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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- flirt**
- v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
- synonym* : tease
- (1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl
- My husband never **flirts** with other women.
- rive**
- v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
- synonym* : split, cleave, rip
- (1) **rive** the sails of the ship, (2) **rive** the stone into precise shapes
- The lumberjack used a strong axe to **rive** the logs into smaller pieces.
- omen**
- n. a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
- synonym* : portent, sign, prediction
- (1) bad **omen**, (2) prophetic **omen**
- The alignment of the planets was considered an **omen** of major changes in people's lives.

## trilogy

*n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme

*synonym*: triple, triptych

(1) **trilogy** series, (2) **trilogy** format

The Lord of the Rings **trilogy** is a classic in the fantasy genre.

## demigod

*n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements

*synonym*: half-god, superhuman

(1) ancient **demigod**, (2) musical **demigod**

The founder was treated like a tech **demigod** in the startup ecosystem because of his successful ventures.

## groin

*n.* the area of the body where the thigh meets the abdomen; the outer edge of the body where the lower abdomen and inner thigh come together; a curved masonry construction used to support an arch or vault

*synonym*: groove, crotch, junction

(1) pulled **groin**, (2) strained **groin**

The athlete felt a sharp pain in his **groin** after pulling a muscle during the game.

## inconsequential

*adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

*synonym*: insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect

The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

## autobiography

*n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

*synonym*: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

**matte**

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy  
*synonym* : dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish  
The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

**canny**

*adj.* shrewd, astute, and clever in practical matters; showing good judgment and resourcefulness, especially in financial or business situations

*synonym* : shrewd, astute, smart

(1) **canny** negotiation skills, (2) **canny** decision

The **canny** investor always knows when to buy and sell stocks for maximum profit.

**contrived**

*adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

*synonym* : artificial, forced, fabricated

(1) **contrived** situation, (2) **contrived** laughter

The storyline of the movie seemed **contrived** and needed more authenticity.

**sentimental**

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym* : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

**curator**

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

*synonym* : conservator, custodian, administrator

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

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

**typhoid**

*n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include

fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems

*synonym* : typhus, enteric fever

(1) **typhoid** outbreak, (2) **typhoid** vaccination

The doctor prescribed antibiotics to treat her **typhoid** symptoms.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym* : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

*synonym* : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym* : symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym* : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## pickle

*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a

difficult situation

*synonym* : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

## disgruntled

*adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

*synonym* : dissatisfied, resentful, unhappy

(1) become **disgruntled** at work, (2) **disgruntled** customer

The **disgruntled** employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## earthling

*n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

*synonym* : human, terrestrial, inhabitant

(1) **earthling** species, (2) lonely **earthling**

The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the **earthlings**.

## scapegoat

*v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

*synonym* : blame, accuse, fault

(1) **scapegoat** the new employee, (2) political **scapegoat**

Some politicians try to **scapegoat** specific groups of people

to distract from their shortcomings.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym*: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## taxonomy

*n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

*synonym*: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

## meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym*: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## crochet

*n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

*synonym*: knitting, needlework, lacework

(1) **crochet** pattern, (2) **crochet** kit

She passed the time on the plane by doing some **crochet**

work.

## announcer

*n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

*synonym*: emcee, broadcaster, commentator

(1) public address **announcer**, (2) radio **announcer**

The sports **announcer** provided live commentary during the game.

## dismal

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

*synonym*: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

## sampler

*n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

(1) **sampler** album, (2) electronic **sampler**

The artist made a **sampler** of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.

## montage

*n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

*synonym*: collage, mosaic, compilation

(1) **montage** sequence, (2) photographic **montage**

The film used a **montage** of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

## crowdsourcing

*n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important  
Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## executioner

*n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death

(1) **executioner's** axe, (2) brutal **executioner**

He was an **executioner** of justice, making sure all those who broke the law faced their deserved punishments.

## insomnia

*n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one

*synonym* : sleeplessness, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) medication for **insomnia**, (2) alcohol-dependent **insomnia**

He suffered **insomnia** and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.

