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Session 1: Word List

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

paratrooper

n. an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations

synonym: sky soldier, airborne soldier, jumper

(1) **paratrooper** gear, (2) veteran **paratrooper**

He went through rigorous **paratrooper** training to be part of the airborne unit.

rucksack

n. a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items

synonym: backpack, knapsack, pack

(1) **rucksack** straps, (2) hiking **rucksack**

I packed my clothes and supplies into my **rucksack** for the camping trip.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym : eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

outboard

n. a detachable engine or motor that is mounted outside the hull of a boat typically used for propulsion; (adjective) located or situated on the outside or exterior, especially of a vehicle or vessel; (adverb) away from or toward the outside or exterior of a ship or an aircraft

synonym : engine, motor, propeller

(1) **outboard** propeller, (2) **outboard** boat

He attached the **outboard** motor to the back of his boat before heading out onto the lake.

inboard

adj. located or positioned inside or closer to the center or hull of a ship, aircraft, or vehicle; relating to or involving the internal parts or components of a machine or system

synonym : internal, onboard, built-in

(1) **inboard** motor, (2) **inboard** navigation system

The boat's **inboard** engine provided extra power and control while navigating rough waters.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

synonym : misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
synonym : flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym : officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

buttock

n. either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an

animal

synonym: cheek, rear end, behind

(1) **buttock** muscles, (2) painful **buttock**

I fell and bruised my **buttock** on the hard pavement.

watermelon

n. a large, juicy fruit with a green rind and pink or red flesh, typically eaten in slices in the summer months

(1) **watermelon** slice, (2) **watermelon** seeds

I love to eat juicy **watermelon** on a hot summer day.

brigadier

n. a military rank above colonel and below major general; a high-ranking officer in the armed forces, usually responsible for overseeing a brigade

synonym: general, commander, officer

(1) retired **brigadier**, (2) military **brigadier**

The **brigadier's** orders were clear and had to be executed without delay.

comrade

n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

synonym: ally, friend, mate

(1) **comrade** in arms, (2) trusted **comrade**

We worked together as **comrades** to finish the project on time.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym: unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym : groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

commando

n. a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs

synonym : ranger, soldier, warrior

(1) special forces **commando**, (2) navy **commando**

The fearless **commando** completed the mission successfully, undetected by the enemy.

knuckle

n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

synonym : joint, finger joint, finger knob

(1) **knuckle** sandwich, (2) bare- **knuckle** boxer

He cracked his **knuckles** nervously before the presentation.

handshake

n. a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

synonym : greeting, handclasp, welcome

(1) **handshake** protocol, (2) virtual **handshake**

The two business partners sealed the deal with a **handshake**.

platoon

n. a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

synonym : squad, unit

(1) **platoon** leader, (2) **platoon** sergeant

The **platoon** of soldiers marched in perfect formation during the parade.

grenade

n. a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

synonym : bomb, explosive, shrapnel

(1) **grenade** explosion, (2) smoke **grenade**

The soldier threw a **grenade** to destroy the enemy's bunker.

tousled

adj. describing hair or one's appearance in a disheveled or untidy manner; untamed or slightly messy in appearance, often as a result of being casually arranged or purposely styled to have a natural, effortless look

synonym : messy, untidy, disheveled

(1) **tousled** hair, (2) **tousled** appearance

Her hair was **tousled** from the strong wind as she walked along the beach.

inversion

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym : reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

whatnot

n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

synonym : odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

recharge

v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

synonym : renew, refresh, replenish

(1) **recharge** brain and body, (2) **recharge** energy

He needed to **recharge** his phone before the meeting.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym : battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym: tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be a fatal shot.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym: unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

stanza

n. a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

synonym: verse, division, section

(1) poetic **stanza**, (2) opening **stanza**

The poem was divided into three **stanzas**, each with its unique message and rhythm.

