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## Session 1: Word List

### uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

### stale

*adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

*synonym*: old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

### grocer

*n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

*synonym*: storekeeper

(1) a green- **grocer**, (2) an old **grocer**

The natural foods **grocer** took advantage of the recent vegan craze.

### hemorrhage

*n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel

*synonym*: heavy bleeding

(1) **hemorrhage** from a breast, (2) **hemorrhage** control

He had a severe brain **hemorrhage** that left him paralyzed.

**loaf** *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle  
*synonym*: bread, boule, brioche  
(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day  
On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

**exposition** *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display  
*synonym*: explanation, description, account  
(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**  
The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

**rot** *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually  
*synonym*: perish, decay, corrode  
(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age  
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

**colossal** *adj.* extremely large and impressive  
*synonym*: gigantic, huge, enormous  
(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success  
The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

**unpack** *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better  
*synonym*: dissect, unwrap, unbox  
(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept  
I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

## **gargantuan**

*adj.* of immense size, volume, or magnitude; gigantic

*synonym* : enormous, colossal, mammoth

(1) **gargantuan** size, (2) **gargantuan** appetite

The construction of the **gargantuan** skyscraper was an engineering marvel.

## **chop**

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym* : cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

## **deplete**

*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

*synonym* : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

## **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.

## **refrigeration**

*n.* the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it

*synonym* : cooling, freezing, preservation

(1) **refrigeration** car, (2) **refrigeration** technology

The supermarket had a large **refrigeration** section with all kinds of fresh produce.

## **crate**

*n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

*synonym* : box, container, receptacle

(1) **crate** of apples, (2) beer **crate**

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.

## inefficient

*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

*synonym* : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

## feces

*n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

*synonym* : poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

## superlative

*adj.* of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category

*synonym* : excellent, exceptional, supreme

(1) **superlative** quality, (2) **superlative** achievement

The restaurant's exotic dishes received **superlative** reviews from food critics.

## sneaking

*adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

*synonym* : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

## iceberg

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

*synonym* : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

## spinach

*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger

(1) **spinach** salad, (2) frozen **spinach**

Fresh **spinach** is a good source of vitamins and minerals.

## imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym*: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

## testicle

*n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

*synonym*: ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

## gastronomy

*n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

*synonym*: culinary art, cuisine

(1) **gastronomy** tour, (2) French **gastronomy**

The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of **gastronomy** worldwide.

## halve

*v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

*synonym*: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload  
I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

## incinerate

v. to burn something, especially waste material completely  
*synonym*: burn

(1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations  
For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

## frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

*synonym*: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**  
Thinking always made him **frown**.

## thrash

v. to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

*synonym*: beat, pummel, thrum

(1) **thrash** about with pain, (2) **thrash** out a deal  
He **thrashed** in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.

## lettuce

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

*synonym*: greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**  
I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

## domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym*: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant  
We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## deforestation

*n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area  
*synonym*: clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

## anaerobic

*adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen

*synonym*: oxygen-free, without oxygen, anoxic

(1) **anaerobic** atmosphere, (2) **anaerobic** exercise

**Anaerobic** bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.

## digestion

*n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

*synonym*: absorption, assimilation, metabolism

(1) poor **digestion**, (2) impaired **digestion**

Overeating can lead to discomfort and slower **digestion**.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## paltry

*adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

*synonym*: insignificant, worthless, meager

(1) **paltry** sum, (2) **paltry** excuse

After working long hours for a **paltry** paycheck, the employee

began to search for a new job.

## **intern**

- v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|----|--|
| 1. un____r a potential problem | v. | to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden  |
| 2. begin to r_t                | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually   |
| 3. ha__e the price             | v. | to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size  |
| 4. un___k a crate              | v. | to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better   |
| 5. sp_____h salad              | n. | a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger |
| 6. crusty l__f                 | n. | a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle  |
| 7. r_t with age                | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually   |
| 8. hem_____ge control          | n. | profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel  |
| 9. te_____le injury            | n. | one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels   |

ANSWERS: 1. uncover, 2. rot, 3. halve, 4. unpack, 5. spinach, 6. loaf, 7. rot, 8. hemorrhage, 9. testicle

10. co\_\_\_\_al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
11. sn\_\_\_\_ng suspicion *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
12. frozen sp\_\_\_\_h *n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
13. pa\_\_\_\_y excuse *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
14. un\_\_\_\_k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
15. c\_\_p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
16. in\_\_\_\_n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
17. wilted le\_\_\_\_e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
18. a sn\_\_\_\_ng sense of satisfaction *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

ANSWERS: 10. colossal, 11. sneaking, 12. spinach, 13. paltry, 14. unpack, 15. chop, 16. intern, 17. lettuce, 18. sneaking

19. French gas\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
20. gar\_\_\_\_\_an size *adj.* of immense size, volume, or magnitude; gigantic
21. sup\_\_\_\_\_ve achievement *adj.* of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category
22. a co\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
23. th\_\_\_\_h about with pain *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
24. def\_\_\_\_\_ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
25. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
26. impaired di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas
27. a st\_\_e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

ANSWERS: 19. gastronomy, 20. gargantuan, 21. superlative, 22. colossal, 23. thrash, 24. deforestation, 25. inefficient, 26. digestion, 27. stale

28. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
29. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. a green-gr\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
31. ic\_\_\_\_\_g melting      *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
32. easy to dom\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
33. ref\_\_\_\_\_ion car      *n.* the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
34. people with fr\_\_n faces      *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
35. hit an ic\_\_\_\_\_g      *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
36. de\_\_\_\_\_e glycogen stores      *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
37. gas\_\_\_\_\_my tour      *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

ANSWERS: 28. uncover, 29. electrify, 30. grocer, 31. iceberg, 32. domesticate, 33. refrigeration, 34. frown, 35. iceberg, 36. deplete, 37. gastronomy

38. de\_\_\_\_e customer confidence      *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
39. c\_\_p wood      *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
40. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly developed      *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
41. hem\_\_\_\_\_ge from a breast      *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
42. an\_\_\_\_\_ic exercise      *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
43. an old gr\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
44. swollen te\_\_\_\_\_les      *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
45. cr\_\_e of apples      *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
46. a worried fr\_\_n      *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
47. poor di\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

ANSWERS: 38. deplete, 39. chop, 40. imperfectly, 41. hemorrhage, 42. anaerobic, 43. grocer, 44. testicle, 45. crate, 46. frown, 47. digestion

48. l\_\_f around during the day *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
49. medical in\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
50. an\_\_\_\_ic atmosphere *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
51. imp\_\_\_\_ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
52. ine\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
53. the power to inc\_\_\_\_te nations *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
54. dom\_\_\_\_te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
55. the lowest def\_\_\_\_ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
56. an international exp\_\_\_\_on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
57. sup\_\_\_\_ve quality *adj.* of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category

ANSWERS: 48. loaf, 49. intern, 50. anaerobic, 51. imperfectly, 52. inefficient, 53. incinerate, 54. domesticate, 55. deforestation, 56. exposition, 57. superlative

58. human fe\_\_s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
59. gar\_\_\_\_\_an appetite *adj.* of immense size, volume, or magnitude; gigantic
60. ref\_\_\_\_\_ion technology *n.* the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
61. crisp le\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
62. pa\_\_\_y sum *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
63. e\_\_t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
64. st\_\_e smell *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
65. ha\_\_e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
66. fe\_\_s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
67. e\_\_t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
68. rational exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
69. inc\_\_\_\_\_te waste *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely

ANSWERS: 58. feces, 59. gargantuan, 60. refrigeration, 61. lettuce, 62. paltry, 63. emit, 64. stale, 65. halve, 66. feces, 67. emit, 68. exposition, 69. incinerate

70. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.*    to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
71. beer cr\_\_e      *n.*    a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
72. th\_\_\_h out a deal      *v.*    to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

ANSWERS: 70. electrify, 71. crate, 72. thrash



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.  
*adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
2. The ship encountered a series of \_\_\_\_\_ and had to change its course.  
*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
3. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.  
*v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
5. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.  
*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.  
*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
7. Large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.  
*n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

ANSWERS: 1. sneaking, 2. icebergs, 3. imperfectly, 4. thrashed, 5. interned, 6. domesticate, 7. deforestation

8. Fresh \_\_\_\_\_ is a good source of vitamins and minerals.  
*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
9. He had a severe brain \_\_\_\_\_ that left him paralyzed.  
*n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
10. The shipping \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.  
*n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
11. The bread was \_\_\_\_\_ and not fit for eating.  
*adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
12. The supermarket had a large \_\_\_\_\_ section with all kinds of fresh produce.  
*n.* the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
13. The athlete was hit in the \_\_\_\_\_ during the game and had to be removed.  
*n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
14. On my way home from work, I picked up a \_\_\_\_\_ of bread from the bakery.  
*n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
15. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.  
*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. spinach, 9. hemorrhage, 10. crate, 11. stale, 12. refrigeration, 13. testicle, 14. loaf, 15. emits

16. Thinking always made him \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

17. After working long hours for a \_\_\_\_\_ paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

- adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

18. The natural foods \_\_\_\_\_ took advantage of the recent vegan craze.

- n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

19. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my suitcase and put my clothes away.

- v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

20. The system is still so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is useless.

- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

21. I want a sandwich with extra \_\_\_\_\_ please.

- n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

22. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.

- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

23. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 16. frown, 17. paltry, 18. grocer, 19. unpack, 20. inefficient, 21. lettuce, 22. uncovered, 23. deplete

24. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
- v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
25. The construction of the \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper was an engineering marvel.
- adj. of immense size, volume, or magnitude; gigantic
26. \_\_\_\_\_ bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.
- adj. living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
27. The new building is truly \_\_\_\_\_ towering over the surrounding buildings.
- adj. extremely large and impressive
28. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.
- v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
29. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. The restaurant's exotic dishes received \_\_\_\_\_ reviews from food critics.
- adj. of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category
31. For safety reasons, we must completely \_\_\_\_\_ contaminated protective clothing.
- v. to burn something, especially waste material completely

ANSWERS: 24. halve, 25. gargantuan, 26. Anaerobic, 27. colossal, 28. chopped, 29. electrify, 30. superlative, 31. incinerate

32. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
33. The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide.
- n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
35. Proper disposal of \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.
- n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
36. Overeating can lead to discomfort and slower \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

ANSWERS: 32. rot, 33. gastronomy, 34. exposition, 35. feces, 36. digestion