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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### constantly

*adv.* all the time

*synonym* : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

### poll

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

*synonym* : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

### import

*v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

*synonym* : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym* : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## rely

*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

*synonym* : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

## elect

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

*synonym* : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

## legislation

*n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

*synonym* : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

## tribune

*n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made

by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

*synonym* : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

## headline

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

*synonym* : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

## bold

*adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

*synonym* : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

## defeat

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

*synonym* : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

## conclude

*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

*synonym* : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## whoop

*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

*synonym* : yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with

excitement.

## inaccurate

*adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

*synonym*: incorrect, erroneous, imprecise

(1) **inaccurate** measurement, (2) **inaccurate** figures

The information in the report was found to be **inaccurate**, so it had to be corrected before it was published.

## mislead

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

*synonym*: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

## largely

*adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

*synonym*: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym*: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## prediction

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

*synonym*: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

## diversity

*n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

*synonym* : variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

## gender

*n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

*synonym* : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

## geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym* : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

## pointless

*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

*synonym* : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

## magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym* : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

## **bias**

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym* : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## **confrontation**

*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

*synonym* : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

## **desirable**

*adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

*synonym* : appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

## **necessarily**

*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

*synonym* : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

## **racist**

*adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

*synonym* : discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

## bigot

*n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

*synonym*: sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

## purposely

*adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately

*synonym*: intentionally, deliberately, on purpose

(1) **purposely** ignored, (2) **purposely** vague

She **purposely** left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.

## sway

*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

*synonym*: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

## candidate

*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

*synonym*: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard  
*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## manipulate

*v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

*synonym*: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

## inaccuracy

*n.* a lack of precision, correctness, or truthfulness; the state of being incorrect or mistaken

*synonym*: inexactness, error, mistake

(1) **inaccuracy** of measurements, (2) accumulated **inaccuracy**

There was an **inaccuracy** in the report that had to be corrected before it was published.

## prevalent

*adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

*synonym*: common, ubiquitous, rampant

(1) **prevalent** in Japan, (2) **prevalent** belief

This virus is **prevalent** in many tropical nations.

## flaw

*n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

*synonym*: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

## mood

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym*: mindset, disposition, temper



(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**  
His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

## politician

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

*synonym*: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**  
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

## fashion

*n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

*synonym*: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends  
That style is no longer in **fashion**.

## fin

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym*: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane  
The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

## grain

*n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

*synonym*: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**  
Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. have a b\_\_s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
2. far-right ra\_\_\_t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
3. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
4. a pre-election p\_\_l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
5. de\_\_\_t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
6. new fa\_\_\_\_\_n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
7. religious bi\_\_t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
8. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
9. ge\_\_\_\_\_hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 1. bias, 2. racist, 3. norm, 4. poll, 5. defeat, 6. fashion, 7. bigot, 8. conclude, 9. geography

10. editorial tr\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
11. ina\_\_\_\_\_te figures      *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
12. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
13. ac\_\_\_\_\_te measurements      *adj.* correct and exact in all details
14. anti-terrorist leg\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
15. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority      *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
16. economic ge\_\_\_\_\_hy      *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
17. el\_\_t death      *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
18. violent con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
19. lingual di\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 10. tribune, 11. inaccurate, 12. blacksmith, 13. accurate, 14. legislation, 15. decision, 16. geography, 17. elect, 18. confrontation, 19. diversity

20. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly innovative enterprise      *adv.* all the time
21. de\_\_\_\_\_le result      *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
22. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
23. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
24. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
25. nec\_\_\_\_\_ly true      *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
26. the m\_\_d in a room      *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
27. go out of fa\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
28. b\_\_s against a big company      *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
29. a minor f\_\_w      *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
30. la\_\_\_\_\_y accepted      *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
31. a gr\_\_n of sand      *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
32. s\_\_y to the rhythm      *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 20. constantly, 21. desirable, 22. government, 23. blacksmith, 24. obvious, 25. necessarily, 26. mood, 27. fashion, 28. bias, 29. flaw, 30. largely, 31. grain, 32. sway

33. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
34. the position of tr\_\_\_\_e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
35. de\_\_\_\_t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
36. man\_\_\_\_te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
37. make my pre\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
38. pu\_\_\_\_ly ignored *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
39. mi\_\_\_\_d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
40. r\_\_y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
41. pu\_\_\_\_ly vague *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
42. ina\_\_\_\_cy of measurements *n.* a lack of precision, correctness, or truthfulness; the state of being incorrect or mistaken

ANSWERS: 33. fin, 34. tribune, 35. defeat, 36. manipulate, 37. prediction, 38. purposely, 39. mislead, 40. rely, 41. purposely, 42. inaccuracy

43. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
44. a selfish de\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
45. big, b\_\_d piano sounds      *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
46. gov\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
47. gloomy pre\_\_\_\_ons      *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
48. s\_\_y back and forth      *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
49. po\_\_\_\_ss argument      *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
50. de\_\_\_\_le effect      *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
51. flour made from gr\_\_n      *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
52. pr\_\_\_\_nt belief      *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

ANSWERS: 43. obvious, 44. decision, 45. bold, 46. government, 47. prediction, 48. sway, 49. pointless, 50. desirable, 51. grain, 52. prevalent

53. a corrupt pol\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
54. provide ac\_\_\_\_\_te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
55. PhD ca\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
56. ca\_\_\_\_\_te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
57. el\_\_t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
58. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
59. r\_\_y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
60. la\_\_\_\_\_y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
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62. ge\_\_\_r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 53. politician, 54. accurate, 55. candidate, 56. candidate, 57. elect, 58. constantly, 59. rely, 60. largely, 61. inaccuracy, 62. gender





72. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
73. im\_\_\_t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
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75. ina\_\_\_\_\_te measurement *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
76. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
77. dual ge\_\_\_r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
78. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
79. banner he\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
80. the f\_\_w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

ANSWERS: 72. magic, 73. import, 74. poll, 75. inaccurate, 76. norm, 77. gender, 78. manipulate, 79. headline, 80. flaw

81. not nec\_\_\_\_\_ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
82. a pol\_\_\_\_\_an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
83. in an ugly m\_\_d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
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ANSWERS: 81. necessarily, 82. politician, 83. mood, 84. legislation, 85. bold, 86. mislead, 87. whoop, 88. confrontation, 89. diversity, 90. fin

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ in the report that had to be corrected before it was published.  
*n.* a lack of precision, correctness, or truthfulness; the state of being incorrect or mistaken
  
2. The mobile application industry is \_\_\_\_\_ changing.  
*adv.* all the time
  
3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
  
4. Nevada is \_\_\_\_\_ a desert state.  
*adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
  
5. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
  
6. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.  
*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
  
7. Please tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_ this computer.  
*v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
  
8. The company \_\_\_\_\_ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.  
*v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

ANSWERS: 1. inaccuracy, 2. constantly, 3. obvious, 4. largely, 5. elected, 6. bias, 7. manipulate, 8. imports

9. Cultural norms strongly influence \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.  
*n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
10. This virus is \_\_\_\_\_ in many tropical nations.  
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*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
16. The information in the report was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ so it had to be corrected before it was published.  
*adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

ANSWERS: 9. gender, 10. prevalent, 11. desirable, 12. accurate, 13. pointless, 14. flaw, 15. sway, 16. inaccurate,

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.  
*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
18. Several \_\_\_\_\_ show a decline in the president's approval rating.  
*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
19. The winning team began to \_\_\_\_\_ and holler with excitement.  
*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.  
*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
21. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
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*n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
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*adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
24. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.  
*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 17. blacksmith, 18. polls, 19. whoop, 20. concluded, 21. government, 22. legislation, 23. racist, 24. decision

25. The politician delivered his speech from the \_\_\_\_\_ to a crowd of cheering supporters.
- n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
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27. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
28. The effort to alleviate climate change needs \_\_\_\_\_ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
29. Babies heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
30. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
31. His gaffe spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinner party.
- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
32. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 25. tribune, 26. norms, 27. grains, 28. bold, 29. rely, 30. fins, 31. mood, 32. magic

33. She \_\_\_\_\_ left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.  
*adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
34. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.  
*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
36. That style is no longer in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.  
*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
38. Our troops pulled back to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.  
*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.  
*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
40. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.  
*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 33. purposely, 34. bigot, 35. candidate's, 36. fashion, 37. confrontation, 38. mislead, 39. politician, 40. defeat



41. These results muddied the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

42. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

43. He was impressed by the range and \_\_\_\_\_ of the collection.

*n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

44. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

45. This accident was something that happened \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 41. prediction, 42. headline, 43. diversity, 44. geography, 45. necessarily