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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### human-made

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

*synonym* : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

### shingle

*n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding

*synonym* : tile, slate, clapboard

(1) asphalt **shingle**, (2) wooden **shingle**

The roofer installed new **shingles** on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.

### peel

*v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

*synonym* : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

### frond

*n.* a large, divided leaf, especially that of a fern or palm tree, with leaflets arranged on either side of a central axis

*synonym* : fern leaf, palm leaf, leaflet

(1) banana **frond**, (2) fern **frond**

The gardener trimmed the **fronds** of the palm trees to keep them manageable.

## **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.

## **unravel**

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

*synonym*: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

## **trampoline**

*n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

*synonym*: rebounder, bouncer, springboard

(1) **trampoline** park, (2) **trampoline** jump

I love jumping on the **trampoline** in my backyard.

## **mushroom**

*n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

*synonym*: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

## **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.

- hue** *n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength  
*synonym* : dye, tint, coloring  
(1) the **hues** of a rainbow, (2) **hue** change  
To achieve a warmer **hue**, add orange paint.
- wreath** *n.* a circular arrangement of flowers, leaves, or other materials, often used for decorative or ceremonial purposes, commonly displayed on doors, at funerals, or as holiday decorations  
*synonym* : garland, chaplet, crown  
(1) funeral **wreath**, (2) Christmas **wreath**  
Each of the winners in the competition was given a laurel **wreath**.
- intuition** *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why  
*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense  
(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research  
Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- hippie** *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values  
*synonym* : bohemian, beatnik, free spirit  
(1) **hippie** lifestyle, (2) **hippie** music  
The fashion of the **hippie** movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.
- rectilinear** *adj.* characterized by straight lines or boundaries; having a form consisting primarily or exclusively of straight lines or linear elements  
*synonym* : straight, linear, perpendicular

(1) **rectilinear** shape, (2) **rectilinear** motion

The **rectilinear** design of the skyscraper gave it a modern and sleek appearance.

## cactus

*n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

*synonym*: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

## catapult

*n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

*synonym*: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

## enlist

*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

*synonym*: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

## carpenter

*n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

*synonym*: woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

**Carpenter** bees are boring holes into the wall.

## paintbrush

*n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

*synonym*: brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the artwork.

## 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.

## beep

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

*synonym* : bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

## thumbtack

*n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface

*synonym* : pushpin, tack, pin

(1) **thumbtack** art, (2) put up the flyer with a **thumbtack**

She organized her to-do list on a bulletin board using multiple **thumbtacks**.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## bristle

*n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

*synonym* : spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the

mailman.

## conductivity

*n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.

*synonym*: conduction

(1) low **conductivity**, (2) electrical **conductivity**

High thermal **conductivity** is also essential for the exterior of the machine.

## theremin

*n.* an electronic musical instrument invented by Leon Theremin in the early 20th century, played by moving one's hands around two antennas, which control the pitch and volume of the tone produced

*synonym*: electronic instrument, synthesizer

(1) electronic **theremin**, (2) experimental **theremin** music

The **theremin** performance was the highlight of the evening, leaving the crowd in awe.

## pierce

*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

*synonym*: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

## hula

*n.* a traditional Hawaiian dance characterized by rhythmic hip movements accompanied by chanting and music; the music and songs associated with this dance

*synonym*: dance, hoop, luau

(1) **hula** music, (2) traditional **hula**

The **hula** dancers gracefully moved their hips to the rhythm of the music.

## hoop

*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

*synonym*: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym* : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## hover

*v.* to stay in one place in the air

*synonym* : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

## slideshow

*n.* a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device

*synonym* : presentation, visual display

(1) animated **slideshow**, (2) **slideshow** software

He gave a **slideshow** presentation on his recent trip to Europe.

## palsy

*n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

*synonym* : paralysis, tremor, twitch

(1) muscle **palsy**, (2) cerebral **palsy**

Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and **palsy** in their limbs.

## eruption

*n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

*synonym* : explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  
*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## onstage

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

## turntable

*n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

(1) rotating **turntable**, (2) vintage **turntable**

I carefully placed the vinyl record on the **turntable** and enjoyed the smooth music.

## teardrop

*n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye

*synonym*: tear

(1) **teardrop** balloon, (2) **teardrop** earring

**Teardrop** rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.

## crumble

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## escalator

*n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

*synonym*: moving stairway, elevator, lift

(1) **escalator** ride, (2) **escalator** malfunction



Please be careful getting on and off the **escalator**.

## chap

*n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

*synonym*: fellow, guy, crack

(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**

He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.

