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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### extraterrestrial

*adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

*synonym* : alien, outer, otherworldly

(1) **extraterrestrial** planet, (2) **extraterrestrial** intelligence  
Scientists are constantly searching for signs of **extraterrestrial** life in the universe.

### incredulous

*adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

*synonym* : skeptical, doubtful, disbelieving

(1) **incredulous** stare, (2) voice of **incredulous** disbelief  
The audience was **incredulous** at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.

### dispassionate

*adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions

*synonym* : impartial, unbiased, neutral

(1) **dispassionate** analysis, (2) **dispassionate** observation  
The judge remained **dispassionate** throughout the emotional trial.

## idealist

*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

*synonym*: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

## hopeless

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym*: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## whoop

*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

*synonym*: yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

## observatory

*n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.

(1) space **observatory**, (2) a meteorological **observatory**

That astronomical **observatory** stands at the top of the mountain.

## tedious

*adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

*synonym*: boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

## amuse

*v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh  
*synonym* : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

## hominid

*n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors

*synonym* : human, primate, ancestor

(1) large-toothed **hominid**, (2) **hominid** evolution

Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient **hominid** species.

## cosmology

*n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

*synonym* : cosmogony

(1) physical **cosmology**, (2) modern **cosmology**

**Cosmology** evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

## astronomer

*n.* a physicist who studies astronomy

*synonym* : stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

## eavesdrop

*v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

*synonym* : listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot

I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

## pundit

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym* : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## reckon

v. to think or believe something

*synonym*: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

## haystack

n. a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding

*synonym*: pile, heap, stack

(1) **haystack** fire, (2) lost in a **haystack**

The children played hide and seek in the **haystacks** in the barnyard.

## improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## overwork

v. to work excessively hard or too much; the condition of working excessively or beyond one's capacity, leading to fatigue, stress, and illness

*synonym*: overdo, overtax, exhaust

(1) die from **overwork**, (2) **overwork** to compensate

He **overworked** himself and ended up getting sick.

## kitten

n. a young cat

*synonym*: catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

## worthless

*adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering  
*synonym* : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

## pessimistic

*adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

*synonym* : cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

## occupant

*n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there

*synonym* : denizen, dweller, resident

(1) illegal **occupant**, (2) rear seat **occupants**

He found graffiti left by a previous **occupant** of the house.

## cosmos

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym* : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## weasel

*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

## secrecy

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

*synonym* : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

## hyperbole

*n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

*synonym* : exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

## conceivable

*adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind

*synonym* : believable, imaginable, probable

(1) **conceivable** way, (2) **conceivable** emergency

It is challenging to defend every **conceivable** target.

## calibrate

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym* : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym* : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## hazy

*adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

*synonym* : blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

## comprehensible

*adj.* able to be understood or grasped by the mind; clear and understandable

*synonym* : understandable, intelligible, clear

(1) **comprehensible** language, (2) **comprehensible** to everyone

The textbook explanation made the difficult concept **comprehensible** to the students.

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym* : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## 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.

## frivolous

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym* : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

## 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.

## hive

*n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

*synonym*: apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

## deplorable

*adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad

*synonym*: shameful, disgraceful, lamentable

(1) **deplorable** conditions, (2) **deplorable** behavior

The **deplorable** living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.

## saucer

*n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

*synonym*: dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

## abduct

*v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

*synonym*: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

## homeopathy

*n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals

(1) **homeopathy** treatment, (2) **homeopathy** practitioner

The **homeopathy** course introduces the principles and



practices of this alternative healing method.

## boson

*n.* a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave

*synonym*: photon, gluon, particle

(1) weak **boson**, (2) Higgs **boson**

The search for new **boson** particles is one of the most exciting areas of modern physics.

## franc

*n.* the currency used in some countries, including Switzerland, France, and formerly Belgium

*synonym*: currency, money

(1) **franc** area, (2) Swiss **franc**

During the colonial period, several African nations used the **franc** as their currency due to the influence of France.

## comprehend

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

*synonym*: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

## hardwired

*adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

*synonym*: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

## gerbil

*n.* a small, burrowing rodent often kept as a pet, known for its long hind legs, soft fur, and long tail

*synonym*: hamster, mouse, rat

(1) **gerbil** exercise wheel, (2) wild **gerbil**

She bought a **gerbil** cage that was spacious enough for her two pets to play and burrow.

## guise

*n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

*synonym* : appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

## anecdotal

*adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

*synonym* : hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

## alto

*n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

*synonym* : contralto, countertenor, soprano

(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo

The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.

## hexagon

*n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length

*synonym* : hexahedron, six-sided figure, six-gon

(1) **hexagon** head bolt, (2) **hexagon** pattern

The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of **hexagons**.

## huff

*n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration

*synonym* : miff, tantrum, indignation

(1) **huff** and puff upstairs, (2) give a **huff** of relief

She let out a **huff** of frustration after the difficult workout.

## **instill**

*v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually  
*synonym*: implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

## **payoff**

*n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions;  
the return or reward gained from an investment, effort,  
or risk

*synonym*: reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. under the gu\_\_e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
2. he\_\_\_\_n head bolt *n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
3. voice of inc\_\_\_\_\_us disbelief *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
4. conservative pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
5. h\_\_f and puff upstairs *n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration
6. we\_\_\_l her way out of doing the dishes *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
7. an\_\_\_\_\_al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

ANSWERS: 1. guise, 2. hexagon, 3. incredulous, 4. pundit, 5. huff, 6. weasel, 7. anecdotal

8. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English      *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
9. ab\_\_\_\_t at gunpoint      *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
10. wh\_\_p it up at a party      *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
11. die from ov\_\_\_\_\_rk      *v.* to work excessively hard or too much; the condition of working excessively or beyond one's capacity, leading to fatigue, stress, and illness
12. an\_\_\_\_\_al evidence      *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
13. honeybees in h\_\_es      *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
14. te\_\_\_\_\_s routine      *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
15. ov\_\_\_\_\_rk to compensate      *v.* to work excessively hard or too much; the condition of working excessively or beyond one's capacity, leading to fatigue, stress, and illness

ANSWERS: 8. comprehend, 9. abduct, 10. whoop, 11. overwork, 12. anecdotal, 13. hive, 14. tedious, 15. overwork

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| 16. newborn ki___n             | <i>n.</i> a young cat  |
| 17. ea_____op on a secret plot | <i>v.</i> to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission   |
| 18. h__y atmosphere            | <i>adj.</i> not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something   |
| 19. ab___t a girl              | <i>v.</i> to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom  |
| 20. an a__o solo               | <i>n.</i> the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone   |
| 21. in_____l confidence        | <i>v.</i> to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually  |
| 22. weak bo__n                 | <i>n.</i> a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave  |
| 23. ha_____ed behavior         | <i>adj.</i> built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics   |
| 24. hom_____hy treatment       | <i>n.</i> a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals |

ANSWERS: 16. kitten, 17. eavesdrop, 18. hazy, 19. abduct, 20. alto, 21. instill, 22. boson, 23. hardwired, 24. homeopathy

25. Swiss fr\_\_c *n.* the currency used in some countries, including Switzerland, France, and formerly Belgium
26. give a h\_\_f of relief *n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration
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30. ho\_\_\_\_ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
31. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
32. solar ast\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
33. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 25. franc, 26. huff, 27. tedious, 28. calibrate, 29. secrecy, 30. hopeless, 31. improvisation, 32. astronomer, 33. improvisation

34. illegal oc\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
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37. con\_\_\_\_le way *adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind
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42. inc\_\_\_\_us stare *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
43. prophet of d\_\_\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
44. take a pes\_\_\_\_ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

ANSWERS: 34. occupant, 35. secrecy, 36. observatory, 37. conceivable, 38. gerbil, 39. payoff, 40. arctic, 41. hazy, 42. incredulous, 43. doom, 44. pessimistic



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ANSWERS: 45. hardwired, 46. deplorable, 47. dispassionate, 48. doom, 49. conceivable, 50. hominid, 51. idealist, 52. reckon, 53. opportune

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88. ext\_\_\_\_\_ial planet *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth
89. wh\_\_p with joy *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
90. op\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 82. saucer, 83. frivolous, 84. hyperbole, 85. hive, 86. nifty, 87. amuse, 88. extraterrestrial, 89. whoop, 90. opportune

91. exploration of co\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
92. lost in a ha\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
93. ea\_\_\_\_\_op conversation *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
94. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate analysis *adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions
95. ni\_\_y gadget *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
96. wo\_\_\_\_\_ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
97. com\_\_\_\_\_nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
98. avoid hy\_\_\_\_\_le in writing *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
99. engage in fr\_\_\_\_\_us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
100. ho\_\_\_\_\_d evolution *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
101. re\_\_\_n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something

