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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### traverse

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

*synonym*: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea  
Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

### corpse

*n.* the dead body of a human being

*synonym*: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

### mummify

*v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt

*synonym*: embalm, preserve, desiccate

(1) **mummify** a corpse, (2) **mummify** a body

The ancient Egyptians believed in **mummifying** their dead to preserve the body for the afterlife.

### alpine

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

*synonym*: mountain, highland, elevated

(1) **alpine** region, (2) **alpine** plant

We went on an exhilarating **alpine** adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

## shepherd

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym*: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## upend

*v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

*synonym*: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

## centimeter

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

## predisposition

*n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

*synonym*: tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **predisposition** to anxiety, (2) genetic **predisposition**

Smoking can increase a person's **predisposition** to lung

cancer.

## intestine

*n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products

*synonym* : gut, bowel, tract

(1) large **intestine**, (2) **intestine** wall

The small **intestine** is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.

## parasitize

*v.* to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it

*synonym* : exploit, leech, use

(1) **parasitize** a single host, (2) **parasitize** the roots of plants

Some species of insects **parasitize** other insects by laying their eggs in or on the host's body.

## whipworm

*n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and causes inflammation and diarrhea

*synonym* : roundworm, nematode, trichuris

(1) **whipworm** eggs, (2) canine **whipworm**

The **whipworm** infestation in the village was a major cause for concern.

## ulcer

*n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

*synonym* : lesion, sore, wound

(1) mouth **ulcer**, (2) gastric **ulcer**

The stress of the job caused him to develop an **ulcer** in his stomach.

## neolithic

*adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the

use of polished stone tools

*synonym* : ancient, old, primitive

(1) the **neolithic** age, (2) **neolithic** society

The **neolithic** village was located near a river.

## **ax**

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

*synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

## **domesticate**

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym* : tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## **degenerate**

*v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

*synonym* : deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden slum.

## **acupuncture**

*n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine

*synonym* : stylostixis, needling, reflexology

(1) **acupuncture** for anxiety, (2) **acupuncture** treatment

The **acupuncture** needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.

## **tantalize**

*v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the

promise of something desirable

*synonym* : tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

## prehistoric

*adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history;  
no longer fashionable

*synonym* : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

## flint

*n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry

*synonym* : hardstone, tinder, firestone

(1) **flint** tools, (2) the **flint** on my lighter

The archeologist found a **flint** arrowhead on the dig site.

## boggy

*adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

*synonym* : swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) **boggy** land, (2) **boggy** area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

## moss

*n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

*synonym* : plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

**Moss** grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

## antiseptic

*n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses

*synonym*: disinfectant, sanitizer, sterilizer

(1) **antiseptic** solution, (2) natural **antiseptic**

He cleaned the wound with a skin **antiseptic** to prevent infection.

## pollen

*n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

*synonym*: dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count

My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

## digestive

*adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

## hectic

*adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state

*synonym*: frantic, heated, busy

(1) **hectic** schedule, (2) **hectic** lifestyle

After a **hectic** day at work, I only want to relax and unwind.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## sedge

*n.* a plant of the Cyperaceae family that typically grows in wet or marshy areas, characterized by long, narrow leaves and cluster-like flowers

*synonym* : grass, rush, reed

(1) **sedge** grass, (2) **sedge** swamp

The **sedge** along the riverbank provided a natural barrier against erosion.

## ibex

*n.* a type of wild mountain goat with long curved horns

(1) Alpine **ibex**, (2) the male **ibex**

The **ibex** is a distant relative of the mountain goat.

## roe

*n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item

*synonym* : fish eggs, caviar, spawn

(1) **roe** production, (2) salmon **roe**

The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh **roe**.

## vantage

*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

*synonym* : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

## 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.

## undisturbed

*adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful

*synonym* : calm, peaceful, uninterrupted

(1) **undisturbed** sleep, (2) **undisturbed** nature

The wildlife reserve is a vital **undisturbed** habitat for endangered species.

## glacier

*n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

*synonym*: iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

## degrade

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

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

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

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



## Session 2: Spelling

1. deg\_\_\_\_\_te into recession      *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
2. ant\_\_\_\_\_ic solution      *n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses
3. tr\_\_\_\_\_se a vast extent of sea      *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
4. in\_\_\_\_\_ne wall      *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
5. ta\_\_\_\_\_ze taste buds      *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
6. easy to dom\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
7. Alpine i\_\_x      *n.* a type of wild mountain goat with long curved horns
8. mouth ul\_\_r      *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

ANSWERS: 1. degenerate, 2. antiseptic, 3. traverse, 4. intestine, 5. tantalize, 6. domesticate, 7. ibex, 8. ulcer

9. pre\_\_\_\_\_ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
10. pre\_\_\_\_\_ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
11. gl\_\_\_\_\_r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
12. genetic pre\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
13. par\_\_\_\_\_ze a single host *v.* to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it
14. al\_\_\_e plant *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
15. par\_\_\_\_\_ze the roots of plants *v.* to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it
16. pre\_\_\_\_\_ion to anxiety *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
17. sheep without a sh\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
18. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
19. tr\_\_\_\_\_se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

ANSWERS: 9. prehistoric, 10. prehistoric, 11. glacier, 12. predisposition, 13. parasitize, 14. alpine, 15. parasitize, 16. predisposition, 17. shepherd, 18. rev, 19. traverse

