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Session 1: Word List

seafarer

n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea

synonym: sailor, mariner, navigator

(1) qualified **seafarer**, (2) fellow **seafarer**

The experienced **seafarer** told stories of his adventures on the high seas.

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.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

jumbo

n. an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century

and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

synonym: elephantine, mammoth, giant

(1) **jumbo** jet, (2) **jumbo** shrimp

I need to buy a **jumbo-sized** bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

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.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

admiral

n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

synonym: commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile

production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

jetlag

n. a feeling of fatigue, disorientation, and other symptoms experienced by a person after traveling across different time zones, typically by air travel

(1) **jetlag** symptoms, (2) experience **jetlag**

After traveling across multiple time zones, I experienced severe **jetlag** and couldn't sleep at night.

chaplain

n. a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting

synonym : spiritual leader, minister, priest

(1) college **chaplain**, (2) military **chaplain**

The hospital **chaplain** provided emotional support and spiritual guidance to the patients and their families.

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.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

saloon

n. a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

synonym : barroom, tavern, pub

(1) **saloon** cabin, (2) western-style **saloon**

She sat on a bar stool in the **saloon**, sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.

landlocked

adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean

synonym : trapped, enclosed

(1) **landlocked** lake, (2) **landlocked** region

The **landlocked** country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym : narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

unscrupulous

adj. having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

synonym : unethical, immoral, dishonest

(1) **unscrupulous** conduct, (2) **unscrupulous** tactics

The **unscrupulous** salesman pressured me into buying a car I didn't want.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym : obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or

powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym : shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

dregs

n. the sediments or remnants of a liquid, often referring to particles or impurities that settle at the bottom of a container; the least desirable or lowest quality parts or people in a group or society

synonym : sediments, remnants, residue

(1) drink the **dregs**, (2) political **dregs**

She sipped her coffee slowly, grimacing when she accidentally tasted the bitter **dregs**.

refinery

n. a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form

synonym : plant, factory, processing plant

(1) hydrogen **refinery**, (2) **refinery** operations

The oil **refinery** was shut down due to safety concerns after a major accident.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym : tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

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.

noxious

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

synonym: harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym : crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym : overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym : pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

humpback

n. a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

synonym : whale, cetacean, mammal

(1) **humpback** mountain, (2) **humpback** bridge

The **humpback** whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.

tanker

n. a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances

synonym : oil tanker, freighter, vessel

(1) LNG **tanker**, (2) chemical **tanker**

The oil **tanker** ran aground, causing a devastating environmental disaster.

propeller

n. a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

synonym : prop, rotor, fan

(1) **propeller** design, (2) **propeller** aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

garrulous

adj. excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded

synonym : talkative, loquacious, chatty

(1) **garrulous** talker, (2) **garrulous** conversation

The **garrulous** salesman wouldn't stop talking about his product.

homesick

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

synonym : nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

salute

- v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

synonym: greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion

The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. qu_____le the price of gold | v. | to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many |
| 2. ast_____ng achievement | adj. | surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 3. in_____ue against his rival | v. | to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone |
| 4. silly p_n | 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 |
| 5. ind_____us student | adj. | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 6. re_____ry operations | n. | a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form |
| 7. protect an_____ty | n. | the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information |
| 8. ju__o shrimp | n. | an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo" |

ANSWERS: 1. quadruple, 2. astonishing, 3. intrigue, 4. pun, 5. industrious, 6. refinery, 7. anonymity, 8. jumbo

9. miserable pl___t *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
10. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
11. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
12. uns_____ous tactics *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
13. s__t-covered walls *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
14. witty p_n *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
15. suffer from ho_____ck *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
16. pr_____er design *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
17. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
18. experience je___g *n.* a feeling of fatigue, disorientation, and other symptoms experienced by a person after traveling across different time zones, typically by air travel

ANSWERS: 9. plight, 10. penetrate, 11. cape, 12. unscrupulous, 13. soot, 14. pun, 15. homesick, 16. propeller, 17. emit, 18. jetlag

19. no____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
20. hydrogen re____ry *n.* a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form
21. lan_____ed region *adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
22. in_____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
23. political dr__s *n.* the sediments or remnants of a liquid, often referring to particles or impurities that settle at the bottom of a container; the least desirable or lowest quality parts or people in a group or society
24. western-style sa____n *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities
25. chemical ta____r *n.* a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances
26. do_____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

ANSWERS: 19. noxious, 20. refinery, 21. landlocked, 22. inhuman, 23. dregs, 24. saloon, 25. tanker, 26. dolphin

27. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
28. ho_____ck for home *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
29. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
30. hu_____ck mountain *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
31. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
32. ga_____us conversation *adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded
33. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. coal bu___r *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
35. drink the dr___s *n.* the sediments or remnants of a liquid, often referring to particles or impurities that settle at the bottom of a container; the least desirable or lowest quality parts or people in a group or society