ANSWERS: 91. cosmos, 92. haystack, 93. eavesdrop, 94. dispassionate, 95. nifty, 96. worthless, 97. comprehend, 98. hyperbole, 99. frivolous, 100. hominid, 101. reckon

102. hom\_\_\_\_\_hy practitioner      *n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals
103. dep\_\_\_\_\_le behavior      *adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
104. in the gu\_\_e of a woman      *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 102. homeopathy, 103. deplorable, 104. guise

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.  
*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
2. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.  
*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
3. I accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ on a confidential meeting last week.  
*v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
4. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.  
*adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
5. During the colonial period, several African nations used the \_\_\_\_\_ as their currency due to the influence of France.  
*n.* the currency used in some countries, including Switzerland, France, and formerly Belgium
6. The winning team began to \_\_\_\_\_ and holler with excitement.  
*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
7. The search for new \_\_\_\_\_ particles is one of the most exciting areas of modern physics.  
*n.* a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave

ANSWERS: 1. secrecy, 2. frivolous, 3. eavesdropped, 4. incredulous, 5. franc, 6. whoop, 7. boson



8. The \_\_\_\_\_ fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.  
*n.* a young cat
9. The children played hide and seek in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the barnyard.  
*n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
10. The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ singer had a unique and powerful voice.  
*n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
12. He \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption was rampant in the regime.  
*v.* to think or believe something
13. \_\_\_\_\_ evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.  
*n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.  
*n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ course introduces the principles and practices of this alternative healing method.  
*n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals

ANSWERS: 8. kitten's, 9. haystacks, 10. hexagons, 11. alto, 12. reckons, 13. Cosmology, 14. payoff, 15. homeopathy

16. He found graffiti left by a previous \_\_\_\_\_ of the house.  
*n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
17. Scientists are constantly searching for signs of \_\_\_\_\_ life in the universe.  
*adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself by playing video games during his free time.  
*v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself and ended up getting sick.  
*v.* to work excessively hard or too much; the condition of working excessively or beyond one's capacity, leading to fatigue, stress, and illness
20. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
21. Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient \_\_\_\_\_ species.  
*n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
22. 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
23. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.  
*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 16. occupant, 17. extraterrestrial, 18. amused, 19. overworked, 20. abducted, 21. hominid, 22. nifty, 23. doom

24. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
25. The product was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
- adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.
- adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
27. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of hard work in her students.
- v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
28. The marketing campaign relied heavily on \_\_\_\_\_ to sell the product.
- n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
29. The judge remained \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the emotional trial.
- adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions
30. The work of data entry can be \_\_\_\_\_ but it is important for maintaining accurate records.
- adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
31. They operated an illegal business under the \_\_\_\_\_ of an employment agency.
- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 24. improvisation, 25. worthless, 26. deplorable, 27. instill, 28. hyperbole, 29. dispassionate, 30. tedious, 31. guise

32. This question has fascinated solar \_\_\_\_\_ for decades.  
*n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
33. The textbook explanation made the difficult concept \_\_\_\_\_ to the students.  
*adj.* able to be understood or grasped by the mind; clear and understandable
34. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ complex math problems.  
*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
35. The political \_\_\_\_\_ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.  
*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
36. That astronomical \_\_\_\_\_ stands at the top of the mountain.  
*n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
37. As a dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.  
*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
38. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.  
*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
39. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 32. astronomers, 33. comprehensible, 34. comprehend, 35. pundit, 36. observatory, 37. idealist, 38. hopeless, 39. opportune

40. My friend shared an \_\_\_\_\_ story about her experience in customer service.

*adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

41. My memories of the holiday were \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

42. It is challenging to defend every \_\_\_\_\_ target.

*adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind

43. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

44. She was unduly \_\_\_\_\_ about her future.

*adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

46. She bought a \_\_\_\_\_ cage that was spacious enough for her two pets to play and burrow.

*n.* a small, burrowing rodent often kept as a pet, known for its long hind legs, soft fur, and long tail

ANSWERS: 40. anecdotal, 41. hazy, 42. conceivable, 43. calibrate, 44. pessimistic, 45. weasel's, 46. gerbil

47. The instinct to protect one's offspring is \_\_\_\_\_ into many animal species.  
*adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
48. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
49. She let out a \_\_\_\_\_ of frustration after the difficult workout.  
*n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration
50. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.  
*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
51. She sipped her tea from a delicate \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
52. Bees were buzzing around the \_\_\_\_\_  
*n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

ANSWERS: 47. hardwired, 48. cosmos, 49. huff, 50. arctic, 51. saucer, 52. hive