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

## weaver

*n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

## mast

*n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

## archery

*n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target

*synonym* : bow and arrow, marksmanship

(1) practice **archery**, (2) **archery** equipment

The **archery** tournament attracted contestants from all over the country.

## earshot

*n.* the distance within which a sound can be heard; the range or distance over which one can hear a sound

*synonym* : hearing range, audible distance, earreach

(1) beyond **earshot**, (2) out of **earshot**

I could hear the music from the concert within **earshot** of my home.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym* : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## voracious

*adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something



*synonym* : ravenous, insatiable, greedy

(1) **voracious** thirst, (2) **voracious** reader

The **voracious** appetite of the teenager was legendary.

## utopia

*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym* : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal  |
| 2. a va____y player           | <i>n.</i> a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players  |
| 3. ri___e me a riddle         | <i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game  |
| 4. un___d riches              | <i>adj.</i> not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured   |
| 5. ind_____us worker          | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |
| 6. an un___d number of people | <i>adj.</i> not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured   |
| 7. ar____y equipment          | <i>n.</i> the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target   |
| 8. co___l attention           | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way |
| 9. gr____ar data              | <i>adj.</i> consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance                               |
| 10. co___r honor              | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something                              |

ANSWERS: 1. motto, 2. varsity, 3. riddle, 4. untold, 5. industrious, 6. untold, 7. archery, 8. compel, 9. granular, 10. confer

11. strive for ma\_\_\_\_y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
12. s\_\_w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
13. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
14. pro\_\_\_\_\_st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
15. 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
16. mat\_\_\_\_\_ck figure *n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
17. beyond ea\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the distance within which a sound can be heard; the range or distance over which one can hear a sound
18. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
19. ar\_\_\_\_r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 11. mastery, 12. skew, 13. testament, 14. protagonist, 15. outstretch, 16. matchstick, 17. earshot, 18. paradox, 19. archer

20. ret\_\_\_\_\_ive study *adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time
21. tapestry we\_\_\_\_rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
22. pro\_\_\_\_\_on technology *n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
23. vo\_\_\_\_\_us reader *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
24. ob\_\_\_\_\_ty of expression *n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction
25. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
26. high ar\_\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
27. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
28. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
29. pr\_\_\_\_\_te location *adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something

ANSWERS: 20. retrospective, 21. weaver, 22. propulsion, 23. voracious, 24. obscurity, 25. hopeless, 26. arctic, 27. industrious, 28. envision, 29. proximate

30. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
31. pr\_\_\_\_\_te region *adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
32. 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
33. pr\_\_\_l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
34. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
35. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
36. exa\_\_\_\_\_de of measurements *n.* the quality of being precise and accurate, with attention to the finest details; correctness or exactness
37. fl\_\_\_h a dart *v.* to attach feathers to an arrow or a dart to stabilize its flight; to decorate or embellish with feathers
38. m\_\_t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
39. nuclear pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
40. a subtle cr\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

ANSWERS: 30. imperfectly, 31. proximate, 32. outstretch, 33. propel, 34. imperfectly, 35. visualize, 36. exactitude, 37. fletch, 38. mast, 39. propulsion, 40. craftsman

41. tr\_\_\_\_\_on race *n.* an athletic competition consisting of three different sports activities, usually swimming, cycling, and long-distance running, typically completed in immediate succession as a race
42. sink into ob\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction
43. exa\_\_\_\_\_de in details *n.* the quality of being precise and accurate, with attention to the finest details; correctness or exactness
44. musical rep\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
45. a ut\_\_\_a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
46. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
47. s\_\_w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
48. pr\_\_\_l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

ANSWERS: 41. triathlon, 42. obscurity, 43. exactitude, 44. repertoire, 45. utopia, 46. confer, 47. skew, 48. propel

49. the textile we\_\_\_rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
50. practice ar\_\_\_\_y *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
51. vo\_\_\_\_\_us thirst *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
52. cu\_\_\_\_\_r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
53. ga\_\_\_e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
54. co\_\_\_l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
55. fl\_\_\_h with feathers *v.* to attach feathers to an arrow or a dart to stabilize its flight; to decorate or embellish with feathers
56. solve the ri\_\_\_e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
57. built-up m\_\_t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
58. te\_\_\_\_\_ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

ANSWERS: 49. weaver, 50. archery, 51. voracious, 52. curator, 53. gamble, 54. compel, 55. fletch, 56. riddle, 57. mast, 58. tenacity

59. im\_\_\_\_\_e forgiveness *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
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62. play a pro\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
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ANSWERS: 59. implore, 60. curator, 61. testament, 62. protagonist, 63. indomitable, 64. gamble, 65. earshot, 66. motto, 67. matchstick, 68. arctic, 69. repertoire

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73. French pa\_\_\_\_\_x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
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ANSWERS: 70. utopia, 71. indomitable, 72. tenacity, 73. paradox, 74. hopeless, 75. craftsman, 76. varsity, 77. retrospective

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ANSWERS: 78. granular, 79. triathlon, 80. visualize, 81. archer, 82. envision, 83. mastery, 84. implore

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ on the result of the fight?
  - v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the accident was the driver texting on their phone.
  - adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
  - n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
  
4. The country finally gained \_\_\_\_\_ over the whole land of its neighbors.
  - n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
  
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6. The museum \_\_\_\_\_ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
  - n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.
  - adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

ANSWERS: 1. gamble, 2. proximate, 3. protagonist's, 4. mastery, 5. triathlon, 6. curator, 7. retrospective

8. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
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12. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.  
*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
13. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.  
*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
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ANSWERS: 8. confer, 9. propulsion, 10. archer's, 11. testament, 12. utopia, 13. arctic, 14. paradox, 15. exactitude

16. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

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*n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

21. The results of the poll are \_\_\_\_\_ because it only surveyed a small group of people.

*v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

22. The adept \_\_\_\_\_ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

23. The chef's \_\_\_\_\_ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

*n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

ANSWERS: 16. imperfectly, 17. tenacity, 18. hopeless, 19. compel, 20. weaver, 21. skewed, 22. craftsman, 23. repertoire

24. She carved the carrot into \_\_\_\_\_ pieces for the salad.
- n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
25. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
26. Despite facing many challenges, her \_\_\_\_\_ spirit helped her overcome them all.
- adj.* impossible to defeat, discourage or subdue; unconquerable; unyielding in spirit
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the author's writing style made it difficult to understand the book.
- n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction
28. An increase in employment helps \_\_\_\_\_ economic growth.
- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
29. I could hear the music from the concert within \_\_\_\_\_ of my home.
- n.* the distance within which a sound can be heard; the range or distance over which one can hear a sound
30. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.
- v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ appetite of the teenager was legendary.
- adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

ANSWERS: 24. matchstick-sized, 25. motto, 26. indomitable, 27. obscurity, 28. propel, 29. earshot, 30. implore, 31. voracious

32. The yoga instructor instructed the class to \_\_\_\_\_ their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.
- 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
33. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
34. Jane made the \_\_\_\_\_ team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.
- n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
35. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. The soil had a \_\_\_\_\_ texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.
- adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ remains mysterious to us.
- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
- adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ tournament attracted contestants from all over the country.
- n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target

ANSWERS: 32. outstretch, 33. visualize, 34. varsity, 35. industrious, 36. granular, 37. riddle, 38. untold, 39. archery

40. The main cabin is located in front of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

41. He carefully \_\_\_\_\_ each arrow before heading out for his archery competition.

*v.* to attach feathers to an arrow or a dart to stabilize its flight; to decorate or embellish with feathers

42. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 40. mast, 41. fletched, 42. envision