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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

### foyer

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

*synonym*: lobby, entrance hall, vestibule

(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**

The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

### 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.

### perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated

position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

*synonym* : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

## tickle

*v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

*synonym* : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

## oatmeal

*n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut

*synonym* : porridge, grits, meal

(1) **oatmeal** cookies, (2) **oatmeal** breakfast

I love starting my day with a bowl of warm **oatmeal** and fresh fruit.

## raisin

*n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient

*synonym* : dried grape, sultana, currant

(1) **raisin** pie, (2) **raisin** oatmeal cookies

The **raisin** bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.

## shovel

*n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

*synonym* : excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

### scanty

*adj.* insufficient in quantity or extent; meager, limited, or inadequate; lacking in amount or supply

*synonym*: meager, insufficient, limited

(1) **scanty** resources, (2) **scanty** information

The party's budget was cut, resulting in a **scanty** amount of food and drinks for the guests.

### clad

*adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

*synonym*: dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

### pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym*: surface, coat, cover

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

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

### scarecrow

*n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure

*synonym*: scare bird, straw man, effigy

(1) **scarecrow** costume, (2) **scarecrow** festival

The farmers placed a **scarecrow** in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.

### upkeep

*n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building,

vehicle, or equipment

*synonym*: maintenance, care, preservation

(1) **upkeep** of a house, (2) equipment **upkeep**

Regular **upkeep** of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.

## memorize

*v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

*synonym*: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym*: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## eccentric

*adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

*synonym*: bizarre, abnormal, curious

(1) display **eccentric** behavior, (2) **eccentric** characters

He was **eccentric**, but he was also a genius.

## amnesia

*n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

*synonym*: forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

## peek

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

*synonym* : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

## scintillate

*v.* to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance

*synonym* : sparkle, twinkle, glitter

(1) **scintillate** conversation, (2) **scintillate** in the moonlight

Her eyes **scintillated** with excitement as she opened her birthday presents.

## antiquity

*n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

*synonym* : ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

## laboriously

*adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work

*synonym* : arduously, laboriously, toilsomely

(1) **laboriously** climb, (2) study **laboriously**

He worked **laboriously** on his research project, spending countless hours in the library.

## codex

*n.* a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing

*synonym* : manuscript, tome, document

(1) **codex** manuscript, (2) medieval **codex**

The archaeologists found a **codex** buried alongside a mummy in an underground tomb.

## smartphone

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

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

*synonym*: express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs  
It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

## outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

*synonym*: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India  
The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

## fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young  
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## anatomical

*adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

*synonym*: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements  
The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

## MRI

n. (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**

The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

## 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.

## nifty

*adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy

*synonym*: cool, clever, ingenious

(1) **nifty** gadget, (2) **nifty** idea

The car has a **nifty** feature that alerts you when you're about to veer off the road.

## 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**.

## untethered

*adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement

*synonym*: free, loose, unattached

(1) **untethered** phone, (2) **untethered** from reality

The bird flew **untethered** in the sky.

## lowercase

*n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

*synonym*: small letters, minuscule

(1) **lowercase** alphabet, (2) change to **lowercase**  
Please type your password in all **lowercase** letters.

## slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

*synonym*: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

## mangle

v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

*synonym*: crush, deform, disfigure

(1) **mangle** my foot, (2) **mangled** their favorite toy

The machine **mangled** the sheet of metal beyond repair.

## bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## wreckage

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

*synonym*: debris, remains, demolition

(1) **wreckage** recovery, (2) ship **wreckage**

The **wreckage** of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

## recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

*synonym*: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.



## wager

*n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

*synonym* : bet, stake, gamble

(1) friendly **wager**, (2) make a **wager**

I placed a **wager** with my friend who would win the basketball game.

## stink

*v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

*synonym* : reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

## unforgettable

*adj.* impossible to forget

*synonym* : indelible, ineffable, memorable

(1) have an **unforgettable** night, (2) **unforgettable** moment

The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an **unforgettable** culinary experience.

## anecdote

*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

*synonym* : story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

## topos

*n.* a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance

*synonym* : place, location, site

(1) architectural **topos**, (2) cultural **topos**

The author's novel explores the **topos** of love and loss uniquely and thoughtfully.

## vestige

*n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

*synonym* : trace, remnant, relic

(1) a **vestige** of a castle wall, (2) a **vestige** of the virus  
The abandoned building was a **vestige** of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

## subculture

*n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

*synonym*: underground culture, alternative culture

(1) **subculture** movement, (2) **subculture** fashion

The punk **subculture** emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

## pathological

*adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

*synonym*: aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

## yearbook

*n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

*synonym*: annual, yearly

(1) **yearbook** photography, (2) college **yearbook**

I still like flipping through my high school **yearbook** to remember old friends.

## flea

*n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

*synonym*: pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

## ludicrous

*adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

*synonym* : absurd, ridiculous, farcical

(1) **ludicrous** idea, (2) **ludicrous** behavior

It's **ludicrous** to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

## muff

*n.* a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball

*synonym* : mitt, glove, (verb) fumble

(1) **muff** a speech, (2) woolen **muff**

She wore a fur **muff** to keep her hands warm during the winter.

## goggle

*v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

*synonym* : gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

## pinhole

*n.* a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through

*synonym* : aperture, perforation, pore

(1) **pinhole** image, (2) **pinhole** leak

The camera's **pinhole** lens creates a unique blur effect in photographs.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym* : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## epilogue

*n.* a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech

*synonym*: afterword, conclusion, postscript

(1) **epilogue** scene, (2) write an **epilogue**

The novel's **epilogue** provides a glimpse into the characters' lives after the story's main events.

## haywire

*adj.* out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic;  
(noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops

*synonym*: chaotic, disordered, crazy

(1) **haywire** behavior, (2) **haywire** machine

The electronics in my car went **haywire** after the battery died.

## 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**.

## latent

*adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

*synonym*: dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. friendly wa\_\_r *n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
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3. pi\_\_\_\_\_e image *n.* a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through
4. ec\_\_\_\_\_ic characters *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
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6. funny an\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
7. unf\_\_\_\_\_ble moment *adj.* impossible to forget
8. ep\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech
9. the head of a ha\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
10. display ec\_\_\_\_\_ic behavior *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

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14. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
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18. am\_\_\_\_\_a by trauma *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
19. medieval co\_\_x *n.* a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing
20. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

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31. me\_\_\_\_\_ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

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74. sc\_\_\_\_\_ow festival *n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure
75. ni\_\_y gadget *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
76. oa\_\_\_\_\_l cookies *n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
77. try hard to me\_\_\_\_\_ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
78. change to lo\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

ANSWERS: 70. subculture, 71. laboriously, 72. smartphone, 73. perch, 74. scarecrow, 75. nifty, 76. oatmeal, 77. memorize, 78. lowercase

79. p\_\_e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
80. m\_\_f a speech *n.* a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball
81. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
82. re\_\_\_\_\_t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
83. grand fo\_\_r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
84. ana\_\_\_\_\_al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
85. a ve\_\_\_\_\_e of a castle wall *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
86. ma\_\_\_\_\_e my foot *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
87. re\_\_\_\_\_t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
88. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
89. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 79. pave, 80. muff, 81. firsthand, 82. recount, 83. foyer, 84. anatomical, 85. vestige, 86. mangle, 87. recount, 88. miraculous, 89. visualize

90. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
91. oa\_\_\_\_\_l breakfast *n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
92. ana\_\_\_\_\_al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
93. cultural to\_\_s *n.* a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance
94. hotel fo\_\_r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
95. cardiac M\_l *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
96. 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;
97. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
98. la\_\_\_t desire *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
99. pe\_\_h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 90. fascinate, 91. oatmeal, 92. anatomical, 93. topos, 94. foyer, 95. MRI, 96. paradox, 97. imaginative, 98. latent, 99. perch

100. M\_I brain image *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
101. s\_\_m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
102. wr\_\_\_\_ge recovery *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
103. study lab\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work
104. infrared go\_\_\_es *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
105. unt\_\_\_\_ed from reality *adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement
106. ni\_\_y idea *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
107. pi\_\_\_\_e leak *n.* a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through
108. ti\_\_\_e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

ANSWERS: 100. MRI, 101. slam, 102. wreckage, 103. laboriously, 104. goggle, 105. untethered, 106. nifty, 107. pinhole, 108. tickle

109. st\_\_k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
110. s\_\_m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
111. up\_\_\_p of a house *n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
112. sub\_\_\_\_\_re fashion *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
113. snow sh\_\_\_l *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
114. 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;
115. sci\_\_\_\_\_te in the moonlight *v.* to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance
116. architectural to\_\_s *n.* a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance

ANSWERS: 109. stink, 110. slam, 111. upkeep, 112. subculture, 113. shovel, 114. paradox, 115. scintillate, 116. topos



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.  
*adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
2. He dashed down a \_\_\_\_\_ to a bathroom.  
*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
3. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
4. The car has a \_\_\_\_\_ feature that alerts you when you're about to veer off the road.  
*adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
5. I love starting my day with a bowl of warm \_\_\_\_\_ and fresh fruit.  
*n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
6. The garbage in the alley began to \_\_\_\_\_ after a few hot days.  
*v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.  
*n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

ANSWERS: 1. anatomical, 2. hallway, 3. smartphones, 4. nifty, 5. oatmeal, 6. stink, 7. MRI

8. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
9. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ on the branch, watching the world below.
- v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.
- n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
11. She entertained the guests with \_\_\_\_\_ about her travels and experiences.
- n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
12. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its IT services to a third-party provider.
- v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
13. The archaeologists found a \_\_\_\_\_ buried alongside a mummy in an underground tomb.
- n.* a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing
14. The author's novel explores the \_\_\_\_\_ of love and loss uniquely and thoughtfully.
- n.* a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance
15. She took a quick \_\_\_\_\_ inside the box before closing it again.
- n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

ANSWERS: 8. imaginative, 9. perched, 10. raisin, 11. anecdotes, 12. outsource, 13. codex, 14. topos, 15. peek

16. The construction workers used a power \_\_\_\_\_ to dig the foundation for the building.
- n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
17. 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;
18. The farmers placed a \_\_\_\_\_ in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.
- n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure
19. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
20. Many people have \_\_\_\_\_ talents they are not aware of.
- adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
21. He worked \_\_\_\_\_ on his research project, spending countless hours in the library.
- adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work
22. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
23. The novel's \_\_\_\_\_ provides a glimpse into the characters' lives after the story's main events.
- n.* a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech

ANSWERS: 16. shovel, 17. paradox, 18. scarecrow, 19. fascinated, 20. latent, 21. laboriously, 22. bury, 23. epilogue

24. They \_\_\_\_\_ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

- v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

25. He was \_\_\_\_\_ but he was also a genius.

- adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

26. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

27. The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an \_\_\_\_\_ culinary experience.

- adj.* impossible to forget

28. She \_\_\_\_\_ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

29. The athlete was \_\_\_\_\_ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

30. Please type your password in all \_\_\_\_\_ letters.

- n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

31. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

- adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

ANSWERS: 24. paved, 25. eccentric, 26. distract, 27. unforgettable, 28. slammed, 29. clad, 30. lowercase, 31. ludicrous

32. I placed a \_\_\_\_\_ with my friend who would win the basketball game.  
*n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
33. The camera's \_\_\_\_\_ lens creates a unique blur effect in photographs.  
*n.* a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through
34. The bird flew \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.  
*adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement
35. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your feelings and not keep them bottled up.  
*v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.  
*n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
37. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.  
*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
38. The doctor was concerned that the patient's \_\_\_\_\_ fear of germs impacted their daily life.  
*adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
39. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.  
*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 32. wager, 33. pinhole, 34. untethered, 35. externalize, 36. flea-borne, 37. visualize, 38. pathological, 39. miraculous

40. These models explain why you can't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

- v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

41. Her eyes \_\_\_\_\_ with excitement as she opened her birthday presents.

- v.* to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance

42. I still like flipping through my high school \_\_\_\_\_ to remember old friends.

- n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

43. The party's budget was cut, resulting in a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of food and drinks for the guests.

- adj.* insufficient in quantity or extent; meager, limited, or inadequate; lacking in amount or supply

44. The electronics in my car went \_\_\_\_\_ after the battery died.

- adj.* out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic; (noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops

45. Lawyers need to \_\_\_\_\_ even the most minor provisions of the law.

- v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

46. They \_\_\_\_\_ events that have already occurred.

- v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

47. Regular \_\_\_\_\_ of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.

- n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment

ANSWERS: 40. tickle, 41. scintillated, 42. yearbook, 43. scanty, 44. haywire, 45. memorize, 46. recount, 47. upkeep

48. The punk \_\_\_\_\_ emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.
- n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
49. The machine \_\_\_\_\_ the sheet of metal beyond repair.
- v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
50. The abandoned building was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.
- n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
51. The software company bought the VR \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturer.
- v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.
- n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
53. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
54. The elegant chandelier in the \_\_\_\_\_ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.
- n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
55. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary \_\_\_\_\_ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.
- n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

ANSWERS: 48. subculture, 49. mangled, 50. vestige, 51. goggles, 52. wreckage, 53. firsthand, 54. foyer, 55. amnesia,

56. 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
57. She wore a fur \_\_\_\_\_ to keep her hands warm during the winter.
- n.* a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball
58. The study of \_\_\_\_\_ is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.
- n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

ANSWERS: 56. snowflake, 57. muff, 58. antiquity