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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### tuck

*v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

*synonym*: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

### restless

*adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

*synonym*: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

### primal

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

*synonym*: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

### boredom

*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym* : ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

## intricate

*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

*synonym* : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

## daydreaming

*n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

*synonym* : reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

## unconventional

*adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

*synonym* : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## nomadic

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

*synonym* : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

## **hobo**

*n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture

*synonym* : tramp, vagabond, drifter

(1) **hobo** lifestyle, (2) old **hobo**

The kind-hearted woman offered the wandering **hobo** a warm meal and a place to sleep for the night.

## **hitchhike**

*v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

*synonym* : thumb a ride, bum a ride

(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country

She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

## **vagrant**

*n.* a person who has no permanent home or residence and wanders from place to place, often living on the streets or relying on temporary accommodations; a wanderer or nomad

*synonym* : vagabond, drifter, wanderer

(1) homeless **vagrant**, (2) wandering **vagrant**

The newspaper article described a group of **vagrants** causing trouble in downtown.

## **tramp**

*n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily

*synonym* : hiker, wanderer, vagabond

(1) **tramp** comedian, (2) **tramp** all over the place

We went for a long **tramp** in the woods to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

## vagabond

*n.* a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or regular job; a person who leads a wandering or unsettled life

*synonym* : hobo, drifter, wanderer

(1) nomadic **vagabond**, (2) rebellious **vagabond**

The **vagabond** lifestyle suited him perfectly because he hated being tied down to one place.

## conjure

*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

*synonym* : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

## dangle

*v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

*synonym* : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

## portray

*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

*synonym* : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

## swirl

*v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern

*synonym* : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

## nomad

*n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a

wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

*synonym*: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

## asphalt

*n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

*synonym*: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

## huddle

*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

*synonym*: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

## renounce

*v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position

*synonym*: abandon, reject, relinquish

(1) **renounce** a claim, (2) **renounce** citizenship

He **renounced** his title and lived a simpler life as a farmer.

## glimmer

*n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

*synonym*: gleam, dazzle, gleam

(1) without a **glimmer** of truth, (2) give a **glimmer** of light

There is however a **glimmer** of hope.

## mobilize

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

*synonym*: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint  
The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

## dropout

*n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

*synonym* : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

## unforgiving

*adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored

*synonym* : relentless, uncompromising, merciless

(1) **unforgiving** blow, (2) **unforgiving** terrain

The **unforgiving** sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.

## privation

*n.* a state of lacking or deprivation, usually regarding necessities or comforts; the absence or deficiency of something essential, such as food, shelter, or clothing

*synonym* : deprivation, lack, want

(1) economic **privation**, (2) widespread **privation**

Living in extreme poverty, they faced constant **privation** and hardship.

## prism

*n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

*synonym* : crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

## wasteful

*adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

*synonym* : uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits

Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

## scavenge

*v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

*synonym* : search, scrounge, rummage

(1) **scavenge** for food, (2) **scavenge** for iron scraps

The raccoon **scavenged** through the garbage cans in search of food.

## dumpster

*n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

## idyllic

*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

*synonym* : picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

## maim

*v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

*synonym* : injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

## attest

*v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

*synonym*: verify, confirm, certify

(1) **attest** to the truth, (2) **attest** to the facts

I can **attest** to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.

## exhaustive

*adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

*synonym*: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

## rebellion

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

*synonym*: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. du\_\_\_\_er diving *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
2. no\_\_d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
3. wa\_\_\_\_ul practices *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
4. sw\_\_l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
5. id\_\_\_\_c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
6. pr\_\_m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
7. unc\_\_\_\_\_nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

ANSWERS: 1. dumpster, 2. nomad, 3. wasteful, 4. swirl, 5. idyllic, 6. prism, 7. unconventional