## pivotal

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

*synonym* : crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym* : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere



The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## dialect

*n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

*synonym* : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

## metamorphosis

*n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

*synonym* : transformation, change, evolution

(1) **metamorphosis** process, (2) undergo a **metamorphosis**

The butterfly's **metamorphosis** from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

## cockroach

*n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

*synonym* : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

**Cockroaches** sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

## comfy

*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities

*synonym* : cozy, comfortable, snug

(1) a **comfy** place to live, (2) **comfy** couch

I love wearing my **comfy** slippers on a lazy Sunday morning.

## tango

*n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

### **inadvertent**

*adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning

*synonym*: unintentional, accidental, fortuitous

(1) **inadvertent** mistake, (2) **inadvertent** error

His **inadvertent** comment offended many people at the party.

### **snippet**

*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

*synonym*: fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

### **poignant**

*adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

*synonym*: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

### **tweet**

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

### **pseudonym**

*n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

*synonym*: anonym, alias, nickname

(1) hide behind a **pseudonym**, (2) digital **pseudonym**

The author published these writings under a **pseudonym**.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym* : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## cobalt

*n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms

*synonym* : Co

(1) **cobalt** steel, (2) **cobalt** blue

The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a **cobalt** layer to improve their durability.

## earbud

*n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone

*synonym* : earphone, headphone

(1) wireless **earbud**, (2) sport **earbuds**

He bought noise-canceling **earbuds** to help him concentrate while working in a noisy environment.

## extravagance

*n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

*synonym* : excess, luxury, waste

(1) luxury **extravagance**, (2) financial **extravagance**

The **extravagance** of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

## extravagant

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

*synonym* :

excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

## Session 2: Spelling

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76. pi\_\_\_e barrel      *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
77. ext\_\_\_\_\_nt expenses      *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
78. prophetic o\_\_n      *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
79. become dis\_\_\_\_\_ed at work      *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

ANSWERS: 70. rive, 71. cliché, 72. secondly, 73. inconsequential, 74. matte, 75. tango, 76. pickle, 77. extravagant, 78. omen, 79. disgruntled

80. ina\_\_\_\_\_nt mistake *adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning
81. cro\_\_\_\_\_ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
82. pi\_\_\_\_\_l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
83. co\_\_\_\_t blue *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
84. co\_\_\_\_\_ed situation *adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous
85. sport ea\_\_\_\_ds *n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone
86. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed customer *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
87. cl\_\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

ANSWERS: 80. inadvertent, 81. crowdsourcing, 82. pivotal, 83. cobalt, 84. contrived, 85. earbud, 86. disgruntled, 87. cliché

88. digital ps\_\_\_\_\_ym *n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name
89. co\_\_\_\_\_ed laughter *adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous
90. po\_\_\_\_\_nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
91. cr\_\_\_\_\_t pattern *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
92. ancient de\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements
93. public address an\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event
94. exe\_\_\_\_\_er's axe *n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death
95. a local di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

ANSWERS: 88. pseudonym, 89. contrived, 90. poignant, 91. crochet, 92. demigod, 93. announcer, 94. executioner, 95. dialect



96. co\_\_\_t steel *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
97. tr\_\_\_\_y format *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
98. di\_\_\_l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
99. se\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
100. cu\_\_\_\_r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
101. fl\_\_t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
102. ea\_\_\_\_\_ng species *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
103. lonely ea\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

ANSWERS: 96. cobalt, 97. trilogy, 98. dismal, 99. secondly, 100. curator, 101. flirt, 102. earthling, 103. earthling

104. cr\_\_\_\_\_t kit

*n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

ANSWERS: 104. crochet

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lumberjack used a strong axe to \_\_\_\_\_ the logs into smaller pieces.  
*v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
2. She wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ detailing her journey from poverty to success.  
*n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
3. The company used this \_\_\_\_\_ platform to gather ideas for its next product.  
*n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.  
*n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
5. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.  
*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
6. The body of his car has a \_\_\_\_\_ finish.  
*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
7. The artist made a \_\_\_\_\_ of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.  
*n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

ANSWERS: 1. rive, 2. autobiography, 3. crowdsourcing, 4. dialect, 5. tweet, 6. matte, 7. sampler

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

*adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

9. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

10. The old, abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me the chills.

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

11. The weather was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we decided to stay indoors all day.

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

12. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

13. The athlete felt a sharp pain in his \_\_\_\_\_ after pulling a muscle during the game.

*n.* the area of the body where the thigh meets the abdomen; the outer edge of the body where the lower abdomen and inner thigh come together; a curved masonry construction used to support an arch or vault

14. The founder was treated like a tech \_\_\_\_\_ in the startup ecosystem because of his successful ventures.

*n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements

15. I love wearing my \_\_\_\_\_ slippers on a lazy Sunday morning.

*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities

ANSWERS: 8. disgruntled, 9. infect, 10. creepy, 11. dismal, 12. greeted, 13. groin, 14. demigod, 15. comfy

16. The alignment of the planets was considered an \_\_\_\_\_ of major changes in people's lives.
- n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
17. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
18. He suffered \_\_\_\_\_ and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.
- n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
19. The journalist saved a \_\_\_\_\_ of the interview for later reference.
- n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
20. The wedding was an \_\_\_\_\_ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.
- adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
21. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
22. The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

ANSWERS: 16. omen, 17. meme, 18. insomnia, 19. snippet, 20. extravagant, 21. cliché, 22. earthlings

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ investor always knows when to buy and sell stocks for maximum profit.
- adj.* shrewd, astute, and clever in practical matters; showing good judgment and resourcefulness, especially in financial or business situations
24. He bought noise-canceling \_\_\_\_\_ to help him concentrate while working in a noisy environment.
- n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone
25. The sports \_\_\_\_\_ provided live commentary during the game.
- n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
27. We took a \_\_\_\_\_ lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.
- n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
28. The movie's \_\_\_\_\_ ending left most of the audience in tears.
- adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
29. The museum \_\_\_\_\_ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
- n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. canny, 24. earbuds, 25. announcer, 26. pickle, 27. tango, 28. poignant, 29. curator

30. My husband never \_\_\_\_\_ with other women.

- v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;  
(noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

31. \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

- n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

- n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

33. The butterfly's \_\_\_\_\_ from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

- n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

34. His \_\_\_\_\_ comment offended many people at the party.

- adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning

35. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.

- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

36. The doctor prescribed antibiotics to treat her \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms.

- n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems

ANSWERS: 30. flirts, 31. Cockroaches, 32. taxonomy, 33. metamorphosis, 34. inadvertent, 35. contagious, 36. typhoid

37. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.

- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

38. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.

- adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

39. Some politicians try to \_\_\_\_\_ specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.

- v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

40. The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a \_\_\_\_\_ layer to improve their durability.

- n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms

41. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.

- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

- n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

ANSWERS: 37. degrade, 38. secondly, 39. scapegoat, 40. cobalt, 41. sentimental, 42. extravagance



43. He was an \_\_\_\_\_ of justice, making sure all those who broke the law faced their deserved punishments.
- n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death
44. The storyline of the movie seemed \_\_\_\_\_ and needed more authenticity.
- adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous
45. The CEO's decision was \_\_\_\_\_ in the success of the company's expansion plans.
- adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
46. The Lord of the Rings \_\_\_\_\_ is a classic in the fantasy genre.
- n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
47. A clear and simple expression is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good writing.
- n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
48. The mistake was \_\_\_\_\_ and did not significantly impact the outcome.
- adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
49. She passed the time on the plane by doing some \_\_\_\_\_ work.
- n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

ANSWERS: 43. executioner, 44. contrived, 45. pivotal, 46. trilogy, 47. hallmark, 48. inconsequential, 49. crochet

50. The author published these writings under a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

51. The film used a \_\_\_\_\_ of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

- n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

52. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 50. pseudonym, 51. montage, 52. overlook