20. po\_\_\_n allergy symptoms *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
21. se\_\_e swamp *n.* a plant of the Cyperaceae family that typically grows in wet or marshy areas, characterized by long, narrow leaves and cluster-like flowers
22. deg\_\_\_\_\_te into a disagreement *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
23. und\_\_\_\_\_ed sleep *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
24. gain a va\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
25. di\_\_\_\_\_ve juices *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
26. pi\_\_\_e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
27. bo\_\_y area *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
28. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
29. sh\_\_\_\_\_rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

ANSWERS: 20. pollen, 21. sedge, 22. degenerate, 23. undisturbed, 24. vantage, 25. digestive, 26. pierce, 27. boggy, 28. rev, 29. shepherd

30. large in \_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
31. r\_e production      *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
32. an ax in the toolbox      *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
33. dom\_\_\_\_\_te the plant      *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
34. a di\_\_\_\_\_ve enzyme      *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
35. acu\_\_\_\_\_re treatment      *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
36. chop wood with an ax      *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
37. se\_\_e grass      *n.* a plant of the Cyperaceae family that typically grows in wet or marshy areas, characterized by long, narrow leaves and cluster-like flowers
38. und\_\_\_\_\_ed nature      *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful

ANSWERS: 30. intestine, 31. roe, 32. ax, 33. domesticate, 34. digestive, 35. acupuncture, 36. ax, 37. sedge, 38. undisturbed

39. fl\_\_t tools *n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry
40. acu\_\_\_\_\_re for anxiety *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
41. bo\_\_y land *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
42. de\_\_\_\_\_e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
43. gl\_\_\_\_\_rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
44. canine wh\_\_\_\_\_rm *n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and causes inflammation and diarrhea
45. high po\_\_\_n count *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
46. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 39. flint, 40. acupuncture, 41. boggy, 42. degrade, 43. glacier, 44. whipworm, 45. pollen, 46. descend

47. strategic va\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
48. the ne\_\_\_\_\_ic age *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
49. m\_\_s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
50. the male i\_\_x *n.* a type of wild mountain goat with long curved horns
51. pi\_\_\_e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
52. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
53. mu\_\_\_\_\_y a corpse *v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
54. al\_\_\_e region *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
55. thirty cen\_\_\_\_\_ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

ANSWERS: 47. vantage, 48. neolithic, 49. moss, 50. ibex, 51. pierce, 52. degrade, 53. mummify, 54. alpine, 55. centimeter

56. the fl\_\_t on my lighter      *n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry
57. mu\_\_\_\_y a body      *v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
58. salmon r\_e      *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
59. desiccated co\_\_\_e      *n.* the dead body of a human being
60. cen\_\_\_\_\_er measurement      *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
61. ne\_\_\_\_\_ic society      *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
62. he\_\_\_c schedule      *adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state
63. up\_\_d a table      *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
64. ta\_\_\_\_\_ze with promises      *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 56. flint, 57. mummify, 58. roe, 59. corpse, 60. centimeter, 61. neolithic, 62. hectic, 63. upend, 64. tantalize

65. green m\_\_s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
66. wh\_\_\_\_rm eggs *n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and causes inflammation and diarrhea
67. up\_\_d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
68. he\_\_\_c lifestyle *adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state
69. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
70. gastric ul\_\_r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
71. the co\_\_\_e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
72. natural ant\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses

ANSWERS: 65. moss, 66. whipworm, 67. upend, 68. hectic, 69. descend, 70. ulcer, 71. corpse, 72. antiseptic



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. From our \_\_\_\_\_ point, we could see the whole city skyline.  
*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
2. The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.  
*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.  
*n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
5. A nutritious diet improves \_\_\_\_\_ functions.  
*adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
6. The once-thriving city has \_\_\_\_\_ into a crime-ridden slum.  
*v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ infestation in the village was a major cause for concern.  
*n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and causes inflammation and diarrhea
8. We went on an exhilarating \_\_\_\_\_ adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

ANSWERS: 1. vantage, 2. roe, 3. domesticate, 4. Moss, 5. digestive, 6. degenerated, 7. whipworm, 8. alpine

9. After a \_\_\_\_\_ day at work, I only want to relax and unwind.

*adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state

10. He used an \_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

11. The sudden news \_\_\_\_\_ their plans for the weekend.

*v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

12. The stress of the job caused him to develop an \_\_\_\_\_ in his stomach.

*n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a distant relative of the mountain goat.

*n.* a type of wild mountain goat with long curved horns

14. Approximately 1000 automobiles \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge every day.

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

15. The room was only one \_\_\_\_\_ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

16. The ancient Egyptians believed in \_\_\_\_\_ their dead to preserve the body for the afterlife.

*v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 9. hectic, 10. ax, 11. upended, 12. ulcer, 13. ibex, 14. traverse, 15. centimeter, 16. mummifying

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ village was located near a river.  
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19. Smoking can increase a person's \_\_\_\_\_ to lung cancer.  
*n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
20. Scientists often fail to date archeological or \_\_\_\_\_ findings.  
*adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
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*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
22. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
23. The wildlife reserve is a vital \_\_\_\_\_ habitat for endangered species.  
*adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful

ANSWERS: 17. neolithic, 18. acupuncture, 19. predisposition, 20. prehistorical, 21. degrade, 22. rev, 23. undisturbed

24. The police found the \_\_\_\_\_ in the abandoned building.  
*n.* the dead body of a human being
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ANSWERS: 24. corpse, 25. glaciers, 26. sedge, 27. shepherd's, 28. pierced, 29. flint, 30. parasitize, 31. tantalized

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34. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.

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*n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses

36. My allergies flare up during \_\_\_\_\_ season, making it difficult to breathe.

*n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

ANSWERS: 32. boggy, 33. intestine, 34. descended, 35. antiseptic, 36. pollen