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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym* : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

### obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

### incense

*n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions

*synonym* : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) **incense** burner, (2) **incense** stick

In ancient times, people believed that burning **incense** helped ward off evil spirits.

### syringe

*n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a

vacuum or expels the fluid

*synonym* : needle, injector, shot

(1) **syringe** needle, (2) **syringe** injection

Addicts often share dirty **syringes**, putting themselves at risk for disease.

## **oxytocin**

*n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor

Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

## **rodent**

*n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

*synonym* : mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

## **toleration**

*n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices

*synonym* : forbearance, patience, endurance

(1) **toleration** policy, (2) religious **toleration**

The school's policy on religious **toleration** meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.

## **burrow**

*v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

*synonym* : tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

## **breastfeeding**

*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

*synonym* : nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support  
Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## neurosurgery

*n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves

(1) the department of **neurosurgery**, (2) specialize in **neurosurgery**

She has 20 years of experience in **neurosurgery**.

## trustworthy

*adj.* reliable and dependable

*synonym*: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

## prosperous

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym*: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

*synonym*: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

## deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

*synonym*: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

## jab

v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

*synonym*: poke, prod, thrust

(1) **jab** a finger, (2) booster **jab**

The nurse had to **jab** the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.

## flummox

v. to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

*synonym*: baffle, confuse, perplex

(1) **flummox** user, (2) **flummox** the audience

The complex puzzle game **flummoxed** me for hours, but I finally solved it.

## inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

*synonym*: breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma  
He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

## **cognition**

*n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

*synonym* : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

## **generosity**

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

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

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

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

## **unilateral**

*adj.* involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased

*synonym* : one-sided, independent, solo

(1) **unilateral** disarmament, (2) **unilateral** action

The president made a **unilateral** decision without consulting with his advisors or considering other opinions.

## **empathy**

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## **blacksmith**

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## outskirt

*n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

*synonym*: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**  
The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## galena

*n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

*synonym*: mineral, lead ore, sulfide

(1) **galena** crystal, (2) **galena** ore

The **galena** mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.

## pigeon

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

## bastardize

*v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

*synonym*: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

## psychopath

*n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

*synonym*: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## pun

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym*: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## yin

*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

*synonym*: feminine, negative, passive

(1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**

The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.

## yang

*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

*synonym*: masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

## centrifuge

*n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids

*synonym* : separator, extractor, spinner

(1) **centrifuge** tube, (2) ultra-high-speed **centrifuges**

The laboratory technician placed the blood samples in the **centrifuge** to separate the different components.

## groom

*v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

*synonym* : brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym* : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## wed

*v.* to marry someone

*synonym* : marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man

The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

## perpetuate

*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

*synonym* : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.



**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.

**astound**

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

*synonym* : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

**guinea**

*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

*synonym* : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

**highland**

*adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

*synonym* : upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

**subsistence**

*n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

*synonym* : survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

**penchant**

*n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone

*synonym* : inclination, predilection, affinity

(1) **penchant** for music, (2) natural **penchant**

She has a **penchant** for spicy food and always adds hot

sauce.

## shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym*: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love  
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
2. pro\_\_\_\_\_us nation  
*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
3. te\_\_t young people  
v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
4. as\_\_\_\_\_d the viewer  
v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
5. sub\_\_\_\_\_ce farming  
*n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
6. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy source  
*adj.* reliable and dependable
7. bas\_\_\_\_\_ze culture  
v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
8. gr\_\_m a horse  
v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

ANSWERS: 1. nurture, 2. prosperous, 3. tempt, 4. astound, 5. subsistence, 6. trustworthy, 7. bastardize, 8. groom

9. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
10. de\_\_\_\_\_e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
11. ga\_\_\_\_a ore *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
12. the y\_\_g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
13. sy\_\_\_\_\_e injection *n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
14. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
15. gr\_\_m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
16. ox\_\_\_\_\_in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

ANSWERS: 9. blacksmith, 10. deceive, 11. galena, 12. yang, 13. syringe, 14. tweet, 15. groom, 16. oxytocin

17. ultra-high-speed cen\_\_\_\_\_ges      *n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
18. embody y\_\_g energy      *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
19. per\_\_\_\_\_te chronic pain      *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
20. tol\_\_\_\_\_on policy      *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
21. w\_d the rich man      *v.* to marry someone
22. cen\_\_\_\_\_ge tube      *n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
23. witty p\_n      *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 17. centrifuge, 18. yang, 19. perpetuate, 20. toleration, 21. wed, 22. centrifuge, 23. pun

24. as\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
25. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
26. in\_\_\_\_\_e stick *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
27. an ingrained sk\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
28. uni\_\_\_\_\_al disarmament *adj.* involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased
29. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
30. gu\_\_\_a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
31. ga\_\_\_a crystal *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

ANSWERS: 24. astound, 25. blacksmith, 26. incense, 27. skeptic, 28. unilateral, 29. trustworthy, 30. guinea, 31. galena

32. natural pe\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone
33. uni\_\_\_\_\_al action *adj.* involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased
34. a racing pi\_\_\_\_n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
35. on the western ou\_\_\_\_\_rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
36. act of gen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
37. in\_\_\_\_e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
38. sub\_\_\_\_\_ce economy *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
39. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
40. booster j\_b *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

ANSWERS: 32. penchant, 33. unilateral, 34. pigeon, 35. outskirts, 36. generosity, 37. inhale, 38. subsistence, 39. shove, 40. jab

41. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
42. social co\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
43. de\_\_\_\_\_e skillfully      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
44. the department of neu\_\_\_\_\_ery      *n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves
45. gu\_\_\_a pig      *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
46. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
47. hi\_\_\_\_\_nd agriculture      *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
48. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
49. ro\_\_\_t repellent      *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
50. bu\_\_\_w into a mystery      *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

ANSWERS: 41. obsess, 42. cognition, 43. deceive, 44. neurosurgery, 45. guinea, 46. empathy, 47. highland, 48. empathy, 49. rodent, 50. burrow



51. in\_\_\_\_e burner *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
52. v\_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
53. specialize in neu\_\_\_\_ery *n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves
54. sh\_\_e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
55. the ou\_\_\_\_rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
56. per\_\_\_\_te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
57. de\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
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59. j\_b a finger *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

ANSWERS: 51. incense, 52. vow, 53. neurosurgery, 54. shove, 55. outskirts, 56. perpetuate, 57. degrade, 58. burrow, 59. jab

60. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
61. co\_\_\_\_\_on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
62. religious tol\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
63. fl\_\_\_\_\_x the audience *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
64. v\_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
65. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
66. y\_n deficiency *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
67. kidney y\_n *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
68. violent psy\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 60. sentimental, 61. cognition, 62. toleration, 63. flummox, 64. vow, 65. excite, 66. yin, 67. yin, 68. psychopath

69. te\_\_t the taste buds  
*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
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*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
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*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
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*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 69. tempt, 70. sentimental, 71. penchant, 72. bastardize, 73. skeptic, 74. breastfeeding, 75. tweet, 76. prosperous, 77. breastfeeding, 78. generosity

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ANSWERS: 79. wed, 80. nurture, 81. psychopath, 82. syringe, 83. obsess, 84. excite, 85. flummox, 86. pun, 87. degrade

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90. in\_\_\_e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
91. ox\_\_\_\_\_in-degrading enzyme *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
92. pi\_\_\_n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 88. rodent, 89. highland, 90. inhale, 91. oxytocin, 92. pigeon

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Addicts often share dirty \_\_\_\_\_ putting themselves at risk for disease.  
*n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
2. He saw the balance between the yin and \_\_\_\_\_ as crucial for a harmonious life.  
*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.  
*n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
4. The school's policy on religious \_\_\_\_\_ meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.  
*n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
5. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.  
*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
6. The company decided to invest in a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.  
*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. syringes, 2. yang, 3. galena, 4. toleration, 5. pun, 6. prosperous, 7. Empathy

8. People tend to believe \_\_\_\_\_ friends with their secrets.  
*adj.* reliable and dependable
9. The couple will \_\_\_\_ after the tenth anniversary.  
*v.* to marry someone
10. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
11. The concept of \_\_\_\_ and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.  
*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
12. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.  
*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
14. The laboratory technician placed the blood samples in the \_\_\_\_\_ to separate the different components.  
*n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
15. The detective identified the \_\_\_\_\_ who had been terrorizing the city for months.  
*n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 8. trustworthy, 9. wed, 10. obsessed, 11. yin, 12. nurture, 13. blacksmith, 14. centrifuge, 15. psychopath

16. The professor focused on the research of infant \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
17. Women may increase \_\_\_\_\_ production through romantic love.
- n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
19. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ through solid metal.
- v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ deeply, trying to calm down.
- v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
21. In ancient times, people believed that burning \_\_\_\_\_ helped ward off evil spirits.
- n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
22. She has a \_\_\_\_\_ for spicy food and always adds hot sauce.
- n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone

ANSWERS: 16. cognition, 17. oxytocin, 18. outskirts, 19. burrow, 20. inhaled, 21. incense, 22. penchant



23. The cost of the antique vase is three \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
24. She has 20 years of experience in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves
25. The president made a \_\_\_\_\_ decision without consulting with his advisors or considering other opinions.
- adj.* involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased
26. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.
- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
27. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my dog before his fur gets too long.
- v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
28. Though he was evil, he never \_\_\_\_\_ his friends into wrongdoing.
- v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
29. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 23. guineas, 24. neurosurgery, 25. unilateral, 26. generosity, 27. groom, 28. tempted, 29. skeptic

30. Getting the hang of \_\_\_\_\_ at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.
- n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
31. The final result was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
32. He set up a trap to catch the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
33. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
- v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
34. This region has a humid subtropical and \_\_\_\_\_ climate.
- adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
35. The complex puzzle game \_\_\_\_\_ me for hours, but I finally solved it.
- v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
36. The farmer's \_\_\_\_\_ depended on his crops and livestock.
- n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
37. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 30. breastfeeding, 31. astounding, 32. rodent, 33. vowed, 34. highland, 35. flummoxed, 36. subsistence, 37. degrade

38. We do not want to \_\_\_\_\_ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
- v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
39. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
- n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
41. 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
42. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.
- adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
43. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.
- v. to push someone or something in a rough way
44. The magician's illusions were designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
45. That work \_\_\_\_\_ his fame.
- v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

ANSWERS: 38. bastardize, 39. excited, 40. pigeon, 41. tweet, 42. sentimental, 43. shoved, 44. deceive, 45. perpetuates

46. The nurse had to \_\_\_\_ the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.

- v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement;  
(noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

ANSWERS: 46. jab