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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### snail

*n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

*synonym* : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

### opaque

*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

*synonym* : impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

### tumble

*v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

*synonym* : fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

## decompose

*v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

*synonym*: break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

## infirmary

*n.* a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

*synonym*: hospital, clinic, medical center

(1) **infirmary** bed, (2) school **infirmary**

The injured soldier was taken to the military **infirmary** for treatment.

## enteritis

*n.* inflammation of the small intestine, often caused by infection, food poisoning, or other factors

*synonym*: colitis, enterocolitis

(1) bacterial **enteritis**, (2) viral **enteritis**

After consuming contaminated food, she developed **enteritis** and severe abdominal pain.

## foresee

*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

*synonym*: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges  
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## depress

*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

*synonym*: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

## tabloid

*adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

*synonym*: gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**

The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

## fatalism

*n.* the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance

*synonym*: determinism, inevitability

(1) **fatalism** philosophy, (2) cultural **fatalism**

Society's deep-rooted **fatalism** made it difficult for progress to be made.

## cynical

*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

*synonym*: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## infirm

*adj.* lacking physical strength or firmness; weak, feeble, or easily vulnerable to illness or injury

*synonym* : frail, weak, feeble

(1) **infirm** patients, (2) **infirm** mind

The older woman required constant care due to her **infirm** health.

## fragility

*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

*synonym* : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

## embed

*v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

*synonym* : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

## rename

*v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

*synonym* : rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

## atrium

*n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

*synonym* : lobby, hall, chamber

(1) **atrium** architecture, (2) **atrium** valve

The office building had a beautiful **atrium** in the center, filled with natural light and plants.

## emblazon

*v.* to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something

*synonym* : display, exhibit, showcase

(1) **emblazon** logo, (2) **emblazon** with pride

The company **emblazoned** its slogan on billboards across the city.

## injunction

*n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

*synonym* : order, command, directive

(1) legal **injunction**, (2) court **injunction**

The union requested an **injunction** to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

## 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.

## accusation

*n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

*synonym* : charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

## negligent

*adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters

*synonym*: careless, reckless, inattentive

(1) **negligent** behavior, (2) sit in a **negligent** posture

The **negligent** driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.

## underpin

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

*synonym*: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

## condemn

*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym*: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## filmmaker

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

*synonym*: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

## devalue

*v.* to reduce the value or worth of something

*synonym*: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

## inhabit

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

*synonym*: settle, occupy, populate

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

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

## inescapable

*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade

*synonym* : unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable

(1) **inescapable** fate, (2) an **inescapable** position

The consequences of his actions were **inescapable**, and he had to face the consequences.

## undervalue

*v.* to assign too low a value to something

*synonym* : underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym* : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## censor

*n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

*synonym* : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

## tempt

*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

*synonym* : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

## **misappropriate**

v. to use or handle someone else's funds, property, or resources dishonestly or inappropriately, typically for personal gain; to embezzle or illegally divert assets

*synonym* : embezzle, steal, pilfer

(1) **misappropriate** the trade secrets, (2) **misappropriate** resources

He was fired from his job for attempting to **misappropriate** company funds.

## **abrogate**

v. to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect

*synonym* : revoke, nullify, cancel

(1) **abrogate** a responsibility, (2) **abrogate** a contract

The government decided to **abrogate** the outdated law and implement a new one that better serves the needs of the citizens.

## **simplistic**

*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

*synonym* : basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

## **disillusion**

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

*synonym* : disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality

She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.



## apathy

*n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

*synonym*: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

## obsession

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym*: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

## typify

*v.* to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something

*synonym*: embody, represent, personify

(1) **typify** a generation, (2) **typify** a stereotype

These flowers **typify** the beauty of spring.

## aberration

*n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical

*synonym*: deviation, anomaly, irregularity

(1) random **aberration**, (2) genetic **aberration**

The team's losing streak was an **aberration** from their typical winning record.

## ardent

*adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

*synonym*: passionate, fervent, eager

(1) **ardent** supporter, (2) **ardent** love

His **ardent** desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.

## libertarian

*n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

*synonym*: latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

## overbearing

*adj.* excessively controlling, dominating, or dictatorial in one's behavior toward others

*synonym*: domineering, authoritarian, controlling

(1) an **overbearing** personality, (2) **overbearing** behavior  
My boss is so **overbearing** that he always insists on doing things his way and won't listen to anyone else's suggestions.

## reconcile

*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

*synonym*: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute  
Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym*: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy  
Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

## inflame

*v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

*synonym*: agitate, arouse, enrage

(1) **inflame** skin, (2) **inflame** his passion  
Her eyes **inflamed** with crying.

## epoch

*n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time

*synonym*: era, age, period

(1) **epoch-making** event, (2) post-modern **epoch**  
The Industrial Revolution is often considered an **epoch** in human history.

## disarm

*v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

*synonym* : demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

## precondition

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

*synonym* : requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

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

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

## manipulative

*adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

*synonym* : maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ep\_\_h-making event *n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
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3. em\_\_\_\_\_on with pride *v.* to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
4. dis\_\_\_\_\_on him about reality *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
5. ar\_\_\_t supporter *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
6. a successful fi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
7. man\_\_\_\_\_ive language *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
8. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
9. in\_\_\_m mind *adj.* lacking physical strength or firmness; weak, feeble, or easily vulnerable to illness or injury

ANSWERS: 1. epoch, 2. infirm, 3. emblazon, 4. disillusion, 5. ardent, 6. filmmaker, 7. manipulative, 8. empathy, 9. infirm

10. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
11. viral en\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* inflammation of the small intestine, often caused by infection, food poisoning, or other factors
12. ne\_\_\_\_\_nt behavior *adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
13. cy\_\_\_\_\_l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
14. de\_\_\_e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
15. ap\_\_\_y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
16. ce\_\_\_r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
17. ty\_\_\_y a stereotype *v.* to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something
18. in\_\_\_\_\_ry bed *n.* a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic
19. fa\_\_\_\_\_sm philosophy *n.* the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance

ANSWERS: 10. sect, 11. enteritis, 12. negligent, 13. cynical, 14. devote, 15. apathy, 16. censor, 17. typify, 18. infirmary, 19. fatalism

20. ab\_\_\_\_te a contract      *v.* to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect
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23. company mo\_\_o      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
24. court inj\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
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27. school in\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic
28. und\_\_\_\_\_ue the potential      *v.* to assign too low a value to something

ANSWERS: 20. abrogate, 21. aberration, 22. disarm, 23. motto, 24. injunction, 25. typify, 26. devote, 27. infirmary, 28. undervalue

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32. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
33. in\_\_\_\_\_t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
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37. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
38. em\_\_\_\_\_on logo *v.* to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something

ANSWERS: 29. foresee, 30. enteritis, 31. precondition, 32. reclaim, 33. inhabit, 34. censor, 35. aberration, 36. overbearing, 37. motto, 38. emblazon

39. political ap\_\_\_y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
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43. false acc\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
44. mis\_\_\_\_\_ate resources *v.* to use or handle someone else's funds, property, or resources dishonestly or inappropriately, typically for personal gain; to embezzle or illegally divert assets
45. ab\_\_\_\_\_te a responsibility *v.* to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect
46. te\_\_t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 39. apathy, 40. tumble, 41. injunction, 42. rename, 43. accusation, 44. misappropriate, 45. abrogate, 46. tempt



47. ta\_\_\_\_d journalism *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
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52. sn\_\_\_l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
53. non-fiction fi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
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ANSWERS: 47. tabloid, 48. manipulative, 49. simplistic, 50. inescapable, 51. tumble, 52. snail, 53. filmmaker, 54. misappropriate

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ANSWERS: 55. cynical, 56. libertarian, 57. disarm, 58. accusation, 59. decompose, 60. devalue, 61. overbearing, 62. tabloid

63. sn\_\_l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
64. em\_\_d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
65. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
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74. at\_\_\_m architecture *n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

ANSWERS: 63. snail, 64. embed, 65. reconcile, 66. decompose, 67. embed, 68. underpin, 69. empathy, 70. obsession, 71. libertarian, 72. inhabit, 73. negligent, 74.

atrium

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ANSWERS: 75. underpin, 76. reclaim, 77. simplistic, 78. inescapable, 79. undervalue, 80. inflame, 81. foresee, 82. depress, 83. condemn, 84. atrium

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87. co\_\_\_\_\_n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
88. essential pre\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
89. post-modern ep\_\_h *n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
90. ar\_\_\_t love *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
91. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
92. re\_\_\_\_\_le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
93. dis\_\_\_\_\_on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

ANSWERS: 85. fatalism, 86. sect, 87. condemn, 88. precondition, 89. epoch, 90. ardent, 91. distort, 92. reconcile, 93. disillusion

94. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy      *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
95. op\_\_\_\_\_e material      *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
96. fr\_\_\_\_\_ty of life      *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
97. de\_\_\_\_\_s their spirits      *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
98. op\_\_\_\_\_e color      *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
99. in\_\_\_\_\_e his passion      *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
100. de\_\_\_\_\_e a brand      *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
101. te\_\_t the taste buds      *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
102. national ob\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
103. emotional fr\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