8. homeless va\_\_\_\_\_t                      *n.* a person who has no permanent home or residence and wanders from place to place, often living on the streets or relying on temporary accommodations; a wanderer or nomad
9. unf\_\_\_\_\_ng blow                      *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
10. da\_\_\_e a carrot                      *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
11. wa\_\_\_\_\_ul habits                      *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
12. widespread pr\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* a state of lacking or deprivation, usually regarding necessities or comforts; the absence or deficiency of something essential, such as food, shelter, or clothing
13. no\_\_\_\_\_c life                      *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
14. hi\_\_\_\_\_ke a ride                      *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
15. give a gl\_\_\_\_\_r of light                      *n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

ANSWERS: 8. vagrant, 9. unforgiving, 10. dangle, 11. wasteful, 12. privation, 13. nomadic, 14. hitchhike, 15. glimmer

16. chronic bo\_\_\_\_m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
17. dr\_\_\_\_t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
18. we\_\_e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
19. id\_\_\_\_c setting *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
20. nomadic va\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or regular job; a person who leads a wandering or unsettled life
21. old h\_\_o *n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture
22. economic pr\_\_\_\_on *n.* a state of lacking or deprivation, usually regarding necessities or comforts; the absence or deficiency of something essential, such as food, shelter, or clothing
23. re\_\_\_\_ce a claim *v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position

ANSWERS: 16. boredom, 17. dropout, 18. weave, 19. idyllic, 20. vagabond, 21. hobo, 22. privation, 23. renounce

24. as\_\_\_\_\_t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
25. the dr\_\_\_\_\_t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
26. in\_\_\_\_\_te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
27. re\_\_\_\_\_ce citizenship *v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position
28. tr\_\_p all over the place *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
29. accurately po\_\_\_\_\_y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
30. excite re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
31. hu\_\_\_e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
32. po\_\_\_\_\_y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 24. asphalt, 25. dropout, 26. intricate, 27. renounce, 28. tramp, 29. portray, 30. rebellion, 31. huddle, 32. portray

33. m\_\_m his hand      *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
34. no\_\_\_\_c herdsmen      *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
35. unf\_\_\_\_\_ng terrain      *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
36. at\_\_\_t to the truth      *v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
37. sc\_\_\_\_ge for food      *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
38. mo\_\_\_\_ze a stiff joint      *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
39. hi\_\_\_\_ke across the country      *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
40. h\_\_o lifestyle      *n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture
41. wandering va\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who has no permanent home or residence and wanders from place to place, often living on the streets or relying on temporary accommodations; a wanderer or nomad

ANSWERS: 33. maim, 34. nomadic, 35. unforgiving, 36. attest, 37. scavenge, 38. mobilize, 39. hitchhike, 40. hobo, 41. vagrant

42. mo\_\_\_\_ze cooperation      *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
43. the mental process of day\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
44. in an unc\_\_\_\_\_nal manner      *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
45. no\_\_d worker      *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
46. exh\_\_\_\_\_ve study      *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
47. hu\_\_\_e around the open fire      *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
48. in\_\_\_\_\_te details      *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
49. sw\_\_l the wine      *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
50. sc\_\_\_\_\_ge for iron scraps      *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
51. at\_\_\_t to the facts      *v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
52. rebellious va\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or regular job; a person who leads a wandering or unsettled life

ANSWERS: 42. mobilize, 43. daydreaming, 44. unconventional, 45. nomad, 46. exhaustive, 47. huddle, 48. intricate, 49. swirl, 50. scavenge, 51. attest, 52. vagabond

53. stimulate day\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
54. m\_\_m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
55. a pr\_\_m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
56. pr\_\_\_l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
57. bo\_\_\_\_\_m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
58. a re\_\_\_\_\_ss person *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
59. we\_\_e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
60. re\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 53. daydreaming, 54. maim, 55. prism, 56. primal, 57. boredom, 58. restless, 59. weave, 60. rebellion

61. co\_\_\_\_e evil spirits away      *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
62. exh\_\_\_\_ve review      *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
63. as\_\_\_\_t pavement      *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
64. da\_\_\_\_e a pendant      *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
65. co\_\_\_\_e a vision      *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
66. t\_\_k a baby in the blanket      *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
67. t\_\_k into another cigarette      *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
68. tr\_\_p comedian      *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily

ANSWERS: 61. conjure, 62. exhaustive, 63. asphalt, 64. dangle, 65. conjure, 66. tuck, 67. tuck, 68. tramp



69. re\_\_\_\_ss waves

*adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

70. empty the du\_\_\_\_er

*n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

71. without a gl\_\_\_\_r of truth

*n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

72. pr\_\_\_\_l eras

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

ANSWERS: 69. restless, 70. dumpster, 71. glimmer, 72. primal

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician managed to deal with that \_\_\_\_\_ issue.  
*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
2. The employee found \$100 in the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the store.  
*n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
3. The magician \_\_\_\_\_ up a rabbit out of thin air.  
*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
4. The military \_\_\_\_\_ troops to the border.  
*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
5. The high school \_\_\_\_\_ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.  
*n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
6. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.  
*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
7. Living in extreme poverty, they faced constant \_\_\_\_\_ and hardship.  
*n.* a state of lacking or deprivation, usually regarding necessities or comforts; the absence or deficiency of something essential, such as food, shelter, or clothing
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ his title and lived a simpler life as a farmer.  
*v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position

ANSWERS: 1. intricate, 2. dumpster, 3. conjured, 4. mobilized, 5. dropout, 6. weaves, 7. privation, 8. renounced

9. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
10. The kind-hearted woman offered the wandering \_\_\_\_\_ a warm meal and a place to sleep for the night.
- n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture
11. The earring on her earlobe would \_\_\_\_\_ as she moved her head.
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12. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ and constantly changed his postures.
- adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
13. The village was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ way of life and picturesque scenery.
- adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
14. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your shirt into your trousers.
- v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
15. The chef expertly \_\_\_\_\_ the sauce onto the plate.
- v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
16. Her \_\_\_\_\_ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.
- adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

ANSWERS: 9. boredom, 10. hobo, 11. dangle, 12. restless, 13. idyllic, 14. tuck, 15. swirled, 16. unconventional

17. This desert is the territory of \_\_\_\_\_ tribes.

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

18. We often \_\_\_\_\_ political problems as religious issues.

*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

19. The newspaper article described a group of \_\_\_\_\_ causing trouble in downtown.

*n.* a person who has no permanent home or residence and wanders from place to place, often living on the streets or relying on temporary accommodations; a wanderer or nomad

20. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

*v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

*n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

22. The antigovernment \_\_\_\_\_ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

23. I often waste a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

ANSWERS: 17. nomadic, 18. portray, 19. vagrants, 20. hitchhike, 21. nomad, 22. rebellion, 23. daydreaming

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.  
*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
25. The reckless driver \_\_\_\_\_ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.  
*v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
26. The children \_\_\_\_\_ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.  
*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
27. The team conducted an \_\_\_\_\_ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.  
*adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
28. The raccoon \_\_\_\_\_ through the garbage cans in search of food.  
*v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.  
*adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
30. I can \_\_\_\_\_ to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.  
*v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle suited him perfectly because he hated being tied down to one place.  
*n.* a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or regular job; a person who leads a wandering or unsettled life

ANSWERS: 24. primal, 25. maimed, 26. huddled, 27. exhaustive, 28. scavenged, 29. unforgiving, 30. attest, 31. vagabond

32. We went for a long \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.
- n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
33. The scientist used an optical \_\_\_\_\_ to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.
- n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
34. Buying new clothes every week is a \_\_\_\_\_ use of money and resources.
- adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
35. There is however a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope.
- n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
36. The road crew was laying fresh \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway.
- n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

ANSWERS: 32. tramp, 33. prism, 34. wasteful, 35. glimmer, 36. asphalt