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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- devour** *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly  
*synonym* : consume, swallow, destroy  
(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way  
She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.
- butler** *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties  
*synonym* : valet, majordomo, manservant  
(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**  
The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
- octave** *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale  
*synonym* : eighth, interval, range  
(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range  
The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.
- medial** *adj.* referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body  
*synonym* : central, intermediate, midmost

(1) **medial** thigh, (2) **medial** approach

The **medial** side of the knee is prone to injury in certain sports like soccer and basketball.

## caesura

*n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation

*synonym*: pause, break, interruption

(1) **caesura** in poetry, (2) create a **caesura** effect

The song had a melodic **caesura** that added a sense of drama to the lyrics.

## enjambment

*n.* the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse

*synonym*: spillover, overflow

(1) **enjambment** poetry, (2) creative **enjambment**

The poet's seamless use of **enjambment** allowed one stanza to flow into the next with little interruption.

## bully

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym*: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## memorize

*v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

*synonym*: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

## tarry

- v. to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar

*synonym*: delay, linger, loiter

(1) **tarry** road surface, (2) **tarry** over a decision

I decided to **tarry** a little longer at the beach and enjoy the sunset before heading home.

## disperse

- v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

*synonym*: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

## rhyme

- n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

*synonym*: verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

## exaggerate

- v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

*synonym*: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

## genie

- n. in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires

*synonym*: djinn, spirit, demon

(1) **genie** bottle, (2) **genie** lamp

No one believed in the **genie's** existence until he appeared in front of them.

## oleander

*n.* an evergreen Mediterranean shrub or small tree with white, pink, or red flowers and long pointed thick leaves cultivated as an ornamental and landscaping plant

(1) **oleander** leaf, (2) **oleander** bushes

This plant belongs to the **oleander** family.

## smack

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym*: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## guise

*n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

*synonym*: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

## masculine

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

*synonym*: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

## insinuate

*v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly

*synonym*: hint, suggest, imply

(1) **insinuate** ideas, (2) **insinuate** doubt

He tried to **insinuate** that he was innocent, but nobody

believed him.

## slang

*n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

*synonym*: lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

## anthology

*n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme

*synonym*: compilation, collection, selection

(1) **anthology** series, (2) short story **anthology**

A renowned literary critic edited the poetry **anthology**.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## scandalous

*adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

*synonym*: disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

## deceive

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

*synonym*: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

## poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym* : toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

## edgy

*adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

*synonym* : tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

## alienated

*adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

*synonym* : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

## bough

*n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch

*synonym* : branch, limb, twig

(1) **bough** of a tree, (2) snowy **bough**

The squirrel scampered up the **bough** to reach the nuts on the tree.

## gloomy

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

*synonym* : melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

## helm

*n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat  
*synonym* : steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

## spur

*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

*synonym* : encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

## dispel

*v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

*synonym* : chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

## dew

*n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight

*synonym* : condensation, vapor, fog

(1) a drop of **dew**, (2) morning **dew**

Moisture in the atmosphere condenses at night and forms **dew**.

## 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.

## showy

*adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality

*synonym* : flashy, flamboyant, ostentatious

(1) **showy** clothes, (2) **showy** jewelry

She wore a **showy** dress to the awards ceremony to grab people's attention.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## stanza

*n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

*synonym* : verse, division, section

(1) poetic **stanza**, (2) opening **stanza**

The poem was divided into three **stanzas**, each with its unique message and rhythm.

## inquisitive

*adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

*synonym* : curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

## goofy

*adj.* silly or foolish

*synonym* : silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression



He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

## preposterous

*adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

*synonym*: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

## ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

## scot

*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

*synonym*: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

## sliver

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

*synonym*: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

## handwriting

*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

*synonym*: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym* : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## earnest

*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

*synonym* : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

## grasping

*adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

*synonym* : greedy, extorting, acquisitive

(1) **grasping** landlord, (2) **grasping** disposition

He was criticized for his **grasping** attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

## haunt

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym* : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. po\_\_\_c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
2. household bu\_\_\_r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
3. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
4. bo\_\_h of a tree *n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
5. ge\_\_e bottle *n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
6. bu\_\_\_r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
7. ge\_\_e lamp *n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
8. me\_\_\_l approach *adj.* referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body

ANSWERS: 1. poetic, 2. butler, 3. envision, 4. bough, 5. genie, 6. butler, 7. genie, 8. medial

9. pre\_\_\_\_\_ous price *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
10. sm\_\_k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
11. oc\_\_\_e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
12. gl\_\_\_y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
13. try hard to me\_\_\_\_\_ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
14. sca\_\_\_\_\_us revelations *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
15. gl\_\_\_y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
16. rh\_\_e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
17. create a ca\_\_\_\_\_a effect *n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation

ANSWERS: 9. preposterous, 10. smack, 11. octave, 12. gloomy, 13. memorize, 14. scandalous, 15. gloomy, 16. rhyme, 17. caesura

18. wear ma\_\_\_\_\_ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
19. ha\_\_t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
20. al\_\_\_\_\_ed from my parents *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
21. pay annual s\_\_t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
22. morning d\_w *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
23. po\_\_\_\_\_us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
24. e\_\_y haircut *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
25. poetic st\_\_\_a *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

ANSWERS: 18. masculine, 19. haunt, 20. alienated, 21. scot, 22. dew, 23. poisonous, 24. edgy, 25. stanza

26. ware a go\_\_y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
27. de\_\_\_\_e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
28. oc\_\_\_\_e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
29. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
30. write in rh\_\_e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
31. a drop of d\_w *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
32. Internet sl\_\_g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
33. me\_\_\_\_l thigh *adj.* referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body
34. h\_\_m of a ship *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
35. ma\_\_\_\_ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 26. goofy, 27. deceive, 28. octave, 29. confuse, 30. rhyme, 31. dew, 32. slang, 33. medial, 34. helm, 35. masculine

36. ea\_\_\_\_t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
37. with a go\_\_y expression *adj.* silly or foolish
38. bu\_\_y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
39. gr\_\_\_\_ng landlord *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
40. en\_\_\_\_on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
41. ol\_\_\_\_er bushes *n.* an evergreen Mediterranean shrub or small tree with white, pink, or red flowers and long pointed thick leaves cultivated as an ornamental and landscaping plant
42. creative enj\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse
43. de\_\_\_\_r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
44. po\_\_\_\_us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

ANSWERS: 36. earnest, 37. goofy, 38. bully, 39. grasping, 40. envision, 41. oleander, 42. enjambment, 43. devour, 44. poisonous

45. di\_\_\_\_se the protesters      *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
46. ha\_\_t my conscience      *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
47. sm\_\_k his knee      *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
48. sl\_\_\_\_r of metal      *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
49. become al\_\_\_\_ed      *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
50. sh\_\_y jewelry      *adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality
51. in\_\_\_\_te ideas      *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
52. ep\_\_\_\_al joys      *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
53. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 45. disperse, 46. haunt, 47. smack, 48. sliver, 49. alienated, 50. showy, 51. insinuate, 52. ephemeral, 53. rev



54. exa\_\_\_\_\_te in degree      *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
55. han\_\_\_\_\_ng sample      *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
56. under the gu\_\_e of friendship      *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
57. snowy bo\_\_h      *n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
58. di\_\_\_l baseless rumors      *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
59. in\_\_\_\_\_te doubt      *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
60. de\_\_\_\_\_e skillfully      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
61. opening st\_\_\_a      *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
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ANSWERS: 54. exaggerate, 55. handwriting, 56. guise, 57. bough, 58. dispel, 59. insinuate, 60. deceive, 61. stanza, 62. tarry

63. han\_\_\_\_\_ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
64. in the gu\_\_e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
65. ep\_\_\_\_\_al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
66. pre\_\_\_\_\_ous claim *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
67. ta\_\_y over a decision *v.* to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar
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ANSWERS: 63. handwriting, 64. guise, 65. ephemeral, 66. preposterous, 67. tarry, 68. sliver, 69. spur, 70. spur

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88. e\_\_y fashion *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
89. traditional S\_\_t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
90. exa\_\_\_\_\_te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
91. me\_\_\_\_\_ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
92. sh\_\_y clothes *adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality
93. inq\_\_\_\_\_ve mind *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
94. inq\_\_\_\_\_ve researcher *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

ANSWERS: 88. edgy, 89. scot, 90. exaggerate, 91. memorize, 92. showy, 93. inquisitive, 94. inquisitive

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.  
*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
2. He was criticized for his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.  
*adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
3. This plant belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ family.  
*n.* an evergreen Mediterranean shrub or small tree with white, pink, or red flowers and long pointed thick leaves cultivated as an ornamental and landscaping plant
4. This program aims to \_\_\_\_\_ certain misconceptions about the disease.  
*v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
5. Her allure lies in her \_\_\_\_\_ rather than feminine beauty.  
*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
6. The poet's seamless use of \_\_\_\_\_ allowed one stanza to flow into the next with little interruption.  
*n.* the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse
7. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the awards ceremony to grab people's attention.  
*adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality

ANSWERS: 1. envision, 2. grasping, 3. oleander, 4. dispel, 5. masculine, 6. enjambment, 7. showy

8. A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
- n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
9. Moisture in the atmosphere condenses at night and forms \_\_\_\_.
- n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
10. Lawyers need to \_\_\_\_\_ even the most minor provisions of the law.
- v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
11. They operated an illegal business under the \_\_\_\_\_ of an employment agency.
- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
12. I always feel \_\_\_\_\_ when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.
- adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
13. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ side of the knee is prone to injury in certain sports like soccer and basketball.
- adj.* referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body
15. The personal \_\_\_\_\_ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

ANSWERS: 8. slang, 9. dew, 10. memorize, 11. guise, 12. edgy, 13. rev, 14. medial, 15. butler

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

17. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the performer long after the show ended.

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

18. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

19. The ship's captain took the \_\_\_\_\_ and charted a course through the stormy waters.

*n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

20. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

21. I had to be careful not to step on a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass on the floor.

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 16. gloomy, 17. haunt, 18. smacked, 19. helm, 20. bully, 21. sliver



22. The squirrel scampered up the \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the nuts on the tree.  
*n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
23. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
24. The song had a melodic \_\_\_\_\_ that added a sense of drama to the lyrics.  
*n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation
25. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
26. The threat of losing his job was the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to work harder.  
*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the note was barely legible.  
*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
28. The idea that aliens built the pyramids is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
29. She \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.  
*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 22. bough, 23. devoured, 24. caesura, 25. confused, 26. spur, 27. handwriting, 28. preposterous, 29. exaggerated

30. Before authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
31. He spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.
- adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
32. The new employee felt \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.
- adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
33. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scene from a movie.
- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
34. A renowned literary critic edited the poetry \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
35. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
36. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a little longer at the beach and enjoy the sunset before heading home.
- v.* to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar

ANSWERS: 30. dispersed, 31. earnest, 32. alienated, 33. poetic, 34. anthology, 35. ephemeral, 36. tarry

37. The magician's illusions were designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ child asked endless questions about the world around her.
- adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
39. No one believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ existence until he appeared in front of them.
- n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
40. Some species of \_\_\_\_\_ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
- adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
41. The poem was divided into three \_\_\_\_\_ each with its unique message and rhythm.
- n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.
- n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
43. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ face as he recalled this morning's events.
- adj.* silly or foolish

ANSWERS: 37. deceive, 38. inquisitive, 39. genie's, 40. poisonous snakes, 41. stanzas, 42. scot-free, 43. goofy

44. The singer's range was impressive, covering three \_\_\_\_\_ with ease.
- n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
45. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.
- v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
46. The media exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ affair between the politician and his assistant.
- adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
47. The poem had a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ scheme throughout.
- n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

ANSWERS: 44. octaves, 45. insinuate, 46. scandalous, 47. rhyme