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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### atheist

*n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

*synonym*: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

### akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym*: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

### inaugurate

*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

*synonym*: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

### atheism

*n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity

*synonym*: non-belief, disbelief, godlessness

(1) militant **atheism**, (2) **atheism** in philosophy

The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing **atheism** in contemporary society.

## deity

*n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

*synonym* : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

## supernatural

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

*synonym* : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

## carol

*n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

*synonym* : song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

## testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## wasteland

*n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

*synonym* : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

## impious

*adj.* showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious

*synonym* : irreverent, profane, blasphemous

(1) **impious** lifestyle, (2) **impious** remark

His **impious** behavior during the religious ceremony offended many.

## consolation

*n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

*synonym* : comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

## platonic

*adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

*synonym* : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

## scripture

*n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

*synonym* : religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

## didactic

*adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner

*synonym* : instructive, educational, pedagogical

(1) **didactic** approach, (2) **didactic** book

The teacher's **didactic** lesson on history was informative and engaging.

## preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym*: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

## sermon

*n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

*synonym*: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

## individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym*: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

## sieve

*n.* a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully

*synonym*: strainer, colander, tamis

(1) **sieve** tissue, (2) molecular **sieve**

The baker sifted the flour through a **sieve** to remove any lumps.

## boredom

*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym*: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## chronology

*n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

*synonym*: history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

## humility

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym*: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

**zen**

*n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

*synonym* : meditative, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **zen** garden, (2) **zen** meditation

Daily yoga helped her achieve a **zen** state of mind and calmness.

**frailty**

*n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

*synonym* : weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

**louse**

*n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

*synonym* : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

**rousing**

*adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

*synonym* : exciting, stirring, invigorating

(1) **rousing** music, (2) **rousing** business

The **rousing** speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## savior

*n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

*synonym* : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## anew

*adv.* in a new or different way

*synonym* : again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

## afresh

*adv.* in a new or different manner; again from the beginning; starting over

*synonym* : anew, again, freshly

(1) approach **afresh**, (2) begin **afresh**

She started her day **afresh** with a positive mindset and renewed energy.

## orthodox

*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

*synonym* : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

## immerse

*v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym* : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

## cathedral

*n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

*synonym* : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

## hover

*v.* to stay in one place in the air

*synonym* : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

## hermetic

*adj.* completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode

*synonym* : airtight, sealed, closed

(1) **hermetic** philosophy, (2) **hermetic** environment

The scientists used a **hermetic** seal to prevent air from entering the laboratory experiment.

## visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses



*synonym* : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

## mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## imbibe

*v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

*synonym* : drink, consume, absorb

(1) **imbibe** the idea, (2) **imbibe** alcohol

She **imbibed** the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.

## curator

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

*synonym* : conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

## filmmaker

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

*synonym* : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

## cot

*n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

*synonym* : bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

## 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.

## institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym*: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## courageous

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym*: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

## ridicule

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym*: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel

embarrassed and ashamed.

## dizzy

*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

*synonym* : addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

## mystical

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

*synonym* : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

## superstructure

*n.* the part of a structure or building that is built on top of the foundation or base; a framework or system that is built on top of something else and supports or enhances it

*synonym* : framework, structure, infrastructure

(1) **superstructure** design, (2) wooden **superstructure**

The bridge's **superstructure** was carefully constructed to withstand high winds and heavy traffic.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## hypocrisy

*n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

*synonym* : insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

### **politely**

*adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

*synonym*: courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

### **harmonious**

*adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

*synonym*: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

## Session 2: Spelling

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73. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact      *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
74. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements      *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
75. post-apocalyptic wa\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
76. at\_\_\_\_\_m in philosophy      *n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
77. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
78. my\_\_\_\_\_al belief      *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

ANSWERS: 70. institutionalize, 71. Jewish, 72. boredom, 73. overlook, 74. synchronize, 75. wasteland, 76. atheism, 77. industrious, 78. mystical

79. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
80. di\_\_\_\_\_ic book *adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
81. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
82. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
83. pl\_\_\_\_\_ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
84. act of gen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
85. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
86. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
87. si\_\_e tissue *n.* a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
88. rampant ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
89. make a cou\_\_\_\_\_us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

ANSWERS: 79. pilgrim, 80. didactic, 81. courageous, 82. supernatural, 83. platonic, 84. generosity, 85. humility, 86. mindset, 87. sieve, 88. individualism, 89. courageous

90. astronomical chr\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
91. the sacred mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
92. har\_\_\_\_\_us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
93. shrine for pi\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
94. ho\_\_r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
95. z\_n meditation *n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
96. interim cu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
97. im\_\_\_\_\_s lifestyle *adj.* showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious
98. lack of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 90. chronology, 91. mosque, 92. harmonious, 93. pilgrim, 94. hover, 95. zen, 96. curator, 97. impious, 98. humility

99. cu\_\_\_\_r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
100. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
101. vi\_\_\_\_al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
102. lo\_\_e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
103. Je\_\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
104. nodded po\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
105. militant at\_\_\_\_m *n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
106. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 99. curator, 100. Christ, 101. visceral, 102. louse, 103. Jewish, 104. politely, 105. atheism, 106. Christ



107. review a__w	<i>adv.</i> in a new or different way
108. ask for con_____on money	<i>n.</i> the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
109. lengthy se___n	<i>n.</i> a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
110. domed mo___e	<i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
111. flexible mi_____t	<i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
112. ina_____te a new policy	<i>v.</i> to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
113. ov_____ok a street	<i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
114. boundless gen_____ty	<i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 107. anew, 108. consolation, 109. sermon, 110. mosque, 111. mindset, 112. inaugurate, 113. overlook, 114. generosity

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.
  - v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
  
2. The scientists used a \_\_\_\_\_ seal to prevent air from entering the laboratory experiment.
  - adj.* completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of events was important for understanding history.
  - n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
  - n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
  
5. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.
  - v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
  
6. Her interests are \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.
  - adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
  
7. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun \_\_\_\_\_ Ra was the most powerful god.
  - n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 1. overlook, 2. hermetic, 3. chronology, 4. cathedral's, 5. institutionalize, 6. akin, 7. deity

8. Many people find comfort in reading \_\_\_\_\_ during times of hardship.
- n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
9. The commentaries often criticized the government's political \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
10. Daily yoga helped her achieve a \_\_\_\_ state of mind and calmness.
- n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
11. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.
- adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
12. The renowned \_\_\_\_\_ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
13. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.
- n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
14. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
- n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 8. scripture, 9. hypocrisy, 10. zen, 11. catholic, 12. filmmaker, 13. humility, 14. pilgrims

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

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

16. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier who had served his country with honor.

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

17. The president will \_\_\_\_\_ the new embassy building next week.

*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

18. The bridge's \_\_\_\_\_ was carefully constructed to withstand high winds and heavy traffic.

*n.* the part of a structure or building that is built on top of the foundation or base; a framework or system that is built on top of something else and supports or enhances it

19. He decided to start \_\_\_\_\_ and leave his old life behind.

*adv.* in a new or different way

20. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

21. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

ANSWERS: 15. industrious, 16. courageous, 17. inaugurate, 18. superstructure, 19. anew, 20. mindset, 21. Jewish, 22. supernatural

23. The abandoned industrial site is now a \_\_\_\_\_ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
- n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
24. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
25. She was an \_\_\_\_\_ without any belief in a higher power.
- n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
26. The teacher's \_\_\_\_\_ lesson on history was informative and engaging.
- adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
27. The pastor \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
28. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.
- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
29. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
30. She started her day \_\_\_\_\_ with a positive mindset and renewed energy.
- adv.* in a new or different manner; again from the beginning; starting over

ANSWERS: 23. wasteland, 24. dizzy, 25. atheist, 26. didactic, 27. preached, 28. generosity, 29. boredom, 30. afresh

31. I love the sound of \_\_\_\_\_ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.
- n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
32. His wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.
- n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
33. She \_\_\_\_\_ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.
- adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
34. The baker sifted the flour through a \_\_\_\_\_ to remove any lumps.
- n.* a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
36. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
37. The doctor warned us about the human body's \_\_\_\_\_ and the dangers of neglecting our health.
- n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

ANSWERS: 31. carols, 32. testament, 33. politely, 34. sieve, 35. immersed, 36. louse, 37. frailty

38. The painting's \_\_\_\_\_ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

*adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

39. While meditating, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.

*adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

42. Two birds were \_\_\_\_\_ overhead.

*v.* to stay in one place in the air

43. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

44. The hospital provides \_\_\_\_\_ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

*n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

ANSWERS: 38. harmonious, 39. mystical, 40. ridicule, 41. rousing, 42. hovering, 43. Christmas, 44. cots

45. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
46. The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing \_\_\_\_\_ in contemporary society.
- n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
47. He challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ views on business.
- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
48. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
49. An ethic of \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
- n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
50. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
51. The preacher delivered a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ on the importance of forgiveness.
- n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 45. Mosque, 46. atheism, 47. orthodox, 48. synchronized, 49. individualism, 50. savior, 51. sermon



52. Your company has been a great \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

*n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

53. She \_\_\_\_\_ the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.

*v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

54. The museum \_\_\_\_\_ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

55. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior during the religious ceremony offended many.

*adj.* showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious

56. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

57. His relationship with her was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

ANSWERS: 52. consolation, 53. imbibed, 54. curator, 55. impious, 56. visceral, 57. platonic