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural

reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

vow

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

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

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

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

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bu____k muscles *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
2. opening st___a *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
3. re____ge energy *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
4. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
5. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
6. veteran par_____er *n.* an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations
7. hiking ru____ck *n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items

ANSWERS: 1. buttock, 2. stanza, 3. recharge, 4. mantra, 5. chew, 6. paratrooper, 7. rucksack

8. to_____d appearance *adj.* describing hair or one's appearance in a disheveled or untidy manner; untamed or slightly messy in appearance, often as a result of being casually arranged or purposely styled to have a natural, effortless look
9. virtual ha_____ke *n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
10. falling into a r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
11. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
12. marching re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
13. wat_____on seeds *n.* a large, juicy fruit with a green rind and pink or red flesh, typically eaten in slices in the summer months
14. to_____d hair *adj.* describing hair or one's appearance in a disheveled or untidy manner; untamed or slightly messy in appearance, often as a result of being casually arranged or purposely styled to have a natural, effortless look

ANSWERS: 8. tousled, 9. handshake, 10. rut, 11. envelop, 12. regiment, 13. watermelon, 14. tousled

15. police se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
16. turn into a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
17. killed in a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
18. in_____d motor *adj.* located or positioned inside or closer to the center or hull of a ship, aircraft, or vehicle; relating to or involving the internal parts or components of a machine or system
19. pl_____n sergeant *n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose
20. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
21. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

ANSWERS: 15. sergeant, 16. firefight, 17. firefight, 18. inboard, 19. platoon, 20. envelop, 21. godfather

22. temperature in_____on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
23. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
24. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
25. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
26. gr_____e explosion *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
27. clothes and wh_____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
28. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
29. military br_____er *n.* a military rank above colonel and below major general; a high-ranking officer in the armed forces, usually responsible for overseeing a brigade
30. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 22. inversion, 23. confer, 24. thigh, 25. chew, 26. grenade, 27. whatnot, 28. scar, 29. brigadier, 30. pretension

31. kn_____e sandwich *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
32. mi_____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
33. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
34. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
35. logistics re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
36. in_____on layer *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
37. bare-kn_____e boxer *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
38. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
39. oc___e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
40. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
41. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

ANSWERS: 31. knuckle, 32. mindless, 33. airborne, 34. disperse, 35. regiment, 36. inversion, 37. knuckle, 38. vow, 39. octave, 40. vow, 41. godfather

42. in_____d navigation system *adj.* located or positioned inside or closer to the center or hull of a ship, aircraft, or vehicle; relating to or involving the internal parts or components of a machine or system
43. mi_____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
44. trusted co_____e *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
45. boring routine r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
46. campaign ma____a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
47. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 42. inboard, 43. mindless, 44. comrade, 45. rut, 46. mantra, 47. opportune, 48. steer

49. ru____ck straps *n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items
50. wat_____on slice *n.* a large, juicy fruit with a green rind and pink or red flesh, typically eaten in slices in the summer months
51. smoke gr_____e *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
52. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
54. co_____e in arms *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
55. oc___e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
56. army se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

ANSWERS: 49. rucksack, 50. watermelon, 51. grenade, 52. opportune, 53. disperse, 54. comrade, 55. octave, 56. sergeant

57. pl_____n leader *n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose
58. armored ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
59. ha_____ke protocol *n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
60. navy co_____do *n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
61. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
62. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

ANSWERS: 57. platoon, 58. battalion, 59. handshake, 60. commando, 61. parachute, 62. parachute

63. si__w injury *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
64. ou____rd boat *n.* a detachable engine or motor that is mounted outside the hull of a boat typically used for propulsion; (adjective) located or situated on the outside or exterior, especially of a vehicle or vessel; (adverb) away from or toward the outside or exterior of a ship or an aircraft
65. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
66. retired br____er *n.* a military rank above colonel and below major general; a high-ranking officer in the armed forces, usually responsible for overseeing a brigade
67. a mi____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
68. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
69. par____er gear *n.* an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations

ANSWERS: 63. sinew, 64. outboard, 65. steer, 66. brigadier, 67. misnomer, 68. thigh, 69. paratrooper

70. painful bu____k *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
71. re____ge brain and body *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
72. technical mi____er *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
73. books and wh____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
74. special forces co____do *n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
75. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
76. ai____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
77. flexible si__ws *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