ANSWERS: 27. benign, 28. homesick, 29. funnel, 30. humpback, 31. pollute, 32. garrulous, 33. industrious, 34. bunker, 35. dregs

36. in____n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
37. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
38. st___t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
39. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
40. st___t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
41. hu_____ck bridge *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
42. college ch_____in *n.* a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting
43. sa___n cabin *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

ANSWERS: 36. inhuman, 37. astonishing, 38. strait, 39. overfishing, 40. strait, 41. humpback, 42. chaplain, 43. saloon

44. uns_____ous conduct *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
45. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
46. black s__t *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
47. lan_____ed lake *adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
48. ju__o jet *n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"
49. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
50. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
51. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
52. no_____s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

ANSWERS: 44. unscrupulous, 45. emit, 46. soot, 47. landlocked, 48. jumbo, 49. pollute, 50. quadruple, 51. asphalt, 52. noxious

53. pr_____er aircraft *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
54. sa___e him in military fashion *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
55. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
56. as_____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
57. the pl___t of the poor *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
58. fellow se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
59. do_____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
60. sa___e to the flag *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
61. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

ANSWERS: 53. propeller, 54. salute, 55. industrialize, 56. asphalt, 57. plight, 58. seafarer, 59. dolphin, 60. salute, 61. bunker

62. qualified se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
63. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
64. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
65. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
66. LNG ta____r *n.* a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances
67. separatory fu____l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
68. naval ad____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
69. comment with an____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
70. in____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 62. seafarer, 63. industrialize, 64. penetrate, 65. cape, 66. tanker, 67. funnel, 68. admiral, 69. anonymity, 70. intrigue

71. a be___n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
72. military ch____in *n.* a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting
73. ga_____us talker *adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded
74. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
75. respected ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
76. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
77. je___g symptoms *n.* a feeling of fatigue, disorientation, and other symptoms experienced by a person after traveling across different time zones, typically by air travel
78. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

ANSWERS: 71. benign, 72. chaplain, 73. garrulous, 74. captivity, 75. admiral, 76. captivity, 77. jetlag, 78. overfishing

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The military personnel stationed overseas often feel _____ for their loved ones.
adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
2. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
3. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
4. The ship navigated through the _____ with great care.
n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
5. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
6. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
7. The hospital _____ provided emotional support and spiritual guidance to the patients and their families.
n. a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting

ANSWERS: 1. homesick, 2. captivity, 3. pollute, 4. strait, 5. emits, 6. astonishing, 7. chaplain

8. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
9. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
10. The experienced _____ told stories of his adventures on the high seas.
n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
11. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
12. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
13. The oil _____ was shut down due to safety concerns after a major accident.
n. a facility that is used to process, purify, and refine raw materials such as oil or metal into a more useful or valuable form
14. After traveling across multiple time zones, I experienced severe _____ and couldn't sleep at night.
n. a feeling of fatigue, disorientation, and other symptoms experienced by a person after traveling across different time zones, typically by air travel
15. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.
n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

ANSWERS: 8. penetrates, 9. dolphins, 10. seafarer, 11. intrigues, 12. inhuman, 13. refinery, 14. jetlag, 15. asphalt

16. The _____ salesman wouldn't stop talking about his product.

adj. excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded

17. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

18. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

19. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

20. The government has ignored the _____ of the homeless population.

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

21. 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

22. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

23. His stock earnings _____.

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

ANSWERS: 16. garrulous, 17. funnel, 18. benign, 19. industrialize, 20. plight, 21. soot, 22. industrious, 23. quadrupled

24. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.
- n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
25. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
- n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
26. The boat's _____ stopped working in the middle of the lake.
- n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
27. I need to buy a _____ bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.
- n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"
28. The _____ whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.
- n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
29. The _____ salesman pressured me into buying a car I didn't want.
- adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
30. Many high-ranking military officials attended the _____ retirement ceremony.
- n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

ANSWERS: 24. overfishing, 25. cape, 26. propeller, 27. jumbo-sized, 28. humpback, 29. unscrupulous, 30. admiral's

31. She sipped her coffee slowly, grimacing when she accidentally tasted the bitter _____.

- n.* the sediments or remnants of a liquid, often referring to particles or impurities that settle at the bottom of a container; the least desirable or lowest quality parts or people in a group or society

32. She sat on a bar stool in the _____ sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.

- n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

33. The soldiers took cover in the dug-out _____ during the bombing.

- n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

34. The oil _____ ran aground, causing a devastating environmental disaster.

- n.* a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances

35. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

- adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

36. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their _____ online.

- n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

37. The soldiers stood at attention to _____ their commanding officer.

- v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

ANSWERS: 31. dregs, 32. saloon, 33. bunker, 34. tanker, 35. noxious, 36. anonymity, 37. salute

38. The _____ country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean

39. 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: 38. landlocked, 39. pun