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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### culminate

*v.* to reach a peak or climax

*synonym*: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

### despot

*n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.

*synonym*: tyrant, autocrat, dictator

(1) evil **despot**, (2) the **despot's** reign

The country's people lived under the **despot's** rule for many years, enduring abuse and persecution.

### startling

*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

*synonym*: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

### 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.

## conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

*synonym*: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

## sack

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;  
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

*synonym*: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

## 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.

## ransack

v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

*synonym*: pillage, loot, plunder

(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town

Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

## desecrate

v. to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

*synonym*: violate, disrespect, profane

(1) **desecrate** a grave, (2) **desecrate** a holy site

It is disrespectful to **desecrate** someone's place of worship or memorial.

## sacrilege

*n.* the violation, desecration, or misuse of something considered sacred or highly valued, such as a religious object, place, or belief; an irreverent or disrespectful act towards something sacred

*synonym*: desecration, impiety, blasphemy

(1) strictly forbidden **sacrilege**, (2) act of **sacrilege**

Some believers consider using religious symbols in commercial advertising to be **sacrilege**.

## festive

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a festival or celebration; joyful, lively, and colorful

*synonym*: festal, celebratory, jovial

(1) **festive** clothing, (2) **festive** atmosphere

The city is decorated with **festive** lights and decorations for the holiday season.

## topple

*v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

*synonym*: overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

## hyperbole

*n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

*synonym*: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

## victorious

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

*synonym*: triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

## enslave

*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

*synonym* : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people  
Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

## confiscate

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

*synonym* : seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

## repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

*synonym* : suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

## exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

*synonym* : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

## weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym* : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

*synonym* : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

## multicultural

*adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

*synonym* : diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym* : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## reverence

*n.* a feeling or expression of deep respect, reverence, or admiration for someone or something, often associated with religious or spiritual devotion

*synonym* : adoration, reverence, respect

(1) show **reverence**, (2) cultural **reverence**

The religious ceremony was filled with **reverence** for the deity.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## shepherd

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym* : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

## 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.

### creditor

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

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

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

### takeover

*n.* an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force

*synonym*: seizure, confiscation, expropriation

(1) a **takeover** of a company, (2) consolidation **takeover**

The **takeover** deal was worth a few tens of billions of dollars.

### battalion

*n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

*synonym*: unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

### unsettle

*v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

*synonym*: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

### rhapsody

*n.* an intensely emotional or passionate piece of music, speech, or writing; a state of uncontrolled enthusiasm or joy

*synonym*: composition, symphony, sonata

(1) **rhapsody** in blue, (2) poetic **rhapsody**

His speech was a **rhapsody** of heartfelt gratitude to his mother who had sacrificed so much for him.

## superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym*: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

## summon

*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## dynasty

*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

## Muslim

*n.* a follower of the religion of Islam

*synonym*: Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

## 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.

## devout

*adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

*synonym*: pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner  
The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

## emblem

*n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea  
*synonym*: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

## blockbuster

*n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

*synonym*: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## tyrant

*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

*synonym*: despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

## expropriate

*v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation

*synonym*: seize, confiscate, commandeer

(1) **expropriate** assets, (2) government's power to **expropriate**



The government decided to **expropriate** the land for a new highway.

## pageant

*n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

*synonym*: parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

## rumble

*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

*synonym*: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym*: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## shrill

*adj.* high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh

*synonym*: piercing, screeching, high-pitched

(1) make a **shrill** noise, (2) **shrill** cry

The **shrill** sound of the whistle startled the entire crowd.

## mute

*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

*synonym*: silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. consolidation ta_____er          | <i>n.</i> an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force                        |
| 2. sheep without a sh_____rd        | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area  |
| 3. a national em____m               | <i>n.</i> a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea   |
| 4. asp_____on into the lungs        | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath  |
| 5. bankrupt cr_____or               | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money  |
| 6. government's power to exp_____te | <i>v.</i> to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation |
| 7. ru____e an order                 | <i>v.</i> to make a low, heavy continuous sound  |
| 8. st_____ng discovery              | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying  |
| 9. the vic_____us entry             | <i>adj.</i> being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.   |
| 10. Je____h history                 | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism   |
| 11. m__e sound                      | <i>adj.</i> silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated  |

ANSWERS: 1. takeover, 2. shepherd, 3. emblem, 4. aspiration, 5. creditor, 6. expropriate, 7. rumble, 8. startling, 9. victorious, 10. Jewish, 11. mute

12. blo\_\_\_\_\_er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
13. un\_\_\_\_\_le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
14. ra\_\_\_\_\_k a house *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
15. the de\_\_\_\_t's reign *n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.
16. cultural ven\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a feeling or expression of deep respect, reverence, or admiration for someone or something, often associated with religious or spiritual devotion
17. act of sa\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the violation, desecration, or misuse of something considered sacred or highly valued, such as a religious object, place, or belief; an irreverent or disrespectful act towards something sacred
18. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
19. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
20. co\_\_\_\_\_r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 12. blockbuster, 13. unsettle, 14. ransack, 15. despot, 16. veneration, 17. sacrilege, 18. archaeology, 19. oppress, 20. conquer

21. predominantly Mu\_\_\_m country      *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
22. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* after the time mentioned
23. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country      *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
24. avoid hy\_\_\_\_\_le in writing      *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
25. s\_\_k an employee      *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
26. ty\_\_\_t regime      *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
27. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
28. pa\_\_\_\_\_t queen      *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
29. su\_\_\_n a city council      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 21. Muslim, 22. afterward, 23. superpower, 24. hyperbole, 25. sack, 26. tyrant, 27. archaeology, 28. pageant, 29. summon

30. fe\_\_\_\_e atmosphere *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a festival or celebration; joyful, lively, and colorful
31. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
32. ru\_\_\_e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
33. en\_\_\_\_e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
34. en\_\_\_\_e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
35. evil de\_\_\_\_t *n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.
36. rh\_\_\_\_dy in blue *n.* an intensely emotional or passionate piece of music, speech, or writing; a state of uncontrolled enthusiasm or joy
37. 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
38. mul\_\_\_\_\_\_ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
39. to\_\_\_e communist rule *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
40. dy\_\_\_\_y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

ANSWERS: 30. festive, 31. Jewish, 32. rumble, 33. enslave, 34. enslave, 35. despot, 36. rhapsody, 37. Christ, 38. multicultural, 39. topple, 40. dynasty

41. re\_\_\_\_s gene expression      *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
42. st\_\_\_\_\_ng earthquake shocks      *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
43. su\_\_\_\_n a lawyer      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
44. exp\_\_\_\_\_te assets      *v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation
45. de\_\_\_\_\_te a grave      *v.* to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy
46. co\_\_\_\_\_r the world      *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
47. fe\_\_\_\_\_e clothing      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a festival or celebration; joyful, lively, and colorful
48. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* after the time mentioned
49. a domestic ty\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
50. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
51. make a sh\_\_\_\_l noise      *adj.* high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh

ANSWERS: 41. repress, 42. startling, 43. summon, 44. expropriate, 45. desecrate, 46. conquer, 47. festive, 48. afterward, 49. tyrant, 50. creditor, 51. shrill

52. to\_\_\_e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
53. sup\_\_\_\_\_er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
54. mul\_\_\_\_\_ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
55. act in a de\_\_\_t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
56. sc\_\_\_\_\_re study *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
57. con\_\_\_\_\_te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
58. Mu\_\_\_m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
59. ra\_\_\_\_\_k a town *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
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ANSWERS: 52. topple, 53. superpower, 54. multicultural, 55. devout, 56. scripture, 57. confiscate, 58. Muslim, 59. ransack, 60. aspiration, 61. sacrilege

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63. escalate the hy\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
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65. ex\_\_e community      *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
66. sh\_\_\_\_\_rd boy      *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
67. political ex\_\_e      *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
68. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
69. a sleep s\_\_k      *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
70. de\_\_\_\_\_te a holy site      *v.* to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

ANSWERS: 62. testament, 63. hyperbole, 64. blockbuster, 65. exile, 66. shepherd, 67. exile, 68. oppress, 69. sack, 70. desecrate



71. cu\_\_\_\_\_te in failure      *v.* to reach a peak or climax
72. sh\_\_\_l cry      *adj.* high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh
73. infantry ba\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
74. biblical sc\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
75. cu\_\_\_\_\_te in a heart attack      *v.* to reach a peak or climax
76. w\_\_p bitter tears      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
77. armored ba\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
78. cannot re\_\_\_\_\_s laughter      *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
79. m\_\_e button      *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
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81. show ven\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a feeling or expression of deep respect, reverence, or admiration for someone or something, often associated with religious or spiritual devotion

ANSWERS: 71. culminate, 72. shrill, 73. battalion, 74. scripture, 75. culminate, 76. weep, 77. battalion, 78. repress, 79. mute, 80. confiscate, 81. veneration



92. de\_\_\_t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
93. w\_\_p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
94. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

ANSWERS: 92. devout, 93. weep, 94. victorious

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He describes the story with \_\_\_\_\_ reality.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
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*n.* a feeling or expression of deep respect, reverence, or admiration for someone or something, often associated with religious or spiritual devotion
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ANSWERS: 1. startling, 2. veneration, 3. victorious, 4. aspiration, 5. pageant, 6. reshaped, 7. creditor, 8. afterward

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ rule was marked by oppression and fear.  
*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
10. The city is decorated with \_\_\_\_\_ lights and decorations for the holiday season.  
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11. The government decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the land for a new highway.  
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13. 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
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15. This nationwide strike may \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economy.  
*v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
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ANSWERS: 9. tyrant's, 10. festive, 11. expropriate, 12. weep, 13. scripture, 14. emblem, 15. unsettle, 16. rhapsody

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- v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
18. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
19. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ deal was worth a few tens of billions of dollars.
- n. an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force
21. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ me completely.
- v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
22. The school is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ student body.
- adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
23. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
24. The security officer had to \_\_\_\_\_ the weapon from the suspect.
- v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

ANSWERS: 17. summoning, 18. Jewish, 19. oppressed, 20. takeover, 21. enslaved, 22. multicultural, 23. battalion, 24. confiscate

25. Some believers consider using religious symbols in commercial advertising to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the violation, desecration, or misuse of something considered sacred or highly valued, such as a religious object, place, or belief; an irreverent or disrespectful act towards something sacred
26. He \_\_\_\_\_ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
- v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
27. Burglars \_\_\_\_\_ the store, stealing everything of value.
- v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
28. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
29. The thunder \_\_\_\_\_ in the distance.
- v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
31. During the Habsburg \_\_\_\_\_ colonization began.
- n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

ANSWERS: 25. sacrilege, 26. repressed, 27. ransacked, 28. superpower, 29. rumbled, 30. shepherd's, 31. dynasty,

32. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.  
*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
33. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from his job for stealing company property.  
*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
34. \_\_\_\_\_ 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
35. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily \_\_\_\_\_ over.  
*v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.  
*n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ community in the city is small but growing.  
*n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the whistle startled the entire crowd.  
*adj.* high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.  
*adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

ANSWERS: 32. archaeology, 33. sacked, 34. Christmas, 35. toppled, 36. exiled, 37. Muslim, 38. shrill, 39. devout



40. The marketing campaign relied heavily on \_\_\_\_\_ to sell the product.  
*n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
41. It is disrespectful to \_\_\_\_\_ someone's place of worship or memorial.  
*v.* to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy
42. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your anxiety about driving.  
*v.* to bring under control by force or authority
43. The event will \_\_\_\_\_ in a grand fireworks display.  
*v.* to reach a peak or climax
44. His wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.  
*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
45. The country's people lived under the \_\_\_\_\_ rule for many years, enduring abuse and persecution.  
*n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.
46. The new action movie is expected to be a \_\_\_\_\_ hit.  
*n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
47. The actor played a \_\_\_\_\_ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.  
*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

ANSWERS: 40. hyperbole, 41. desecrate, 42. conquer, 43. culminate, 44. testament, 45. despot's, 46. blockbuster, 47. mute

ANSWERS: