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Session 1: Word List

facetious

adj. treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately

synonym : humorous, joking, witty

(1) make a **facetious** joke, (2) **facetious** tone

His **facetious** remark was not well-received in the serious business meeting.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym : women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

sitcom

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

synonym : comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

esoteric

adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

synonym : abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

swish

v. to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound

synonym : rustle, hiss, flick

(1) **swish** a whip, (2) **swish** her hair

He **swished** his sword back and forth, trying to intimidate his opponent.

cachet

n. a mark or emblem that signifies prestige, quality, or value; a seal or stamp used to guarantee the authenticity

synonym : prestige, seal, stamp

(1) **cachet** of luxury, (2) social **cachet**

The prestigious university had a **cachet** attracting top students and faculty worldwide.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

covert

adj. kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

synonym : secretive, hidden, disguised

(1) **covert** negotiations, (2) **covert** mission

The government was conducting a **covert** operation to gather information on the enemy.

tiptoe

n. a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

synonym : stealth, sneak

(1) **tiptoe** approach, (2) **tiptoe** around the issue

I walked on **tiptoe** to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym: owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

synonym: male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

sober

adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

synonym : calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge
He led a **sober** life.

snowflake

n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

synonym : flake, crystal, ice pellet

(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

overblow

v. to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

synonym : exaggerate, inflate, magnify

(1) **overblow** trumpet, (2) **overblow** a rumor

The media tends to **overblow** certain events to create sensational headlines.

apathetic

adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

synonym : indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality

She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

synonym : overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

servile

adj. excessively submissive or obedient; behaving like a servant or slave without questioning authority

synonym : submissive, groveling, obsequious

(1) **servile** to authority, (2) **servile** obedience

The new employee's **servile** behavior towards his boss was disturbing.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

caseworker

n. a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems

synonym : social worker, case manager, counselor

(1) child's **caseworker**, (2) experienced **caseworker**

The professional **caseworker** provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym : high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

carpool

n. a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school

synonym : ride-share, car-sharing, lift-share

(1) **carpool** lane, (2) **carpool** program

I'm looking for a **carpool** buddy to share the drive to the conference.

soothe

v. to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

synonym : calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon
The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

Session 2: Spelling

1. so__r discussion *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
2. mi____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
3. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
4. social ca____t *n.* a mark or emblem that signifies prestige, quality, or value; a seal or stamp used to guarantee the authenticity
5. popular si____m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
6. em____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
7. int____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
8. ove____ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
9. re____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
10. ov____ow a rumor *v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

ANSWERS: 1. sober, 2. misogyny, 3. loom, 4. cachet, 5. sitcom, 6. embarrass, 7. intractable, 8. overestimate, 9. resigned, 10. overblow

11. ove_____ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
12. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
13. ancient pat_____hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
14. se_____e obedience *adj.* excessively submissive or obedient; behaving like a servant or slave without questioning authority
15. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
16. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
17. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
18. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
19. lo__y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

ANSWERS: 11. overestimate, 12. resigned, 13. patriarchy, 14. servile, 15. arrogant, 16. feminism, 17. feminism, 18. reclaim, 19. lofty

20. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
21. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
22. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
23. ti___e approach *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
24. delicate sn_____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
25. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
26. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
27. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
28. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 20. reclaim, 21. resilient, 22. indebted, 23. tiptoe, 24. snowflake, 25. xenophobia, 26. overwhelm, 27. disparity, 28. dedicate

29. the mi____ny of medieval Christianity
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
30. the pa____x of the heap
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
31. financially in____ed
adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
32. a lo__y peak
adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
33. und____ate the probability
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
34. int____le situation
adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
35. und____ate an enemy
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
36. se____e to authority
adj. excessively submissive or obedient; behaving like a servant or slave without questioning authority
37. suffer from xen____ia
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
38. wax a ha____y floor
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
39. conduct fi____nd research
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 29. misogyny, 30. paradox, 31. indebted, 32. lofty, 33. underestimate, 34. intractable, 35. underestimate, 36. servile, 37. xenophobia, 38. hallway, 39. firsthand

40. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
41. so___e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
42. dis_____on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
43. si___m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
44. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
45. child's cas_____er *n.* a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems
46. sw__h her hair *v.* to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound
47. as so__r as a judge *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
48. ca_____l lane *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school

ANSWERS: 40. dedicate, 41. soothe, 42. disillusion, 43. sitcom, 44. stumble, 45. caseworker, 46. swish, 47. sober, 48. carpool

49. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
50. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
51. ca____t of luxury *n.* a mark or emblem that signifies prestige, quality, or value; a seal or stamp used to guarantee the authenticity
52. experienced cas_____er *n.* a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems
53. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
54. co____t mission *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
55. ov_____ow trumpet *v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something
56. l___m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
57. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
58. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 49. hallway, 50. arrogant, 51. cachet, 52. caseworker, 53. disparity, 54. covert, 55. overblow, 56. loom, 57. firsthand, 58. resilient

59. sn_____ke pattern *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
60. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
61. ep_____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
62. ti___e around the issue *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
63. ca_____l program *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
64. sw__h a whip *v.* to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound
65. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
66. co___t negotiations *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
67. dis_____on him about reality *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

ANSWERS: 59. snowflake, 60. embarrass, 61. epiphany, 62. tiptoe, 63. carpool, 64. swish, 65. stumble, 66. covert, 67. disillusion

68. ap_____ic attitude *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
69. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
70. make a fa_____us joke *adj.* treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately
71. pat_____hy system *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
72. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
73. so___e anxiety *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
74. fa_____us tone *adj.* treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately

ANSWERS: 68. apathetic, 69. epiphany, 70. facetious, 71. patriarchy, 72. paradox, 73. soothe, 74. facetious

75. ap_____ic response *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
76. an es_____ic religion *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
77. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
78. es_____ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

ANSWERS: 75. apathetic, 76. esoteric, 77. overwhelm, 78. esoteric

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
2. The prestigious university had a _____ attracting top students and faculty worldwide.
n. a mark or emblem that signifies prestige, quality, or value; a seal or stamp used to guarantee the authenticity
3. He _____ his sword back and forth, trying to intimidate his opponent.
v. to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound
4. The new employee's _____ behavior towards his boss was disturbing.
adj. excessively submissive or obedient; behaving like a servant or slave without questioning authority
5. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
6. She was _____ about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.
adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
7. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate _____ ornaments.
n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

ANSWERS: 1. stumbled, 2. cachet, 3. swished, 4. servile, 5. overwhelm, 6. apathetic, 7. snowflake

8. He tends to _____ his abilities.
v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
9. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
10. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
11. The media tends to _____ certain events to create sensational headlines.
v. to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something
12. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
13. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.
n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
14. His _____ remark was not well-received in the serious business meeting.
adj. treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately
15. The book's content was so _____ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.
adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

ANSWERS: 8. overestimate, 9. embarrass, 10. misogyny, 11. overblow, 12. hallway, 13. feminism, 14. facetious, 15. esoteric

16. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.
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18. I walked on _____ to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.
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20. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.
adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
21. He led a _____ life.
adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
22. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 16. epiphany, 17. disillusioned, 18. tiptoe, 19. patriarchy, 20. lofty, 21. sober, 22. firsthand

23. The government was conducting a _____ operation to gather information on the enemy.

adj. kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

24. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

25. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

26. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

27. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

28. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

29. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

30. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 23. covert, 24. paradox, 25. xenophobia, 26. intractable, 27. loomed, 28. resigned, 29. reclaim, 30. underestimated

31. The professional _____ provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances
- n.* a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems
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36. She applied aloe vera to _____ her sunburn.
- v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
37. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.
- adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
38. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
- n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

ANSWERS: 31. caseworker, 32. dedicated, 33. carpool, 34. resilient, 35. indebted, 36. soothe, 37. arrogant, 38. disparity

39. I love to watch _____ when I need a good laugh.

- n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

ANSWERS: 39. sitcoms