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Session 1: Word List

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

symmetry

n. balance or proportion in design or structure, with elements arranged evenly on either side of an axis

synonym: balance, proportion, harmoniousness

(1) bilateral **symmetry**, (2) axial **symmetry**

The building had a **symmetry** pattern that was pleasing to the eye.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym: emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym: jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

laser

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

synonym: beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

whit

n. a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

synonym: bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference

His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual

interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

synonym : distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

pity *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

synonym : sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech

It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

frequent *adj.* happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

decide *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

extent *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

deputy *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym : aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
synonym: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry
His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
synonym: repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show
I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

knight

n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

synonym : noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym : target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

undesirable

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

synonym: objectionable, distasteful, unwanted

(1) **undesirable** outcome, (2) **undesirable** behavior

The smell of the garbage was very **undesirable**.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense

mechanism

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

Session 2: Spelling

1. und_____le outcome *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
2. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
3. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
4. not a w__t of difference *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
5. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
6. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
7. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
8. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
9. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
10. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 1. undesirable, 2. eliminate, 3. blind, 4. whit, 5. inherent, 6. intuition, 7. procedure, 8. shave, 9. cheek, 10. perspective

11. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
12. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
14. pe_____t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (*noun*) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
15. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
16. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
17. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
18. und_____le behavior *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

ANSWERS: 11. perspective, 12. decide, 13. guilt, 14. pervert, 15. mechanism, 16. dot, 17. encounter, 18. undesirable

19. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
20. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
21. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
22. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
23. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
24. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
25. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
26. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
27. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
28. p__y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

ANSWERS: 19. overcome, 20. patient, 21. destroy, 22. patient, 23. fantastic, 24. interfere, 25. intention, 26. Jewish, 27. frequent, 28. pity

29. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
30. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
31. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
32. a person who has a ta____o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
33. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
34. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
35. in_____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
36. pulse la__r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
37. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
38. de___y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

ANSWERS: 29. recognize, 30. terribly, 31. depress, 32. tattoo, 33. fantastic, 34. conflict, 35. interfere, 36. laser, 37. guilt, 38. deputy

39. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
40. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
41. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
42. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
43. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
44. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
45. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
46. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
47. fo_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
48. re__n of a TV show *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
49. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 39. frequent, 40. experiment, 41. suppose, 42. conflict, 43. intention, 44. inherent, 45. eliminate, 46. bias, 47. foreground, 48. rerun, 49. encounter

50. a ta___o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
51. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
52. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
53. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
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55. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
56. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
57. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
58. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
59. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 50. tattoo, 51. brilliant, 52. process, 53. lab, 54. intuition, 55. Jewish, 56. incentive, 57. cheek, 58. brilliant, 59. suppose

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64. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
65. allow self-p__y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
66. a de____y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
67. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

ANSWERS: 60. laser, 61. shave, 62. process, 63. circumstance, 64. destroy, 65. pity, 66. deputy, 67. chairperson

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71. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
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ANSWERS: 79. bias, 80. statistics, 81. depart, 82. statistics, 83. extent, 84. whit, 85. terribly, 86. overcome, 87. pervert

98. vice cha_____on
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ANSWERS: 98. chairperson, 99. depress, 100. knight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She researched gender _____ in politics.
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2. His arm was swollen and _____ red.
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3. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.
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ANSWERS: 8. lab, 9. experiments, 10. patient's, 11. encounter, 12. procedure, 13. suppose, 14. destroyed, 15. pity, 16. conflicts,

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ANSWERS: 17. process, 18. rerun, 19. whit, 20. guilt, 21. depressed, 22. fantastic, 23. recognize

24. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

25. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

26. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

27. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

28. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

29. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

30. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

31. The smell of the garbage was very _____.

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

ANSWERS: 24. inherent, 25. overcome, 26. departed, 27. tattoo, 28. perspective, 29. brilliant, 30. statistics, 31. undesirable

32. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.
n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
33. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
34. Your talking _____ with my work.
v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
35. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
36. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.
n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
37. She left the decision to her _____.
n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
38. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
39. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
40. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 32. foreground, 33. blind, 34. interferes, 35. eliminate, 36. cheek, 37. deputy, 38. mechanisms, 39. dots, 40. excited

41. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
42. The building had a _____ pattern that was pleasing to the eye.
n. balance or proportion in design or structure, with elements arranged evenly on either side of an axis
43. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
44. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
45. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
46. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the _____ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
47. The company holds patents on core components of _____ jet printers.
n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
48. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

ANSWERS: 41. decide, 42. symmetry, 43. frequent, 44. intentions, 45. Jewish, 46. knight, 47. laser, 48. extent

49. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
50. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

ANSWERS: 49. intuitions, 50. shave