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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### troposphere

*n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

*synonym*: weather layer, lower atmosphere

(1) Arctic **troposphere**, (2) **troposphere** pollution

Most of the weather we experience occurs in the **troposphere**.

### refract

*v.* to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered

*synonym*: bend, deflect, distort

(1) **refract** light, (2) **refract** sound

The morning sun **refracted** off the dew on the grass, creating a beautiful rainbow.

### downpour

*n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

*synonym*: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

## ingenious

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

## 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.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## open-ended

*adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

*synonym* : unlimited, unrestricted, flexible

(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements

Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.

## blackmail

*n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

*synonym* : extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

## sadistic

*adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

*synonym* : cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

## unrelenting

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

*synonym* : relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## revolve

*v.* to rotate around a central point

*synonym* : rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

## falsehood

*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

*synonym* : lie, untruth, deception

(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**

The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.

## lavish

*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

*synonym* : grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

## policymaker

*n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

*synonym* : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

**Policymakers** struggle to develop various laws and

regulations to address international trade conflicts.

## **polluted**

*adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

*synonym* : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

## **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.

## **brazenly**

*adv.* behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences

*synonym* : boldly, audaciously, shamelessly

(1) **brazenly** lie, (2) **brazenly** cheat

She **brazenly** ignored the warnings and continued to drive recklessly.

## **seize**

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym* : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## **blatant**

*adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

*synonym* : obvious, flagrant, conspicuous

(1) **blatant** hypocrisy, (2) **blatant** disregard

Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's **blatant** lie.

## **disguise**

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym* : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## veto

*n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

*synonym*: rejection, disapproval, interdict

(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**

The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.

## sultan

*n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

*synonym*: emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

## biofuel

*n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

*synonym*: renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

## algae

*n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

**Algae** has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

## plow

*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

*synonym*: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil  
The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**  
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## sliver

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

*synonym*: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal  
I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

## ironic

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym*: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events  
It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

## 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.

## sequester

*v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

*synonym* : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only

**improvisation**.

## pun

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## soot

*n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

*synonym* : smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

## particulate

*adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air

*synonym* : granular, dusty

(1) **particulate** size, (2) **particulate** pollution

Smoke from forest fires is causing an increase in **particulate** matter in the air.

## downwind

*adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

*synonym* : downstream, windward, leeward

(1) sweep away **downwind**, (2) move **downwind**

The smoke from the fire was blowing **downwind** towards the nearby town.

## smokestack

*n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air

*synonym* : chimney, stack, flue

(1) **smokestack** emissions, (2) industrial **smokestack**

The **smokestack** on top of the factory released thick clouds of pollution into the air.

## occidental

*adj.* relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental

*synonym* : Western, European

(1) **occidental** philosophy, (2) **occidental** cuisine

The **occidental** culture heavily influences fashion trends in this country.

## 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.

## chevron

*n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone;



(of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank

*synonym* : zigzag, v-shape, stripe

(1) **chevron** pattern, (2) **chevron** stripes

The soldier's uniform had a **chevron** patch on the sleeve.

## worthless

*adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

*synonym* : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

## windfall

*n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain

*synonym* : bonus, unexpected gain

(1) **windfall** profit, (2) reap a **windfall**

Winning the lottery was an unexpected **windfall** for him.

## buyback

*n.* the act of buying back something that was previously sold, especially by a company purchasing its shares of stock; a refund or repurchase of a product or item

*synonym* : repurchase, redemption, repaying

(1) stock **buyback**, (2) **buyback** agreement

The store's **buyback** program allowed customers to trade in their old electronics for store credit.

## phasedown

*n.* a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice

*synonym* : downsizing, reduction, decrease

(1) **phasedown** of production, (2) **phasedown** agreement

The government announced the **phasedown** of the use of coal-fired power plants in response to environmental concerns

## greenwashing

*n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers

(1) **greenwashing** campaign, (2) **greenwashing** accusations

Many companies engage in **greenwashing** to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something  
*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## subsidize

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym*: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

## preposterous

*adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

*synonym*: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

## 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.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*:

robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## electrolysis

*n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution

(1) **electrolysis** apparatus, (2) copper **electrolysis** process

The **electrolysis** of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.

## surmount

*v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something

*synonym*: overcome, conquer, prevail

(1) **surmount** fears, (2) **surmount** challenges

You can **surmount** any obstacle in your path with determination and hard work.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym*: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## Session 2: Spelling

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7. in\_\_\_\_\_us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
8. ir\_\_\_\_c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
9. br\_\_\_\_\_ly lie *adv.* behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences

ANSWERS: 1. doe, 2. biofuel, 3. falsehood, 4. troposphere, 5. surmount, 6. quitter, 7. ingenious, 8. ironic, 9. brazenly

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46. in\_\_\_\_\_us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

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79. p\_\_w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
80. enjoy a la\_\_\_h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
81. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
82. sweep away do\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
83. se\_\_\_\_\_er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

ANSWERS: 75. sliver, 76. occidental, 77. algae, 78. pretension, 79. plow, 80. lavish, 81. disguise, 82. downwind, 83. sequester

