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Session 1: Word List

beatbox

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

synonym : mouth drum, lip-smack percussion

(1) **beatbox** rhythm, (2) **beatbox** battle

His **beatbox** performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

bark

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

synonym : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

boomerang

n. a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it

synonym : bouncing bomb, comeback, backfire

(1) **boomerang** effect, (2) throw a **boomerang**

The criticism that he gave to his boss ended up **boomeranging** on himself.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym : collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

hem

n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt

The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym: hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym: limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

reiterate

v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again

synonym: repeat, iterate, restate

(1) **reiterate** a point, (2) **reiterate** their commitment

I need to **reiterate** the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

mangle

v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

synonym: crush, deform, disfigure

(1) **mangle** my foot, (2) **mangled** their favorite toy

The machine **mangled** the sheet of metal beyond repair.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

polyphony

n. music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together

synonym : multi-part, harmonization, counterpoint

(1) a beautiful **polyphony**, (2) the **polyphony** of the music

The composer wrote a complex **polyphony** for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym : low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym : function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym: console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

synthesizer

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

synonym: sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

- hire** v. to give somebody a job
synonym: employ, engage, lease
(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.
- suppose** v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume
(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?
- permission** n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
synonym: approval, consent, authorization
(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence
I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
- loose** adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
synonym: relaxed, unconsolidated, open
(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair
The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.
- define** v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
synonym: characterize, depict, express
(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position
To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. damage to internal or __ns | <i>n.</i> a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job |
| 2. positive feedback l__p | <i>n.</i> a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself |
| 3. as___n projects | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone |
| 4. an__y at the time | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 5. as___n top priority | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone |
| 6. su_____e you're right | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 7. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 8. nutritional res_____on | <i>n.</i> a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something |
| 9. ke_____rd instruments | <i>n.</i> device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work |
| 10. st_____ht for two months | <i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations |

ANSWERS: 1. organ, 2. loop, 3. assign, 4. annoy, 5. assign, 6. suppose, 7. experiment, 8. restriction, 9. keyboard, 10. straight

11. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
12. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
13. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
14. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
15. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
16. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
17. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
18. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
19. bo_____ng effect *n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it

ANSWERS: 11. pitch, 12. clap, 13. achieve, 14. bark, 15. constantly, 16. fantastic, 17. trigger, 18. permission, 19. boomerang

20. trees with rough b__k
n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
21. b__s fisherman
n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
22. the im_____te past
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
23. vulnerable to man_____te
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
24. music syn_____er
n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
25. ex___d a line
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
26. a st_____ht line
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
27. the po_____ny of the music
n. music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
28. ac_____e milestones
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
29. a lo__e tongue
adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 20. bark, 21. bass, 22. immediate, 23. manipulate, 24. synthesizer, 25. extend, 26. straight, 27. polyphony, 28. achieve, 29. loose

30. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
31. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
32. sh____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
33. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
34. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
35. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
36. musical rep____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
37. a penciled sk____h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
38. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
39. cooking rep____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

ANSWERS: 30. monk, 31. loose, 32. shifting, 33. annoy, 34. cheat, 35. awesome, 36. repertoire, 37. sketch, 38. obvious, 39. repertoire

40. numeric ke____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
41. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
42. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
43. im___e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
44. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
45. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
46. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
47. ma___e my foot *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
48. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
49. h_m the skirt *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

ANSWERS: 40. keyboard, 41. organ, 42. manipulate, 43. impede, 44. obvious, 45. define, 46. hire, 47. mangle, 48. permission, 49. hem

50. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
51. ma___ed their favorite toy *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
52. re_____te a point *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
53. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
54. a beautiful po_____ny *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
55. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
56. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
57. throw a bo_____ng *n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it
58. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
59. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 50. suppose, 51. mangle, 52. reiterate, 53. clap, 54. polyphony, 55. sketch, 56. trigger, 57. boomerang, 58. assistant, 59. define

60. the h_m of a dress *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
61. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
62. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
63. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
64. be_____x battle *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
65. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
66. be_____x rhythm *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
67. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 60. hem, 61. shifting, 62. loop, 63. immediate, 64. beatbox, 65. experiment, 66. beatbox, 67. pitch

68. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
69. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
70. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
71. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
72. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
73. re_____te their commitment *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
74. im___e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
75. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
76. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
77. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
78. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
79. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

ANSWERS: 68. bass, 69. assistant, 70. extend, 71. cheat, 72. fantastic, 73. reiterate, 74. impede, 75. monk, 76. maximum, 77. awesome, 78. maximum, 79. restriction

80. a con_____ly varying mind

adv. all the time

81. syn_____er bass

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

82. h__e a guide

v. to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 80. constantly, 81. synthesizer, 82. hire

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
2. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
3. An executive _____ director administers each branch.
n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
4. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
5. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.
n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
6. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
7. The composer wrote a complex _____ for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.
n. music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together

ANSWERS: 1. hire, 2. permission, 3. assistant, 4. straight, 5. repertoire, 6. maximum, 7. polyphony

8. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
9. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
10. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
11. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
12. The criticism that he gave to his boss ended up _____ on himself.
n. a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it
13. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
14. His _____ performance at the concert was mind-blowing.
n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
15. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 8. annoy, 9. constantly, 10. manipulate, 11. triggered, 12. boomeranging, 13. obvious, 14. beatbox, 15. pitch

16. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

17. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

adj. constantly changing or moving

18. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

19. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

20. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

21. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

22. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

23. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

24. He removed the _____ from the tree.

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

ANSWERS: 16. immediate, 17. shifting, 18. assign, 19. define, 20. monk, 21. bass, 22. achieve, 23. awesome, 24. bark

25. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

- v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

26. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

- n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

27. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.

- n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

28. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

- v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

29. The electronic _____ created a range of unique sounds for the music.

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30. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

31. I need to _____ the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.

- v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again

32. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

- n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 25. extend, 26. loop, 27. organ, 28. suppose, 29. synthesizer, 30. clapped, 31. reiterate, 32. sketch

33. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.
v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
34. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.
n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
35. The ___ length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.
n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
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v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
38. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
39. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
40. The machine _____ the sheet of metal beyond repair.
v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

ANSWERS: 33. impeded, 34. restriction, 35. hem, 36. keyboard, 37. cheated, 38. fantastic, 39. experiments, 40. mangled

41. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 41. loose