## utopian

*adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

*synonym*: idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. h\_e change *n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
2. muscle pa\_\_y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
3. a short ca\_\_\_\_\_er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
4. c\_\_p stick *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
5. ca\_\_\_\_\_lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
6. pi\_\_\_e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
7. rec\_\_\_\_\_ar motion *adj.* characterized by straight lines or boundaries; having a form consisting primarily or exclusively of straight lines or linear elements
8. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
9. cerebral pa\_\_y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

ANSWERS: 1. hue, 2. palsy, 3. carpenter, 4. chap, 5. catapult, 6. pierce, 7. rectilinear, 8. electrify, 9. palsy

10. un\_\_\_\_\_l a knit v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
11. tra\_\_\_\_\_ne park n. a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
12. h\_\_a music n. a traditional Hawaiian dance characterized by rhythmic hip movements accompanied by chanting and music; the music and songs associated with this dance
13. ex\_\_\_e the crowd v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
14. basketball h\_\_p n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
15. en\_\_\_t in a cause v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
16. un\_\_\_\_\_l a plot v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
17. b\_\_p out a warning v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
18. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
19. in\_\_\_\_\_te details adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together
20. ho\_\_r between life and death v. to stay in one place in the air
21. electronic th\_\_\_\_\_in n. an electronic musical instrument invented by Leon Theremin in the early 20th century, played by moving one's hands around two antennas, which control the pitch and volume of the tone produced

ANSWERS: 10. unravel, 11. trampoline, 12. hula, 13. excite, 14. hoop, 15. enlist, 16. unravel, 17. beep, 18. crumble, 19. intricate, 20. hover, 21. theremin

22. animated sl\_\_\_\_\_ow                    *n.* a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device
23. es\_\_\_\_\_or ride                    *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
24. funeral wr\_\_\_\_h                    *n.* a circular arrangement of flowers, leaves, or other materials, often used for decorative or ceremonial purposes, commonly displayed on doors, at funerals, or as holiday decorations
25. te\_\_\_\_\_op earring                    *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
26. the worst hum\_\_\_\_\_de disaster                    *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
27. rotating tu\_\_\_\_\_le                    *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
28. pi\_\_\_\_e a mystery                    *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
29. fern fr\_\_d                    *n.* a large, divided leaf, especially that of a fern or palm tree, with leaflets arranged on either side of a central axis
30. er\_\_\_\_\_on alert level                    *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 22. slideshow, 23. escalator, 24. wreath, 25. teardrop, 26. human-made, 27. turntable, 28. pierce, 29. frond, 30. eruption

31. 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
32. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
33. ut\_\_\_\_\_n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
34. ut\_\_\_\_\_n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
35. rec\_\_\_\_\_ar shape *adj.* characterized by straight lines or boundaries; having a form consisting primarily or exclusively of straight lines or linear elements
36. th\_\_\_\_\_ck art *n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface
37. mu\_\_\_\_\_om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
38. the h\_es of a rainbow *n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
39. put up the flyer with a th\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface
40. powerful ca\_\_\_\_\_lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

ANSWERS: 31. weave, 32. smashing, 33. utopian, 34. utopian, 35. rectilinear, 36. thumbtack, 37. mushroom, 38. hue, 39. thumbtack, 40. catapult

41. h\_\_p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
42. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
43. appeared on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
44. cr\_\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
45. ho\_\_r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
46. asphalt sh\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
47. walk on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
48. in\_\_\_\_\_te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
49. Peruvian ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
50. wooden sh\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
51. p\_\_l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
52. emotional er\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 41. hoop, 42. electrify, 43. onstage, 44. crumble, 45. hover, 46. shingle, 47. onstage, 48. intricate, 49. artifact, 50. shingle, 51. peel, 52. eruption

53. banana fr\_\_d *n.* a large, divided leaf, especially that of a fern or palm tree, with leaflets arranged on either side of a central axis
54. small ca\_\_\_s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
55. experimental th\_\_\_\_\_in music *n.* an electronic musical instrument invented by Leon Theremin in the early 20th century, played by moving one's hands around two antennas, which control the pitch and volume of the tone produced
56. low con\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
57. an apprentice ca\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
58. b\_\_p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
59. hum\_\_\_\_\_de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
60. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
61. hi\_\_\_e music *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

ANSWERS: 53. frond, 54. cactus, 55. theremin, 56. conductivity, 57. carpenter, 58. beep, 59. human-made, 60. intuition, 61. hippie

62. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
63. te\_\_\_\_\_op balloon *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
64. in\_\_\_\_\_on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
65. hi\_\_\_e lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
66. potted ca\_\_\_s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
67. vintage tu\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
68. en\_\_\_t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
69. Christmas wr\_\_\_h *n.* a circular arrangement of flowers, leaves, or other materials, often used for decorative or ceremonial purposes, commonly displayed on doors, at funerals, or as holiday decorations

ANSWERS: 62. excite, 63. teardrop, 64. intuition, 65. hippie, 66. cactus, 67. turntable, 68. enlist, 69. wreath



