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Session 1: Word List

swap

v. to give something and receive something in trade

synonym: exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

avatar

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

synonym: embodiment, expression, apotheosis

(1) digital **avatar**, (2) the **avatar** of the authority

A person's cyberspace **avatar** often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

pleasant

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
synonym: agreeable, delightful, pleasing

(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor
The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of
synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts
This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

puppy

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old
synonym: dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**
She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
synonym: sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**
The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine
She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym: disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym: bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym : levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of

your time or money.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

receiver

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

synonym: acceptor, recipient, collector

(1) a GPS **receiver**, (2) aid **receiver**

Delivery companies often require the **receiver's** signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

makeup

n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

synonym: maquillage, composition, cosmetic

(1) **makeup** artist, (2) take the **makeup** off her face

Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than **makeup**.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym: nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

incivility

n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

synonym: rudeness, impoliteness, disrespect

(1) **incivility** in politics, (2) online **incivility**

The **incivility** between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

oriented

adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

synonym: aligned, directed, focused

(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**

The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to provide excellent service.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

monger

v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

synonym: peddle, sell, (noun) dealer

(1) fish- **monger**, (2) **monger** hate speech

Some politicians use fear to **monger** support for their policies.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym : loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and

oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym : despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

denominator

n. the number below the line in a fraction

(1) common **denominator**, (2) different **denominators**

The first step is to rationalize the **denominator** of a fraction.

bait

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym: lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

gasoline

n. a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

synonym: gas, petrol, fuel

(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine

Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

Session 2: Spelling

1. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
2. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
3. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
4. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
5. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
6. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
7. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
8. s__p columns with rows *v.* to give something and receive something in trade

ANSWERS: 1. responsible, 2. rumor, 3. dike, 4. dike, 5. suddenly, 6. impulse, 7. browse, 8. swap

9. no__y party *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
10. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
11. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
12. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
13. si_____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
14. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
15. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
16. pl_____nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
17. the av___r of the authority *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. noisy, 10. apparently, 11. bull, 12. negative, 13. sideline, 14. fairy, 15. rumor, 16. pleasant, 17. avatar

18. ma___p artist *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
19. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
20. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
21. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
22. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
23. different den_____ors *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
24. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
25. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
26. in__t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
27. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 18. makeup, 19. sideline, 20. fairy, 21. hero, 22. negative, 23. denominator, 24. algorithm, 25. abuse, 26. insult, 27. suddenly

35. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
36. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
37. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
38. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
39. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
40. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
41. aid re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
42. pl_____nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
43. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
44. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
45. small ga_____ne engine *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
46. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 35. consume, 36. elite, 37. ugly, 38. incentive, 39. trash, 40. incentive, 41. receiver, 42. pleasant, 43. consist, 44. nasty, 45. gasoline, 46. encourage

47. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
48. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
49. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
50. online inc_____ty *n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
51. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
52. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
53. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
54. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
55. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
56. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of

ANSWERS: 47. politician, 48. algorithm, 49. tweet, 50. incivility, 51. puppy, 52. nasty, 53. responsible, 54. tyranny, 55. decide, 56. consist

57. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
58. fishing b__t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
59. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
60. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
61. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
62. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
63. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
64. s__p seats *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
65. mo___r hate speech *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
66. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 57. decide, 58. bait, 59. wreck, 60. editorial, 61. tweet, 62. increasingly, 63. increasingly, 64. swap, 65. monger, 66. hero

67. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
68. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
69. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
70. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
71. nurse a pu__y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
72. technology-or____ed *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
73. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
74. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
75. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
76. or____ed graph *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

ANSWERS: 67. drown, 68. pajama, 69. debate, 70. noisy, 71. puppy, 72. oriented, 73. occasionally, 74. gay, 75. tyranny, 76. oriented

87. pe____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
88. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
89. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
90. digital av___r *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
91. a GPS re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
92. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
93. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 87. perverse, 88. politician, 89. debate, 90. avatar, 91. receiver, 92. bait, 93. democracy

94. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
95. take the ma___p off her face *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
96. inc_____ty in politics *n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
97. lead-free ga_____ne *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
98. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
99. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
100. el___e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
101. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
102. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
103. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
104. common den_____or *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
105. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
106. an intentional in___t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 94. gay, 95. makeup, 96. incivility, 97. gasoline, 98. abuse, 99. incidentally, 100. elite, 101. occasionally, 102. democracy, 103. incidentally, 104. denominator, 105. consume, 106. insult

107. sa_____ce anything to get ahead

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

108. an ed_____al article

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 107. sacrifice, 108. editorial

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.
adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
2. My little sister loves to have _____ parties with her friends on the weekends.
n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
3. She felt _____ after finishing her book.
adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
4. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
5. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
6. Don't _____ horses while crossing a stream.
v. to give something and receive something in trade
7. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 1. oriented, 2. pajama, 3. accomplished, 4. fairy, 5. negative, 6. swap, 7. sacrifice

8. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

9. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

10. A person's cyberspace _____ often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

11. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

12. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

13. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

14. Luxury cars often require high-octane _____ as fuel.

n. a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

15. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

ANSWERS: 8. consume, 9. Democracy, 10. avatar, 11. perverse, 12. tweet, 13. elites, 14. gasoline, 15. increasingly

16. The first step is to rationalize the _____ of a fraction.
n. the number below the line in a fraction
17. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
18. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
19. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
20. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.
n. a young dog, usually less than a year old
21. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.
n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
22. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
23. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 16. denominator, 17. politician, 18. Incidentally, 19. encouraged, 20. puppy, 21. bull, 22. wreck, 23. browsed

24. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
25. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
26. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
27. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
28. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
29. The hotel's staff is very _____ and efficient.
adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
30. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
31. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
32. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

ANSWERS: 24. hero, 25. editorial, 26. drown, 27. abuse, 28. impulses, 29. pleasant, 30. consists, 31. decide, 32. ugly

33. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

34. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

35. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

36. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

37. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

38. The _____ between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

39. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

40. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 33. apparently, 34. bait, 35. incentive, 36. noisy, 37. sideline, 38. incivility, 39. suddenly, 40. responsible

41. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
42. The ____ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
43. Delivery companies often require the _____ signature to certify the completion of package delivery.
n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
44. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
45. The weather turned _____.
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
46. Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than _____.
n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
47. The town council plans to repair the damaged ____ along the riverbank.
n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
48. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 41. rumor, 42. gay, 43. receiver's, 44. occasionally, 45. nasty, 46. makeup, 47. dike, 48. landscape

49. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
50. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
- n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
51. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
- n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
52. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
53. Some politicians use fear to _____ support for their policies.
- v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
54. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 49. algorithm, 50. insult, 51. trash, 52. debate, 53. monger, 54. tyranny