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Session 1: Word List

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.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

fiance

n. a person who is engaged to be married

synonym: groom-to-be, betrothed, intended

(1) **fiance** visa, (2) meeting with the **fiance's** family

My **fiance** and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

accusation

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

synonym: charge, indictment, imputation

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

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

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym: dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

juror

n. a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial

synonym: jurist, arbiter, assessor

(1) **juror** selection, (2) **juror** anonymity

A **juror's** question during deliberations led to the discovery of new evidence in the case.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

insinuate

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

synonym: hint, suggest, imply

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

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

harrowing

adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing

synonym: traumatic, torturous, distressing

(1) **harrowing** battle, (2) **harrowing** journey

Her **harrowing** experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat

misinformation on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

distort

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

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

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.

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident

trauma.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

hypnosis

n. a mental state characterized by focused attention, relaxation, and heightened suggestibility, often induced for therapeutic or entertainment purposes

synonym: trance, mesmerism

(1) **hypnosis** therapy, (2) self- **hypnosis**

He underwent **hypnosis** to try and remember the forgotten details of the incident.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym : suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

defamation

n. the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name

synonym : slander, libel, denigration

(1) spreading **defamation**, (2) false **defamation**

The celebrity filed a **defamation** lawsuit against the tabloid for spreading false rumors.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

repercussion

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

synonym : impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**
The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

strawberry *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse
He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

outdo *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
synonym: excel, surpass, outshine
(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition
He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

asparagus *n.* a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish
(1) **asparagus** salad, (2) **asparagus** soup
I love cooking **asparagus** with garlic and olive oil.

obese *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of

30 or more

synonym: overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

outcry

n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent

synonym: protest, objection, dissent

(1) a great **outcry**, (2) national **outcry**

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

corroboration

n. evidence that confirms or supports a statement, theory, or claim; the act of providing additional evidence or testimony to strengthen the credibility or truthfulness of something

synonym: verification, confirmation, validation

(1) lack of **corroboration**, (2) the **corroboration** of their findings

The witness testimony provided **corroboration** for the defendant's alibi.

snatch

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

synonym: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

Session 2: Spelling

1. con_____te with a disease
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
2. mo_____er, she decided to go
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
3. ha_____ng journey
adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
4. fi___e visa
n. a person who is engaged to be married
5. criminal acc_____on
n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
6. 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
7. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. a memory of an eye_____ss
n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
9. re_____s gene expression
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. contaminate, 2. moreover, 3. harrowing, 4. fiancée, 5. accusation, 6. hitchhike, 7. opportune, 8. eyewitness, 9. repress, 10. satanic

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| 11. li_____an retrieval curve | <i>n.</i> the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists |
| 12. dr__n in a bath | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 13. cast fri_____ng eyes | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 14. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 15. int_____te an enemy soldier | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 16. carry a s__r | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed |
| 17. di_____t the facts | <i>v.</i> to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 18. pi___e a cucumber | <i>n.</i> vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation |
| 19. ob__e children | <i>adj.</i> excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more |
| 20. pr_____im victory | <i>v.</i> to announce or state something publicly and forcefully |
| 21. ou_____gh our wishes | <i>v.</i> to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something |

ANSWERS: 11. lifespan, 12. drown, 13. frightening, 14. opportune, 15. interrogate, 16. scar, 17. distort, 18. pickle, 19. obese, 20. proclaim, 21. outweigh

22. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
23. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
24. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
25. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
26. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
27. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
28. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
29. in_____te ideas *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
30. sa_____c ritual *adj.* related to or characteristic of Satan or Satanism; pertaining to evil or diabolical practices or beliefs; wicked or devilish in nature
31. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
32. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 22. smashing, 23. repress, 24. scar, 25. inadvertently, 26. smashing, 27. Alzheimer, 28. misinformation, 29. insinuate, 30. satanic, 31. reconstruct, 32. interrogate

33. sn___h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
34. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
35. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
36. in_____te doubt *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
37. a great ou___y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
38. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
39. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
40. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
41. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
42. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
43. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
44. ha_____ng battle *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing

ANSWERS: 33. snatch, 34. outdo, 35. inadvertently, 36. insinuate, 37. outcry, 38. reconstruct, 39. frightening, 40. strawberry, 41. sob, 42. Alzheimer, 43. misinformation, 44. harrowing

45. as_____us salad *n.* a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish
46. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
47. 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
48. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
49. hy_____is therapy *n.* a mental state characterized by focused attention, relaxation, and heightened suggestibility, often induced for therapeutic or entertainment purposes
50. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
51. lack of cor_____ion *n.* evidence that confirms or supports a statement, theory, or claim; the act of providing additional evidence or testimony to strengthen the credibility or truthfulness of something
52. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
53. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
54. self-hy_____is *n.* a mental state characterized by focused attention, relaxation, and heightened suggestibility, often induced for therapeutic or entertainment purposes

ANSWERS: 45. asparagus, 46. reunite, 47. pickle, 48. accuse, 49. hypnosis, 50. accusation, 51. corroboration, 52. outweigh, 53. disturb, 54. hypnosis

55. 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
56. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
57. but mo_____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
58. cultural rep_____ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
59. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
60. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
61. ju__r anonymity *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
62. false def_____on *n.* the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name
63. as_____us soup *n.* a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish

ANSWERS: 55. hitchhike, 56. proclaim, 57. moreover, 58. repercussion, 59. contaminate, 60. Wikipedia, 61. juror, 62. defamation, 63. asparagus

64. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
65. ju__r selection *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
66. co____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
67. co____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
68. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
69. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
70. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
71. ob__e individuals *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
72. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

ANSWERS: 64. cherish, 65. juror, 66. convict, 67. convict, 68. Wikipedia, 69. doe, 70. horrific, 71. obese, 72. strawberry

73. the cor_____ion of their findings *n.* evidence that confirms or supports a statement, theory, or claim; the act of providing additional evidence or testimony to strengthen the credibility or truthfulness of something
74. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
75. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
76. spreading def_____on *n.* the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name
77. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
78. meeting with the fi_____e's family *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
79. psy_____apy for depression *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
80. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
81. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
82. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
83. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
84. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 73. corroboration, 74. cherish, 75. consciously, 76. defamation, 77. eyewitness, 78. fiancée, 79. psychotherapy, 80. consciously, 81. lifespan, 82. reunite, 83. outdo, 84. disturb

85. the rep_____ion of an action *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
86. national ou____y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
87. ac____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
88. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
89. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
90. ho____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
91. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
92. field of psy_____apy *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
93. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
94. sn____h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

ANSWERS: 85. repercussion, 86. outcry, 87. accuse, 88. sob, 89. distort, 90. horrific, 91. doe, 92. psychotherapy, 93. drown, 94. snatch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He tried to _____ that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.
v. to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly

2. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
v. to do better than someone; to surpass

3. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
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4. He underwent _____ to try and remember the forgotten details of the incident.
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5. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.
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6. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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ANSWERS: 1. insinuate, 2. outdo, 3. interrogate, 4. hypnosis, 5. Wikipedia, 6. smashing, 7. opportune

8. The band will _____ only for this show.
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9. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
10. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
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11. My _____ and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.
n. a person who is engaged to be married
12. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
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13. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
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15. The horror movie featured a _____ cult as the antagonist.
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n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

ANSWERS: 8. reunite, 9. distort, 10. reconstruct, 11. fiance, 12. contaminate, 13. lifespan, 14. cherished, 15. satanic, 16. repercussions

17. The celebrity filed a _____ lawsuit against the tabloid for spreading false rumors.
- n.* the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name
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- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 17. defamation, 18. moreover, 19. hitchhike, 20. misinformation, 21. frightening, 22. Alzheimer's, 23. drown

24. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. Her _____ experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
26. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.
n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
27. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
28. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
29. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
30. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
31. The witness testimony provided _____ for the defendant's alibi.
n. evidence that confirms or supports a statement, theory, or claim; the act of providing additional evidence or testimony to strengthen the credibility or truthfulness of something

ANSWERS: 24. doe, 25. harrowing, 26. eyewitness, 27. disturb, 28. horrific, 29. inadvertently, 30. convicted, 31. corroboration

32. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
33. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
34. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
35. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
36. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
37. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
38. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. outweigh, 33. strawberry, 34. consciously, 35. accusation, 36. psychotherapy, 37. scar, 38. proclaimed, 39. pickle

40. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
41. I love cooking _____ with garlic and olive oil.
n. a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish
42. A _____ question during deliberations led to the discovery of new evidence in the case.
n. a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
43. The _____ against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.
n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
44. The doctor warned him that his _____ condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.
adj. excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
45. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
46. He _____ victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.
v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
47. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

ANSWERS: 40. accused, 41. asparagus, 42. juror's, 43. outcry, 44. obese, 45. repressed, 46. snatches, 47. sobbed

ANSWERS: