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Session 1: Word List

stave

n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

synonym: stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym: flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

flatline

v. to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

synonym: die, expire, pass away

(1) **flatline** over the past few quarters, (2) before the patient's heart **flatline**

The patient's heart rate suddenly **flatlined**, requiring immediate resuscitation.

proclamation

n. an official announcement or statement

synonym: announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the neighboring country.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym: mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

radiology

n. the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries

synonym : medical imaging, radiography, radioscopy

(1) interventional **radiology**, (2) diagnostic **radiology**

The patient underwent a **radiology** scan to diagnose their medical condition.

pneumonia

n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

synonym : lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

kowtow

v. to kneel and touch one's forehead to the ground as a sign of respect or worship, particularly in traditional Chinese culture; to show extreme subservience or deference to someone or something

synonym : kneel, bow, submit

(1) **kowtow** to authority, (2) **kowtow** to pressure

I refuse to **kowtow** to anyone who doesn't treat me with respect.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym : distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

apostle

n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

synonym : messenger, envoy, delegate

(1) **Apostle** Paul, (2) an **apostle** of revolution

The twelve **apostles** were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

beware

v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

synonym: heed, caution, alert

(1) **beware** of scams, (2) **beware** of strangers

Please **beware** of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.

hertz

n. the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals

synonym: frequency, cycles per second

(1) audio **hertz**, (2) tera- **hertz** radiation

The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 **hertz**.

pyrexia

n. an elevated body temperature or fever, often as a symptom of an underlying condition or infection

synonym: fever, high temperature

(1) drug-induced **pyrexia**, (2) persistent **pyrexia**

The patient's sudden **pyrexia** onset prompted the medical team to run tests immediately.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym: discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

discordant

adj. not in agreement or harmony; conflicting

synonym: inharmonious, clashing, inconsistent

(1) loud **discordant** voice, (2) **discordant** growth

The **discordant** music made it hard for the audience to enjoy the concert.

heretical

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

synonym: contrary, unorthodox, profane

(1) regard the view as **heretical**, (2) advocate a **heretical** doctrine

I made the **heretical** suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym: differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

rebellious

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

synonym : disobedient, defiant, insubordinate

(1) **rebellious** teenager, (2) **rebellious** spirit

Her **rebellious** attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

bemused

adj. mildly puzzled or confused but also amused

synonym : amused, puzzled, confused

(1) **bemused** audience, (2) **bemused** tone

He was **bemused** by the strange behavior of the clown.

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym : disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

cadre

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym: core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite **cadre**, (2) **cadre** of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

blip

n. a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

(1) temporary **blip**, (2) minor **blip**

The stock market had one bad **blip** today.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. minimal exa_____ion | <i>n.</i> an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is |
| 2. dis_____nt growth | <i>adj.</i> not in agreement or harmony; conflicting |
| 3. Ap_____e Paul | <i>n.</i> one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings |
| 4. ov_____ok that fact | <i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 5. regard the view as he_____al | <i>adj.</i> departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion |
| 6. cast fri_____ng eyes | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 7. pr_____cy fulfillment | <i>n.</i> a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader |
| 8. sk_____al scientists | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 9. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 10. sensational exa_____ion | <i>n.</i> an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is |

ANSWERS: 1. exaggeration, 2. discordant, 3. apostle, 4. overlook, 5. heretical, 6. frightening, 7. prophecy, 8. skeptical, 9. confuse, 10. exaggeration

11. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
12. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
13. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
14. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
15. wildly di_____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
16. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
17. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
18. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
19. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
20. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 11. instinct, 12. intellect, 13. categorize, 14. underpin, 15. divergent, 16. scour, 17. recession, 18. nuance, 19. nuance, 20. skeptical

21. loud dis_____nt voice *adj.* not in agreement or harmony; conflicting
22. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
23. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
24. di_____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
25. pro_____ion of innocence *n.* an official announcement or statement
26. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
27. ca__e of leaders *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
28. interventional ra_____gy *n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries
29. biological psy_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
30. ko___w to pressure *v.* to kneel and touch one's forehead to the ground as a sign of respect or worship, particularly in traditional Chinese culture; to show extreme subservience or deference to someone or something

ANSWERS: 21. discordant, 22. categorize, 23. redefine, 24. discord, 25. proclamation, 26. confuse, 27. cadre, 28. radiology, 29. psychiatry, 30. kowtow

31. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
32. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
33. de____e into chaos *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
34. de____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
35. reb____us teenager *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
36. be____e of scams *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
37. elite ca__e *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
38. di____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

ANSWERS: 31. fearless, 32. cede, 33. devolve, 34. devolve, 35. rebellious, 36. beware, 37. cadre, 38. dissent

39. with no di____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
40. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
41. before the patient's heart fl_____ne *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
42. bacterial pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
43. get caught in the de____e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
44. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
45. persistent py_____a *n.* an elevated body temperature or fever, often as a symptom of an underlying condition or infection
46. advocate a he_____al doctrine *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
47. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
48. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 39. dissent, 40. psychiatry, 41. flatline, 42. pneumonia, 43. deluge, 44. frightening, 45. pyrexia, 46. heretical, 47. underpin, 48. ovary

49. barrel st__e *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
50. tera-he__z radiation *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
51. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
52. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
53. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
54. a de___e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
55. re____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
56. drug-induced py____a *n.* an elevated body temperature or fever, often as a symptom of an underlying condition or infection
57. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 49. stave, 50. hertz, 51. cede, 52. fearless, 53. scour, 54. deluge, 55. reassure, 56. pyrexia, 57. intellect

58. nullify a pro_____ion *n.* an official announcement or statement
59. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
60. reb_____us spirit *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
61. ko___w to authority *v.* to kneel and touch one's forehead to the ground as a sign of respect or worship, particularly in traditional Chinese culture; to show extreme subservience or deference to someone or something
62. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
63. salted ov___y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
64. viral pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
65. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
66. di_____se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
67. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

ANSWERS: 58. proclamation, 59. divergent, 60. rebellious, 61. kowtow, 62. addict, 63. ovary, 64. pneumonia, 65. reassure, 66. dispense, 67. recession

68. be____d tone *adj.* mildly puzzled or confused but also amused
69. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
70. an ap_____e of revolution *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
71. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
72. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
73. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
74. minor b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
75. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
76. fl_____ne over the past few quarters *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
77. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 68. bemused, 69. exaggerate, 70. apostle, 71. annoy, 72. prophecy, 73. exaggerate, 74. blip, 75. redefine, 76. flatline, 77. overlook

78. be____d audience *adj.* mildly puzzled or confused but also amused
79. audio he__z *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
80. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
81. be___e of strangers *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
82. diagnostic ra_____gy *n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries
83. st__e off a conspiracy *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
84. in di____d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
85. temporary b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

ANSWERS: 78. bemused, 79. hertz, 80. annoy, 81. beware, 82. radiology, 83. stave, 84. discord, 85. blip

86. di____se with ceremony

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

87. aggressive in____ct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

88. a drug ad____t

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 86. dispense, 87. instinct, 88. addict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I refuse to _____ to anyone who doesn't treat me with respect.
 - v.* to kneel and touch one's forehead to the ground as a sign of respect or worship, particularly in traditional Chinese culture; to show extreme subservience or deference to someone or something
2. The _____ of experienced soldiers led the attack.
 - n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
3. His story was filled with obvious _____.
 - n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
4. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
 - n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
5. The _____ music made it hard for the audience to enjoy the concert.
 - adj.* not in agreement or harmony; conflicting
6. The fortune teller's _____ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
 - n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
7. The stock market had one bad _____ today.
 - n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

ANSWERS: 1. kowtow, 2. cadre, 3. exaggerations, 4. instinct, 5. discordant, 6. prophecy, 7. blip

8. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave
9. The twelve _____ were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.
n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
10. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.
n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
11. The patient's heart rate suddenly _____ requiring immediate resuscitation.
v. to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
12. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
13. She was hospitalized with a severe case of _____.
n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
14. I made the _____ suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.
adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
15. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 8. fearless, 9. apostles, 10. discord, 11. flatlined, 12. skeptical, 13. pneumonia, 14. heretical, 15. confused

16. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
- n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
17. He was _____ by the strange behavior of the clown.
- adj.* mildly puzzled or confused but also amused
18. The pharmacist started to _____ medication to patients.
- v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
19. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
- v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
20. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
21. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
22. The patient underwent a _____ scan to diagnose their medical condition.
- n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries
23. The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 _____.
- n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals

ANSWERS: 16. psychiatry, 17. bemused, 18. dispense, 19. reassure, 20. nuance, 21. addicts, 22. radiology, 23. hertz

24. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.
- adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
25. Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data _____.
- n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
26. She had to _____ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.
- v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
27. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
- v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
28. Please _____ of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
- v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
29. They used iron _____ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.
- n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
30. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
- v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

ANSWERS: 24. divergent, 25. deluge, 26. scour, 27. exaggerated, 28. beware, 29. staves, 30. categorized

31. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

32. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.

- n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

33. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

34. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

35. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

- v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

36. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.

- v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

37. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.

- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

38. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.

- v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

ANSWERS: 31. overlook, 32. dissent, 33. frightening, 34. intellect, 35. annoy, 36. cede, 37. redefined, 38. devolved

39. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
- v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
40. The patient's sudden _____ onset prompted the medical team to run tests immediately.
- n.* an elevated body temperature or fever, often as a symptom of an underlying condition or infection
41. Her _____ attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.
- adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
42. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
- n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
43. They found _____ cancer in an early stage.
- n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
44. The king made a _____ declaring war on the neighboring country.
- n.* an official announcement or statement

ANSWERS: 39. underpin, 40. pyrexia, 41. rebellious, 42. recession, 43. ovary, 44. proclamation