84. su\_\_\_\_\_nt fears *v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something
85. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
86. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
87. la\_\_\_\_\_h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
88. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
89. palpable fa\_\_\_\_\_od *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
90. education pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
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. occ\_\_\_\_\_al philosophy *adj.* relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental
93. tro\_\_\_\_\_re pollution *n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

ANSWERS: 84. surmount, 85. empower, 86. excite, 87. lavish, 88. opportune, 89. falsehood, 90. policymaker, 91. doe, 92. occidental, 93. troposphere

94. ope\_\_\_\_\_ed agreements *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
95. con\_\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
96. industrial smo\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air
97. cadmium-po\_\_\_\_\_ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
98. v\_\_o power *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
99. copper ele\_\_\_\_\_sis process *n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
100. br\_\_\_\_\_ly cheat *adv.* behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences
101. gre\_\_\_\_\_ing campaign *n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers
102. torrential do\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
103. ph\_\_\_\_\_wn of production *n.* a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice

ANSWERS: 94. open-ended, 95. consciously, 96. smokestack, 97. polluted, 98. veto, 99. electrolysis, 100. brazenly, 101. greenwashing, 102. downpour, 103. phasedown

104. po\_\_\_\_\_ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
105. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
106. ch\_\_\_\_\_n stripes *n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone; (of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank
107. deeply p\_\_w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
108. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
109. bl\_\_\_\_\_il scheme *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
110. wo\_\_\_\_\_ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
111. par\_\_\_\_\_te size *adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air

ANSWERS: 104. polluted, 105. creditor, 106. chevron, 107. plow, 108. subsidize, 109. blackmail, 110. worthless, 111. particulate



112. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 112. improvisation

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.  
*n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
  
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ ignored the warnings and continued to drive recklessly.  
*adv.* behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences
  
3. He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
  
4. Smoke from forest fires is causing an increase in \_\_\_\_\_ matter in the air.  
*adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air
  
5. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
  
6. 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
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.  
*n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

ANSWERS: 1. sultan's, 2. brazenly, 3. blackmail, 4. particulate, 5. opportune, 6. electrify, 7. Algae

8. The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.  
*v.* to rotate around a central point
9. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
10. Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the \_\_\_\_\_ ending.  
*adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
11. The river was \_\_\_\_\_ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.  
*adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
12. Winning the lottery was an unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ for him.  
*n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
13. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
14. I had to be careful not to step on a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass on the floor.  
*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
15. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.  
*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 8. revolves, 9. quitter, 10. open-ended, 11. polluted, 12. windfall, 13. improvisation, 14. sliver, 15. methane

16. He has earned \_\_\_\_\_ praise for his achievement.

*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

17. The concentrated \_\_\_\_\_ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

*n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

18. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ culture heavily influences fashion trends in this country.

*adj.* relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat made it difficult to sleep.

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

21. He approved their requests to \_\_\_\_\_ the jury.

*v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

22. You can \_\_\_\_\_ any obstacle in your path with determination and hard work.

*v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something

23. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

ANSWERS: 16. lavish, 17. downpour, 18. seize, 19. occidental, 20. unrelenting, 21. sequester, 22. surmount, 23. subsidize

24. The government announced the \_\_\_\_\_ of the use of coal-fired power plants in response to environmental concerns
- n.* a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice
25. The soldier's uniform had a \_\_\_\_\_ patch on the sleeve.
- n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone; (of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank
26. The morning sun \_\_\_\_\_ off the dew on the grass, creating a beautiful rainbow.
- v.* to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.
- adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
28. Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's \_\_\_\_\_ lie.
- adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
29. The smoke from the fire was blowing \_\_\_\_\_ towards the nearby town.
- adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

ANSWERS: 24. phasedown, 25. chevron, 26. refracted, 27. sadistic, 28. blatant, 29. downwind

30. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

31. The airplane was powered by a \_\_\_\_\_ made from plant-based materials.

*n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

32. Many companies engage in \_\_\_\_\_ to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.

*n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers

33. The store's \_\_\_\_\_ program allowed customers to trade in their old electronics for store credit.

*n.* the act of buying back something that was previously sold, especially by a company purchasing its shares of stock; a refund or repurchase of a product or item

34. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

35. He \_\_\_\_\_ criticizes her in the publicity.

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

36. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 30. resilient, 31. biofuel, 32. greenwashing, 33. buyback, 34. plow, 35. consciously, 36. pun

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.  
*n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
38. The idea that aliens built the pyramids is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
39. Most of the weather we experience occurs in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs
40. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
41. The media exposed the politician's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
42. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.  
*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
43. The product was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.  
*adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
44. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.  
*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
45. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 37. electrolysis, 38. preposterous, 39. troposphere, 40. excited, 41. falsehoods, 42. disguised, 43. worthless, 44. cliché, 45. pretensions

46. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

47. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

48. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

49. The president's \_\_\_\_\_ prevented the bill from becoming law.

*n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

50. \_\_\_\_\_ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

*n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

51. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ on top of the factory released thick clouds of pollution into the air.

*n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air

53. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 46. ingenious, 47. ironic, 48. creditor, 49. veto, 50. Policymakers, 51. industrious, 52. smokestack, 53. empowered



54. 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

55. The fire left a layer of \_\_\_\_ on everything in the room.

*n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

56. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 54. doe, 55. soot, 56. astonishing