ANSWERS: 94. distort, 95. opaque, 96. fragility, 97. depress, 98. opaque, 99. inflame, 100. devalue, 101. tempt, 102. obsession, 103. fragility

104. re\_\_\_e the street

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

ANSWERS: 104. rename



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The union requested an \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.
  - n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
  
2. The new owners \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.
  - v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
  
3. The renowned \_\_\_\_\_ won several awards for his latest film.
  - n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
  
4. The curtains were made of \_\_\_\_\_ fabric that blocked out all light.
  - adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
  
5. These flowers \_\_\_\_\_ the beauty of spring.
  - v.* to be a typical example of; to represent or serve as an example of something
  
6. His \_\_\_\_\_ desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.
  - adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
  
7. The Industrial Revolution is often considered an \_\_\_\_\_ in human history.
  - n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
  
8. He was fired from his job for attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ company funds.
  - v.* to use or handle someone else's funds, property, or resources dishonestly or inappropriately, typically for personal gain; to embezzle or illegally divert assets

ANSWERS: 1. injunction, 2. renamed, 3. filmmaker, 4. opaque, 5. typify, 6. ardent, 7. epoch, 8. misappropriate

9. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
- n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
10. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.
- v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
11. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
12. After consuming contaminated food, she developed \_\_\_\_\_ and severe abdominal pain.
- n.* inflammation of the small intestine, often caused by infection, food poisoning, or other factors
13. The team's losing streak was an \_\_\_\_\_ from their typical winning record.
- n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
14. The office building had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ in the center, filled with natural light and plants.
- n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear
15. The injured soldier was taken to the military \_\_\_\_\_ for treatment.
- n.* a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

ANSWERS: 9. obsession, 10. distort, 11. reclaim, 12. enteritis, 13. aberration, 14. atrium, 15. infirmary

16. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
17. Her negative comments about the project only \_\_\_\_\_ the team's efforts.
- v. to reduce the value or worth of something
18. Though he was evil, he never \_\_\_\_\_ his friends into wrongdoing.
- v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
19. The police were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect without any violence.
- v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
20. The newspaper editor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
21. The value of the currency \_\_\_\_\_ against major international currencies.
- v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
22. The consequences of his actions were \_\_\_\_\_ and he had to face the consequences.
- adj. impossible to avoid or evade

ANSWERS: 16. decompose, 17. devalued, 18. tempted, 19. disarm, 20. censor, 21. tumbled, 22. inescapable,

23. The government was \_\_\_\_\_ for its handling of the crisis.  
*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.  
*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
25. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
26. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.  
*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
27. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive \_\_\_\_\_ and powerlessness.  
*n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
28. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.  
*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
29. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.  
*adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper always covers sensational stories.  
*adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

ANSWERS: 23. condemned, 24. fragility, 25. sect, 26. cynical, 27. apathy, 28. reconcile, 29. manipulative, 30. tabloid

31. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ with the management and decided to leave.
- v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
32. My boss is so \_\_\_\_\_ that he always insists on doing things his way and won't listen to anyone else's suggestions.
- adj.* excessively controlling, dominating, or dictatorial in one's behavior toward others
33. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
34. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy of the media.
- n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
35. 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
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.
- adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
37. A peaceful environment is a \_\_\_\_\_ for meaningful negotiations.
- n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

ANSWERS: 31. disillusioned, 32. overbearing, 33. Empathy, 34. libertarian, 35. motto, 36. negligent, 37. precondition

38. The government decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the outdated law and implement a new one that better serves the needs of the citizens.
- v. to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect
39. I \_\_\_\_\_ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
- v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
40. The research findings \_\_\_\_\_ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
- v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
41. The older woman required constant care due to her \_\_\_\_\_ health.
- adj. lacking physical strength or firmness; weak, feeble, or easily vulnerable to illness or injury
42. The politician's solution to the problem was too \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the underlying issue.
- adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
43. Her eyes \_\_\_\_\_ with crying.
- v. to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
- n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

ANSWERS: 38. abrogate, 39. foresee, 40. underpin, 41. infirm, 42. simplistic, 43. inflamed, 44. accusation

45. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.  
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
46. He \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.  
v. to assign too low a value to something
47. The gardener found a \_\_\_\_\_ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.  
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
48. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.  
v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
49. Society's deep-rooted \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for progress to be made.  
n. the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance
50. The company \_\_\_\_\_ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.  
v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
51. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its slogan on billboards across the city.  
v. to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
52. I have no idea what sort of folks \_\_\_\_\_ the neighborhood.  
v. to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 45. devoted, 46. undervalued, 47. snail, 48. depressed, 49. fatalism, 50. embedded, 51. emblazoned, 52. inhabit

ANSWERS: