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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### outsider

*n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

*synonym*: stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

### overstate

*v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

*synonym*: exaggerate, embellish, magnify

(1) **overstate** the issue, (2) **overstate** the importance

He tends to **overstate** his accomplishments to impress others.

### godfather

*n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

*synonym*: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

## bleachers

*n.* a raised, uncovered seating area, usually consisting of long rows of benches or seats, typically found in sports stadiums or arenas to provide seating for spectators

*synonym*: stands, grandstand, terraces

(1) empty **bleachers**, (2) packed **bleachers**

The fans cheered from the crowded **bleachers** as their team scored a touchdown.

## stairwell

*n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

(1) emergency **stairwell**, (2) open **stairwell**

Tom noticed them when he peered down the **stairwell**.

## pronounce

*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

*synonym*: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

## goofy

*adj.* silly or foolish

*synonym*: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

## 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**.

## undergird

*v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

*synonym*: support, underpin, reinforce

(1) **undergird** your argument, (2) **undergird** the ship

A strong foundation of customer satisfaction **undergirds** the business's success.

## **biggie**

*n.* something important or significant

*synonym* : important, significant, crucial

(1) a media **biggie**, (2) **biggie** in the market

Winning the lottery is a **biggie** for most people.

## **ledge**

*n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

*synonym* : shelf, edge, brink

(1) **ledge** overlooking the ocean, (2) wooden **ledge**

He stood on the narrow **ledge**, looking down at the busy street below.

## **overdo**

*v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

*synonym* : overwork, exaggerate, hyperbolize

(1) **overdo** exercise, (2) **overdo** caffeine

If you **overdo** the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

## **indulgent**

*adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

*synonym* : lavish, self-indulgent, excessive

(1) an **indulgent** father, (2) **indulgent** lifestyle

The rich and **indulgent** dessert was worth every calorie.

## **skim**

*v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

*synonym* : glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

## sideways

*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

*synonym* : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym* : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## gurney

*n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings

*synonym* : stretcher, litter, bed

(1) transport **gurney**, (2) **gurney** pushing

The paramedics lifted the injured man onto the **gurney** and rushed him to the hospital.

## mellow

*adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm

*synonym* : calm, relaxed, easy-going

(1) a **mellow** apple, (2) **mellow** music

He was in a **mellow** mood after a long day of fishing.

## beckon

*v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

*synonym* : signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

## wheelie

*n.* a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel

(1) **wheelie** tricks, (2) do a **wheelie**

He rode his bike down the street, popping a **wheelie** to impress his friends.

## sketchy

*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

*synonym*: suspicious, dubious, questionable

(1) **sketchy** sources, (2) **sketchy** behavior

The neighborhood had a **sketchy** reputation due to its high crime rate.

## ax

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

*synonym*: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

## granular

*adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

*synonym*: gritty, grainy, sandy

(1) a **granular** medicine, (2) **granular** data

The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym*: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## individuate

*v.* to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others

*synonym*: distinguish, discriminate, separate

(1) **individuate** personality, (2) **individuate** behavior

The therapist helped the patient to **individuate** their emotions and thoughts from those of their family members.

## silhouette

*n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

*synonym*: outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment

After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

## individuality

*n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

*synonym*: personality, distinctiveness, eccentricity

(1) your **individuality**, (2) emphasize **individuality**

He has a strong sense of **individuality**.

## conducive

*adj.* tending to make something likely or possible

*synonym*: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

## steer

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym*: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## disparate

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

*synonym*: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

## ethos

*n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

*synonym*: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

## edgy

*adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

*synonym*: tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

## 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.

## concussion

*n.* a violent blow or jolt to the head or body that jars the brain, often resulting in temporary or prolonged unconsciousness, confusion, or memory loss; a shock or upheaval caused by a sudden change or event

*synonym* : shock, trauma, head injury

(1) **concussion** symptoms, (2) **concussion** resistance

The football player suffered a **concussion** after being tackled during the game.

## resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym* : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## usurp

v. to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

*synonym* : seize, preempt, annex

(1) **usurp** power, (2) attempt to **usurp** the throne

The competitor tried to **usurp** the reigning champion's title.

## 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.

## transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

*synonym* : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## permanence

n. the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent

*synonym* : durability, continuity, stability

(1) **permanence** factor, (2) long-term **permanence**

The **permanence** of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.



## disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

*synonym*: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

## reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym*: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. tr_____nd boundaries        | <i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something   |
| 2. the sil_____te of a garment | <i>n.</i> an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color                        |
| 3. creative in_____on          | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 4. ou_____er artist            | <i>n.</i> a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles     |
| 5. et__s of science            | <i>n.</i> the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person  |
| 6. wh_____e tricks             | <i>n.</i> a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel    |
| 7. ov_____te the importance    | <i>v.</i> to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is  |
| 8. e__y fashion                | <i>adj.</i> being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality                             |

ANSWERS: 1. transcend, 2. silhouette, 3. intuition, 4. outsider, 5. ethos, 6. wheelie, 7. overstate, 8. edgy

9. di\_\_\_\_se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
10. gu\_\_\_\_y pushing *n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
11. emphasize ind\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
12. ware a go\_\_y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
13. ind\_\_\_\_\_te personality *v.* to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others
14. an in\_\_\_\_\_nt father *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
15. 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
16. le\_\_e overlooking the ocean *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
17. r\_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
18. open st\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

ANSWERS: 9. disperse, 10. gurney, 11. individuality, 12. goofy, 13. individuate, 14. indulgent, 15. visceral, 16. ledge, 17. rot, 18. stairwell

19. di\_\_\_\_se false information      *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
20. corporate et\_\_s      *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
21. physically di\_\_\_\_\_te location      *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
22. political go\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
23. e\_\_y haircut      *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
24. emergency st\_\_\_\_\_ll      *n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
25. be\_\_\_n with a hand      *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
26. st\_\_r a conversation      *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
27. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a judgment      *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 19. disperse, 20. ethos, 21. disparate, 22. godfather, 23. edgy, 24. stairwell, 25. beckon, 26. steer, 27. pronounce

28. bi\_\_\_e in the market *n.* something important or significant
29. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
30. be my go\_\_\_\_\_er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
31. per\_\_\_\_\_ce factor *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
32. packed bl\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a raised, uncovered seating area, usually consisting of long rows of benches or seats, typically found in sports stadiums or arenas to provide seating for spectators
33. pr\_\_\_h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
34. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
35. co\_\_\_\_\_ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
36. sk\_\_\_\_\_y sources *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

ANSWERS: 28. biggie, 29. ax, 30. godfather, 31. permanence, 32. bleachers, 33. preach, 34. helpless, 35. conducive, 36. sketchy

37. st\_\_r a steady course      *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
38. vi\_\_\_\_al organ      *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
39. be\_\_\_n a taxi      *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
40. your ind\_\_\_\_\_ity      *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
41. sk\_\_\_\_\_y behavior      *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
42. fall si\_\_\_\_\_ys      *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
43. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a name      *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
44. ind\_\_\_\_\_te behavior      *v.* to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others
45. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd limits      *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 37. steer, 38. visceral, 39. beckon, 40. individuality, 41. sketchy, 42. sideways, 43. pronounce, 44. individuate, 45. transcend

46. us\_\_p power *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
47. do a wh\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel
48. in\_\_\_\_\_nt lifestyle *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
49. ov\_\_\_\_\_te the issue *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
50. me\_\_\_w music *adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm
51. with a go\_\_y expression *adj.* silly or foolish
52. s\_\_m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
53. s\_\_m the surface of the water *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

ANSWERS: 46. usurp, 47. wheelie, 48. indulgent, 49. overstate, 50. mellow, 51. goofy, 52. skim, 53. skim

54. a person's sil\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
55. un\_\_\_\_\_rd the ship *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
56. re\_\_\_\_\_nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
57. a si\_\_\_\_\_ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
58. attempt to us\_\_p the throne *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
59. di\_\_\_\_\_te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
60. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
61. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
62. empty bl\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a raised, uncovered seating area, usually consisting of long rows of benches or seats, typically found in sports stadiums or arenas to provide seating for spectators

ANSWERS: 54. silhouette, 55. undergird, 56. reinvent, 57. sideways, 58. usurp, 59. disparate, 60. ax, 61. resonate, 62. bleachers



63. re\_\_\_\_\_nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
64. con\_\_\_\_\_on symptoms *n.* a violent blow or jolt to the head or body that jars the brain, often resulting in temporary or prolonged unconsciousness, confusion, or memory loss; a shock or upheaval caused by a sudden change or event
65. un\_\_\_\_\_rd your argument *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
66. a me\_\_\_\_w apple *adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm
67. co\_\_\_\_\_ve to growth *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
68. wooden le\_\_e *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
69. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
70. long-term per\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
71. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
72. he\_\_\_\_\_ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
73. ou\_\_\_\_\_er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 63. reinvent, 64. concussion, 65. undergird, 66. mellow, 67. conducive, 68. ledge, 69. resonate, 70. permanence, 71. smartphone, 72. helpless, 73. outsider

74. pr\_\_\_h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
75. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
76. a media bi\_\_\_e *n.* something important or significant
77. transport gu\_\_\_y *n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
78. ov\_\_\_o caffeine *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert
79. gr\_\_\_\_\_ar data *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
80. con\_\_\_\_\_on resistance *n.* a violent blow or jolt to the head or body that jars the brain, often resulting in temporary or prolonged unconsciousness, confusion, or memory loss; a shock or upheaval caused by a sudden change or event
81. in\_\_\_\_\_on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
82. ov\_\_\_o exercise *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

ANSWERS: 74. preach, 75. rot, 76. biggie, 77. gurney, 78. overdo, 79. granular, 80. concussion, 81. intuition, 82. overdo

83. a gr\_\_\_\_\_ar medicine

*adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

84. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 83. granular, 84. smartphone

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

3. The pastor \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of forgiveness.

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

4. He stood on the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ looking down at the busy street below.

*n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

5. They have tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their grocery stores.

*v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

6. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional \_\_\_\_\_ of a doctor.

*n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

7. Before authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

*v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

8. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 1. visceral, 2. helpless, 3. preached, 4. ledge, 5. reinvent, 6. ethos, 7. dispersed, 8. transcended

9. She glanced \_\_\_\_\_ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.  
*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
10. A strong foundation of customer satisfaction \_\_\_\_\_ the business's success.  
*v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
11. Tom noticed them when he peered down the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
12. The wealthy businessman acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.  
*n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
13. He rode his bike down the street, popping a \_\_\_\_\_ to impress his friends.  
*n.* a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel
14. The quiet and peaceful environment was \_\_\_\_\_ to concentration and productivity.  
*adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
15. If you \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.  
*v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

ANSWERS: 9. sideways, 10. undergirds, 11. stairwell, 12. godfather, 13. wheelie, 14. conducive, 15. overdo

16. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.

- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

17. He has a strong sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

18. The soil had a \_\_\_\_\_ texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

- adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

19. The competitor tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the reigning champion's title.

- v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

20. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

21. He was in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood after a long day of fishing.

- adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm

22. The organization worked to bring together \_\_\_\_\_ groups in the community.

- adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

23. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

- v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

ANSWERS: 16. steer, 17. individuality, 18. granular, 19. usurp, 20. smartphones, 21. mellow, 22. disparate, 23. skim

24. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his accomplishments to impress others.
- v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
25. The fans cheered from the crowded \_\_\_\_\_ as their team scored a touchdown.
- n. a raised, uncovered seating area, usually consisting of long rows of benches or seats, typically found in sports stadiums or arenas to provide seating for spectators
26. The therapist helped the patient to \_\_\_\_\_ their emotions and thoughts from those of their family members.
- v. to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.
- n. the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
28. He used an \_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
29. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.
- v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
30. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ face as he recalled this morning's events.
- adj. silly or foolish
31. The football player suffered a \_\_\_\_\_ after being tackled during the game.
- n. a violent blow or jolt to the head or body that jars the brain, often resulting in temporary or prolonged unconsciousness, confusion, or memory loss; a shock or upheaval caused by a sudden change or event

ANSWERS: 24. overstate, 25. bleachers, 26. individuate, 27. permanence, 28. ax, 29. resonates, 30. goofy, 31. concussion

32. After the war, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the country appears.

- n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

33. The neighborhood had a \_\_\_\_\_ reputation due to its high crime rate.

- adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

34. The paramedics lifted the injured man onto the \_\_\_\_\_ and rushed him to the hospital.

- n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings

35. The rich and \_\_\_\_\_ dessert was worth every calorie.

- adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

36. The warm sun and gentle breeze \_\_\_\_\_ us to spend the day outside.

- v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

37. I always feel \_\_\_\_\_ when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

- adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

38. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.

- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

39. Winning the lottery is a \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.

- n.* something important or significant

ANSWERS: 32. silhouette, 33. sketchy, 34. gurney, 35. indulgent, 36. beckoned, 37. edgy, 38. pronounce, 39. biggie



40. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an \_\_\_\_\_ at times.
- n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
41. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
42. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 40. outsider, 41. intuitions, 42. rot