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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### tippy

*adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable

*synonym*: tilting, inclined, wobbly

(1) **tippy** toes, (2) **tippy** boat

Be careful walking on this **tippy** bridge, as it's unstable.

### plutocrat

*n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage

*synonym*: wealthy person, tycoon, magnate

(1) political **plutocrat**, (2) tech **plutocrat**

The wealthy **plutocrat** owned several companies and a private jet.

### astute

*adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness

*synonym*: perceptive, shrewd, keen

(1) **astute** decision-making, (2) **astute** businessman

His **astute** observation allowed him to catch the mistake before anyone else did.

## **billionaire**

*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

*synonym* : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

## **quintuple**

*v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many

(1) **quintuple** their income, (2) **quintuple** angle

The team aims to **quintuple** its sales by the end of the fiscal year.

## **stagnate**

*v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement

*synonym* : stall, halt, idle

(1) **stagnate** economy, (2) **stagnate** due to problems

If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may **stagnate**.

## **plutocracy**

*n.* a system or society in which power and wealth are controlled by a small wealthy elite or ruling class; a government or state in which the wealthy class holds the dominant power

*synonym* : pluto-democracy, oligarchy, ruling class

(1) corporate **plutocracy**, (2) political **plutocracy**

Wealth inequality in the country has led to a de facto **plutocracy**.

## **downright**

*adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

*synonym* : absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

## deregulation

*n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

*synonym* : liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

## privatize

*v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

*synonym* : deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

## crony

*n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities

*synonym* : buddy, pal, friend

(1) a **crony** of the governor, (2) business **crony**

The politician's close **crony** was given a high-ranking job in the administration.

## reformer

*n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

*synonym* : inciter, innovator, agitator

(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**

He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

## 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.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## superstar

*n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete

*synonym*: celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

## dazzling

*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

*synonym*: astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

## exemplar

*n.* a person or thing that is regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality or type; a model or ideal to be emulated

*synonym*: model, paradigm, archetype

(1) **exemplar** of leadership, (2) scientific **exemplar**

The lawyer cited the famous civil rights leader as an **exemplar** of courage and perseverance.

## oligarch

*n.* a member of a small group of people who hold disproportionate power or influence, often in a political or economic context

*synonym*: autocrat, dictator, ruler

(1) corrupt **oligarch**, (2) business **oligarch**

The powerful **oligarch** controlled the company's operations and made all the important decisions.

## auditorium

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

*synonym*: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## meritocratic

*adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements  
*synonym*: merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation  
The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

## tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe  
*synonym*: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**  
The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## nous

*n.* a term derived from Greek philosophy, referring to the intellect or the rational part of the mind, often used to denote higher understanding or intuitive insight  
*synonym*: mind, intellect, reason

(1) the nature of **nous** origin, (2) collective **nous**  
The philosophy class delved into the concept of **nous** transcendence, examining how the human intellect interacts with spiritual realms.

## adept

*adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult  
*synonym*: proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts  
She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

## entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

*synonym*: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

## aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

*synonym*: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded

## aristocracy

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

## outgun

v. to surpass or exceed in terms of firepower, strength, or resources; to overpower or outmatch in a competition or conflict

*synonym*: outmatch, outsmart, outdo

(1) **outgun** competitors, (2) **outgun** the enemy

The powerful neighboring nation **outgunned** the small country.

## industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## 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.

## zenith

n. the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of

something

*synonym* : pinnacle, peak, summit

(1) **zenith** of success, (2) **zenith** of popularity

Reaching the **zenith** of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.

## outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

*synonym* : delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## decouple

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

*synonym* : disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle

We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

## dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

*synonym* : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

## ilk

n. a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities

*synonym* :

type, kind, sort

(1) people of his **ilk**, (2) the same **ilk**

The company hired consultants of the same **ilk** to provide advice.

### **satanic**

*adj.* related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature

*synonym* : diabolical, wicked, evil

(1) **satanic** ritual, (2) **satanic** symbolism

The horror movie featured a **satanic** cult as the antagonist.

### **ancestor**

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym* : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

### **swath**

*n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

*synonym* : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

### **upheaval**

*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

*synonym* : disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

### **coincident**

*adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

*synonym* : concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events



**Coincident** with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

**embark**

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym*: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. corporate plu\_\_\_\_\_cy  
*n.* a system or society in which power and wealth are controlled by a small wealthy elite or ruling class; a government or state in which the wealthy class holds the dominant power
2. as\_\_\_e businessman  
*adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
3. mer\_\_\_\_\_tic society  
*adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
4. a sw\_\_h of green grass  
*n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
5. a cr\_\_y of the governor  
*n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
6. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
7. a series of coi\_\_\_\_\_nt events  
*adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
8. tech pl\_\_\_\_\_at  
*n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage

ANSWERS: 1. plutocracy, 2. astute, 3. meritocratic, 4. swath, 5. crony, 6. terrifying, 7. coincident, 8. plutocrat

9. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
10. business cr\_\_y      *n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
11. en\_\_\_l risks      *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
12. da\_\_\_\_\_ng views      *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
13. company mo\_\_o      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
14. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex      *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
15. qu\_\_\_\_\_le their income      *v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many
16. su\_\_\_\_\_ar athlete      *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
17. ou\_\_\_n competitors      *v.* to surpass or exceed in terms of firepower, strength, or resources; to overpower or outmatch in a competition or conflict
18. mer\_\_\_\_\_tic evaluation      *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

ANSWERS: 9. industrialize, 10. crony, 11. entail, 12. dazzling, 13. motto, 14. auditorium, 15. quintuple, 16. superstar, 17. outgun, 18. meritocratic

19. ad\_\_t at fishing *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
20. de\_\_\_r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
21. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
22. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
23. pr\_\_\_\_\_ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
24. ti\_\_y toes *adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
25. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
26. up\_\_\_\_\_al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
27. Silicon Valley bil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

ANSWERS: 19. adept, 20. devour, 21. outsource, 22. intellect, 23. privatize, 24. tippy, 25. outsource, 26. upheaval, 27. billionaire

28. qu\_\_\_\_\_le angle *v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many
29. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
30. do\_\_\_\_\_ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
31. te\_\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
32. the big up\_\_\_\_\_al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
33. de\_\_\_\_r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
34. ze\_\_\_\_h of success *n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
35. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
36. em\_\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
37. coi\_\_\_\_\_nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
38. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 28. quintuple, 29. motto, 30. downright, 31. tempting, 32. upheaval, 33. devour, 34. zenith, 35. smartphone, 36. embark, 37. coincident, 38. intellect

39. a crumbling dy\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
40. sa\_\_\_\_c symbolism *adj.* related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature
41. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
42. an\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
43. the escape from dy\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
44. da\_\_\_\_ng debut *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
45. do\_\_\_\_\_ht impossible *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
46. em\_\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
47. aviation der\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

ANSWERS: 39. dystopia, 40. satanic, 41. industrialize, 42. ancestor, 43. dystopia, 44. dazzling, 45. downright, 46. embark, 47. deregulation

48. the blue-blooded ari\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a group of persons with high social status
49. ti\_\_y boat      *adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
50. as\_\_\_e decision-making      *adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
51. collective n\_\_s      *n.* a term derived from Greek philosophy, referring to the intellect or the rational part of the mind, often used to denote higher understanding or intuitive insight
52. people of his i\_k      *n.* a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
53. jazz su\_\_\_\_\_ar      *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
54. the nature of n\_\_s origin      *n.* a term derived from Greek philosophy, referring to the intellect or the rational part of the mind, often used to denote higher understanding or intuitive insight
55. der\_\_\_\_\_ion of the economy      *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

ANSWERS: 48. aristocracy, 49. tippy, 50. astute, 51. nous, 52. ilk, 53. superstar, 54. nous, 55. deregulation

56. catalytic re\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
57. oil bil\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
58. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
59. pr\_\_\_\_ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
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ANSWERS: 56. reformer, 57. billionaire, 58. ancestor, 59. privatize, 60. satanic, 61. decouple, 62. swath, 63. ilk, 64. terrifying, 65. outgun



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74. corrupt ol\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a member of a small group of people who hold disproportionate power or influence, often in a political or economic context

ANSWERS: 66. adept, 67. plutocracy, 68. stagnate, 69. tempting, 70. entail, 71. zenith, 72. plutocrat, 73. exemplar, 74. oligarch

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80. st\_\_\_\_\_te due to problems *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
81. de\_\_\_\_\_le a space shuttle *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
82. member of the ari\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status

ANSWERS: 75. auditorium, 76. smartphone, 77. oligarch, 78. reformer, 79. exemplar, 80. stagnate, 81. decouple, 82. aristocracy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast \_\_\_\_\_ of the population.  
*n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
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*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
3. Reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.  
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4. He is regarded as a passionate social \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
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6. Wealth inequality in the country has led to a de facto \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a system or society in which power and wealth are controlled by a small wealthy elite or ruling class; a government or state in which the wealthy class holds the dominant power
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*n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

ANSWERS: 1. swath, 2. auditorium, 3. zenith, 4. reformer, 5. dazzling, 6. plutocracy, 7. deregulation

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- adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
10. The wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ owned several companies and a private jet.
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11. The government wants to \_\_\_\_\_ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
- v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
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- v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
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- adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
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ANSWERS: 8. nous, 9. tippy, 10. plutocrat, 11. privatize, 12. entails, 13. downright, 14. Coincident

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16. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.  
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17. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.  
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18. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
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19. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
20. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the music industry.  
*n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
21. The politician's close \_\_\_\_\_ was given a high-ranking job in the administration.  
*n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
22. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our foreign policy from ideology.  
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ANSWERS: 15. meritocratic, 16. devoured, 17. embarked, 18. intellect, 19. dystopias, 20. superstar, 21. crony, 22. decouple

23. If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
24. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
- v. to organize the production of something into an industry
25. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.
- n. a group of persons with high social status
26. The powerful \_\_\_\_\_ controlled the company's operations and made all the important decisions.
- n. a member of a small group of people who hold disproportionate power or influence, often in a political or economic context
27. The horror movie featured a \_\_\_\_\_ cult as the antagonist.
- adj. related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature
28. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.
- adj. very frightening or intimidating
29. The self-made \_\_\_\_\_ donated millions to charity.
- n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
30. The team aims to \_\_\_\_\_ its sales by the end of the fiscal year.
- v. to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many

ANSWERS: 23. stagnate, 24. industrialize, 25. aristocracy, 26. oligarch, 27. satanic, 28. terrifying, 29. billionaire, 30. quintuple

31. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
32. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its IT services to a third-party provider.  
*v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
33. His \_\_\_\_\_ observation allowed him to catch the mistake before anyone else did.  
*adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
34. The chocolate cake was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me to resist.  
*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
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 company hired consultants of the same \_\_\_\_\_ to provide advice.  
*n.* a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
37. The recent political \_\_\_\_\_ has left the country in a state of chaos.  
*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
38. The powerful neighboring nation \_\_\_\_\_ the small country.  
*v.* to surpass or exceed in terms of firepower, strength, or resources; to overpower or outmatch in a competition or conflict

ANSWERS: 31. ancestor, 32. outsource, 33. astute, 34. tempting, 35. motto, 36. ilk, 37. upheaval, 38. outgunned

39. She is highly \_\_\_\_\_ with medical equipment.

*adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

40. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

41. The lawyer cited the famous civil rights leader as an \_\_\_\_\_ of courage and perseverance.

*n.* a person or thing that is regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality or type; a model or ideal to be emulated

ANSWERS: 39. adept, 40. smartphones, 41. exemplar