ANSWERS: 70. buttock, 71. recharge, 72. misnomer, 73. whatnot, 74. commando, 75. scar, 76. airborne, 77. sinew

78. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
79. ou_____rd propeller *n.* a detachable engine or motor that is mounted outside the hull of a boat typically used for propulsion; (adjective) located or situated on the outside or exterior, especially of a vehicle or vessel; (adverb) away from or toward the outside or exterior of a ship or an aircraft
80. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
81. poetic st___a *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
82. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 78. confer, 79. outboard, 80. battalion, 81. stanza, 82. pretension

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The platoon experienced a full-scale _____.
 - n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

2. He needed to _____ his phone before the meeting.
 - v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

3. The soldier threw a _____ to destroy the enemy's bunker.
 - n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

4. The _____ of soldiers marched in perfect formation during the parade.
 - n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

5. The two business partners sealed the deal with a _____.
 - n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

6. We worked together as _____ to finish the project on time.
 - n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

ANSWERS: 1. firefight, 2. recharge, 3. grenade, 4. platoon, 5. handshake, 6. comrades

7. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
8. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
9. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.
n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
10. The fire department _____ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.
n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
11. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
12. The _____ orders were clear and had to be executed without delay.
n. a military rank above colonel and below major general; a high-ranking officer in the armed forces, usually responsible for overseeing a brigade
13. The name "killer whale" is a _____ as they rarely attack humans.
n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
14. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 7. enveloped, 8. chew, 9. battalion, 10. sergeant, 11. scar, 12. brigadier's, 13. misnomer, 14. confer

15. The poem was divided into three _____ each with its unique message and rhythm.
- n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
16. The hunter aimed at the animal's _____ knowing it would be a fatal shot.
- n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
17. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her _____ at the 20th mile.
- n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
18. He went through rigorous _____ training to be part of the airborne unit.
- n.* an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations
19. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
20. The company seems stuck in a ____ and needs to try something new.
- n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
21. Her hair was _____ from the strong wind as she walked along the beach.
- adj.* describing hair or one's appearance in a disheveled or untidy manner; untamed or slightly messy in appearance, often as a result of being casually arranged or purposely styled to have a natural, effortless look

ANSWERS: 15. stanzas, 16. sinew, 17. thigh, 18. paratrooper, 19. dispersed, 20. rut, 21. tousled

22. He attached the _____ motor to the back of his boat before heading out onto the lake.
- n.* a detachable engine or motor that is mounted outside the hull of a boat typically used for propulsion; (adjective) located or situated on the outside or exterior, especially of a vehicle or vessel; (adverb) away from or toward the outside or exterior of a ship or an aircraft
23. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
- v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
24. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.
- adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
25. The fearless _____ completed the mission successfully, undetected by the enemy.
- n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
26. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
- n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
27. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.
- n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

ANSWERS: 22. outboard, 23. vowed, 24. Mindless, 25. commando, 26. godfather, 27. parachutes

28. I fell and bruised my _____ on the hard pavement.

- n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal

29. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.

- n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

30. I love to eat juicy _____ on a hot summer day.

- n.* a large, juicy fruit with a green rind and pink or red flesh, typically eaten in slices in the summer months

31. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

32. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and _____ at the store.

- n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

33. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

34. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.

- adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

35. The singer's range was impressive, covering three _____ with ease.

- n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

ANSWERS: 28. buttock, 29. regiment, 30. watermelon, 31. steer, 32. whatnot, 33. opportune, 34. airborne, 35. octaves

36. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.
- n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
37. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
38. The _____ of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.
- n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
39. The boat's _____ engine provided extra power and control while navigating rough waters.
- adj.* located or positioned inside or closer to the center or hull of a ship, aircraft, or vehicle; relating to or involving the internal parts or components of a machine or system
40. I packed my clothes and supplies into my _____ for the camping trip.
- n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items
41. He cracked his _____ nervously before the presentation.
- n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

ANSWERS: 36. mantra, 37. pretensions, 38. inversion, 39. inboard, 40. rucksack, 41. knuckles