70. br\_\_\_\_e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
71. traditional h\_\_a *n.* a traditional Hawaiian dance characterized by rhythmic hip movements accompanied by chanting and music; the music and songs associated with this dance
72. br\_\_\_\_e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
73. electrical con\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
74. p\_\_l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
75. es\_\_\_\_or malfunction *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
76. mu\_\_\_\_om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
77. a sm\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
78. 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

ANSWERS: 70. bristle, 71. hula, 72. bristle, 73. conductivity, 74. peel, 75. escalator, 76. mushroom, 77. smashing, 78. weave

79. sl\_\_\_\_\_ow software *n.* a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device
80. nice c\_\_p *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
81. tra\_\_\_\_\_ne jump *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
82. pai\_\_\_\_\_sh icon *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
83. paleolithic ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
84. pai\_\_\_\_\_sh stroke *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

ANSWERS: 79. slideshow, 80. chap, 81. trampoline, 82. paintbrush, 83. artifact, 84. paintbrush

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. To achieve a warmer \_\_\_\_\_ add orange paint.  
*n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
2. I love jumping on the \_\_\_\_\_ in my backyard.  
*n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
3. She used a flat \_\_\_\_\_ to apply the final touches to the artwork.  
*n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
4. The extreme cold \_\_\_\_\_ our bones.  
*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
5. Please be careful getting on and off the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
6. The circus clown jumped through a fiery \_\_\_\_\_ as the audience gasped in amazement.  
*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
7. The roofer installed new \_\_\_\_\_ on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.  
*n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ dancers gracefully moved their hips to the rhythm of the music.  
*n.* a traditional Hawaiian dance characterized by rhythmic hip movements accompanied by chanting and music; the music and songs associated with this dance

ANSWERS: 1. hue, 2. trampoline, 3. paintbrush, 4. pierced, 5. escalator, 6. hoop, 7. shingles, 8. hula

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
10. Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and \_\_\_\_\_ in their limbs.
- n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
11. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ vision of a world without war.
- adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
12. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
13. 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
14. The gardener trimmed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the palm trees to keep them manageable.
- n.* a large, divided leaf, especially that of a fern or palm tree, with leaflets arranged on either side of a central axis
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ design of the skyscraper gave it a modern and sleek appearance.
- adj.* characterized by straight lines or boundaries; having a form consisting primarily or exclusively of straight lines or linear elements

ANSWERS: 9. mushroom, 10. palsy, 11. utopian, 12. intuitions, 13. smashing, 14. fronds, 15. rectilinear

16. The hiker got pricked by a \_\_\_\_\_ needle while walking.
- n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
17. The fashion of the \_\_\_\_\_ movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.
- n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance was the highlight of the evening, leaving the crowd in awe.
- n.* an electronic musical instrument invented by Leon Theremin in the early 20th century, played by moving one's hands around two antennas, which control the pitch and volume of the tone produced
19. She organized her to-do list on a bulletin board using multiple \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface
20. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.
- v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
21. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
22. The army used a \_\_\_\_\_ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
- n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
23. The storm had \_\_\_\_\_ all paint off the siding.
- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 16. cactus, 17. hippie, 18. theremin, 19. thumbtacks, 20. unravel, 21. excited, 22. catapult, 23. peeled

24. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the military after graduating from high school.
- v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
25. The timer \_\_\_\_\_ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.
- v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
26. Each of the winners in the competition was given a laurel \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a circular arrangement of flowers, leaves, or other materials, often used for decorative or ceremonial purposes, commonly displayed on doors, at funerals, or as holiday decorations
27. He suffered a painful \_\_\_\_\_ on his hand after working with chemicals.
- n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
28. He gave a \_\_\_\_\_ presentation on his recent trip to Europe.
- n.* a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device
29. He performed his magic trick \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience in awe.
- adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
30. High thermal \_\_\_\_\_ is also essential for the exterior of the machine.
- n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. enlist, 25. beeped, 26. wreath, 27. chap, 28. slideshow, 29. onstage, 30. conductivity, 31. weaves

32. \_\_\_\_\_ rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.  
*n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
33. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.  
*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
34. \_\_\_\_\_ bees are boring holes into the wall.  
*n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
35. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.  
*n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
36. Two birds were \_\_\_\_\_ overhead.  
*v.* to stay in one place in the air
37. The bridge is a \_\_\_\_\_ structure and was built to span the river.  
*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
38. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
39. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 32. Teardrop, 33. crumble, 34. Carpenter, 35. bristle, 36. hovering, 37. human-made, 38. electrify, 39. artifacts

40. I carefully placed the vinyl record on the \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoyed the smooth music.

*n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

41. The politician managed to deal with that \_\_\_\_\_ issue.

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

42. The volcanic \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

*n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 40. turntable, 41. intricate, 42. eruption