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Session 1: Word List

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

radiant

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

synonym: shining, glowing, brilliant

(1) **radiant** smile, (2) **radiant** light

She looked **radiant** on her wedding day.

somber

adj. having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark

synonym: gloomy, dark, dreary

(1) a suit of **somber** black, (2) **somber** atmosphere

The **somber** mood at the funeral was palpable.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

screech

v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear

synonym : shriek, scream, yelp

(1) **screech** out a slogan, (2) **screech** with laughter

The brakes on the car began to **screech** as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- bury** *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym : entomb, sink, forget
(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.
- fury** *n.* intense and often violent anger
synonym : rage, wrath, ire
(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm
The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- barbaric** *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
synonym : savage, cruel, primitive
(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act
The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.
- shopkeeper** *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
synonym : merchant, storekeeper, retailer
(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**
The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.
- pave** *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel

or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

pothole

n. a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles

synonym : chuckhole, pit, depression

(1) deep **pothole**, (2) **pothole** repair

The car hit a **pothole** and caused a flat tire.

anarchy

n. a state of society without government or law

synonym : chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

synonym : riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

demolish

v. to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

synonym: destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

politicize

v. to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion

synonym: politicize, exploit, manipulate

(1) **politicize** climate change, (2) **politicize** a tragedy

I wish people would stop trying to **politicize** fundamental human rights issues.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym: prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

kiosk

n. a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area

synonym: booth, stand, counter

(1) outdoor **kiosk**, (2) information **kiosk**

I ordered some snacks at the **kiosk** before boarding my flight.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

modernize

v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

synonym : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

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.

ready-made

adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work

synonym : pre-made, off-the-shelf, prefab

(1) **ready-made** templates, (2) **ready-made** curtains

I prefer using **ready-made** meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.

exigency

n. an urgent or pressing need or demand; a situation that requires immediate attention or action

synonym: emergency, urgency, crisis

(1) emergency **exigency**, (2) financial **exigency**

The military commander acted with great **exigency** to secure the safety of his troops.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym: negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

cohesion

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

synonym: coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

tweet

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

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
2. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
3. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
4. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
5. lapse into an_____y *n.* a state of society without government or law
6. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
7. ba_____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
8. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
9. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

ANSWERS: 1. cynical, 2. tweet, 3. facade, 4. pave, 5. anarchy, 6. reinvent, 7. barbaric, 8. ingenuity, 9. protagonist

10. information ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
11. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
12. ra____t smile *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
13. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. pol_____ze a tragedy *v.* to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion
15. ce___r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
16. financial ex_____cy *n.* an urgent or pressing need or demand; a situation that requires immediate attention or action
17. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
18. pol_____ze climate change *v.* to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion

ANSWERS: 10. kiosk, 11. revive, 12. radiant, 13. confer, 14. politicize, 15. censor, 16. exigency, 17. ingenuity, 18. politicize

19. a si____ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
20. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
21. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
22. fa____e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
23. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
24. ce____r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
25. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
26. walk along the ri____nk *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 19. sideways, 20. germ, 21. bribe, 22. facade, 23. cynical, 24. censor, 25. barb, 26. riverbank

27. fall si____ys *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
28. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
29. re___e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
30. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
31. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
32. ri_____nk erosion *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
33. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
34. sc_____h out a slogan *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
35. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
36. ba_____ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

ANSWERS: 27. sideways, 28. pave, 29. revive, 30. pessimism, 31. mobilize, 32. riverbank, 33. rehabilitate, 34. screech, 35. protagonist, 36. barbaric

37. mo_____ze infrastructure *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
38. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
39. cholera-en_____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
40. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
41. so___r atmosphere *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
42. deep po_____e *n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
43. market f___y *n.* intense and often violent anger
44. rea_____de templates *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
45. f___y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
46. de_____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

ANSWERS: 37. modernize, 38. institutionalize, 39. endemic, 40. unimaginable, 41. somber, 42. pothole, 43. fury, 44. ready-made, 45. fury, 46. demolish

47. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
48. a suit of so___r black *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
49. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
50. outdoor ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
51. sc_____h with laughter *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
52. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
53. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
54. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
55. the co_____on of a team *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
56. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 47. bury, 48. somber, 49. institutionalize, 50. kiosk, 51. screech, 52. bribe, 53. germ, 54. tweet, 55. cohesion, 56. unimaginable

57. rea_____de curtains *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
58. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
59. local sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
60. emergency ex_____cy *n.* an urgent or pressing need or demand; a situation that requires immediate attention or action
61. general sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
62. po_____e repair *n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
63. ra_____t light *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
64. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
65. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
66. mo_____ze agriculture *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

ANSWERS: 57. ready-made, 58. mobilize, 59. shopkeeper, 60. exigency, 61. shopkeeper, 62. pothole, 63. radiant, 64. confer, 65. rehabilitate, 66. modernize

67. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
68. de_____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
69. social co_____on *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
70. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
71. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
72. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
73. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
74. an_____y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
75. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 67. reinvent, 68. demolish, 69. cohesion, 70. barb, 71. bury, 72. rev, 73. pessimism, 74. anarchy, 75. rev

76. en____c disease

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 76. endemic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I wish people would stop trying to _____ fundamental human rights issues.
 - v. to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion

2. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

3. The car hit a _____ and caused a flat tire.
 - n. a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles

4. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
 - n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

5. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

6. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
 - n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

7. The military _____ troops to the border.
 - v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. politicize, 2. confer, 3. pothole, 4. ingenuity, 5. rev, 6. barbs, 7. mobilized

8. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
9. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
10. I ordered some snacks at the _____ before boarding my flight.
n. a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
11. She looked _____ on her wedding day.
adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly
12. We enjoyed a picnic on the _____ and watched the boats go by.
n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
13. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
14. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
15. The _____ mood at the funeral was palpable.
adj. having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark

ANSWERS: 8. tweet, 9. paved, 10. kiosk, 11. radiant, 12. riverbank, 13. endemic, 14. unimaginable, 15. somber

16. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
17. We gain higher levels of social _____ and stability.
n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together
18. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
19. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
20. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
21. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
22. The elderly _____ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.
n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
23. The company plans to _____ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.
v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

ANSWERS: 16. protagonist's, 17. cohesion, 18. pessimism, 19. rehabilitate, 20. reinvent, 21. cynical, 22. shopkeeper, 23. modernize

24. They _____ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.
- v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
25. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
26. The brakes on the car began to _____ as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.
- v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
27. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
28. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
29. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.
- n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
30. 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
31. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 24. revived, 25. germ, 26. screech, 27. institutionalize, 28. bury, 29. facade, 30. sideways, 31. censor

32. The military commander acted with great _____ to secure the safety of his troops.
- n.* an urgent or pressing need or demand; a situation that requires immediate attention or action
33. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
34. The _____ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.
- adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
35. The concept of _____ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.
- n.* a state of society without government or law
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- adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
37. The city decided to _____ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.
- v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
38. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 32. exigency, 33. fury, 34. barbaric, 35. anarchy, 36. ready-made, 37. demolish, 38. bribe

ANSWERS: