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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sideways

*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

*synonym* : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

### wacky

*adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

*synonym* : absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books

His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

### inanimate

*adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate

*synonym* : lifeless, inert, passive

(1) **inanimate** nature, (2) **inanimate** matter

The **inanimate** object was not capable of movement or feeling.

### toiletry

*n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

*synonym* : grooming kit, hygiene products

(1) travel **toiletry**, (2) **toiletry** bag

Remember to pack your **toiletry** goods when you go on

vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.

## licorice

*n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

(1) black **licorice**, (2) **licorice** flavor

I bought some **licorice** candy from the store.

## valence

*n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship

*synonym*: bonding capacity, reactivity

(1) **valence** electrons, (2) chemical **valence**

The **valence** of an atom determines its chemical properties.

## housework

*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

*synonym*: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

## impotent

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

*synonym*: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

## unpick

*v.* to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner

*synonym*: unravel, undo, disentangle

(1) **unpick** a situation, (2) **unpick** a knot

I need to **unpick** the stitches on this shirt to fix the tear.

## carp

*n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly

*synonym*: fish, minnow, (verb) complain

(1) **carp** fishing, (2) **carp** at the issue

The fisherman showed off his biggest **carp** catch of the day.

## appraise

*v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

*synonym*: evaluate, assess, judge

(1) **appraise** his property, (2) **appraise** the situation

The real estate agent will **appraise** the value of your property before listing it.

## 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.

## bloodbath

*n.* a violent and brutal event characterized by a large-scale indiscriminate killing or slaughter; a situation or event that involves widespread destruction, chaos, or loss of life; a situation in which there is a severe or massive decline

*synonym*: massacre, slaughter, carnage

(1) massive **bloodbath**, (2) economic **bloodbath**

The war turned into a brutal **bloodbath**, claiming the lives of countless soldiers.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar

objects.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## contrive

*v.* to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome

*synonym* : devise, invent, engineer

(1) **contrive** an excuse, (2) **contrive** a plan

He always finds a way to **contrive** a clever solution to any problem.

## lavish

*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

*synonym* : grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

## accredit

*v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause

*synonym* : authorize, endorse, validate

(1) **accredit** certification organizations, (2) **accredit** a course

The university will **accredit** the new college if it meets its standards.

## boast

*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

*synonym* : show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

## glamorous

*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

*synonym*: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

## chlorophyll

*n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms

(1) **chlorophyll** pigment, (2) bacterial **chlorophyll**

**Chlorophyll** utilizes sunlight to create sugars.

## chloroplast

*n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.

(1) **chloroplast** DNA, (2) **chloroplast** protein

**Chloroplast** membranes are incredibly vulnerable to damage by oxygen radicals produced as a byproduct of photochemistry.

## spinach

*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger

(1) **spinach** salad, (2) frozen **spinach**

Fresh **spinach** is a good source of vitamins and minerals.

## telegraph

*n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

## drip

*v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

*synonym*: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

## wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym*: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## veg

*n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

*synonym*: vegetable, plant-based food, green

(1) **veg** pizza, (2) **veg** out on the couch

I like to keep a variety of fresh **veg** in my fridge to make healthy meals easily.

## posh

*adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

*synonym*: elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

## outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## interlocking

*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

*synonym*: connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

## randomize

*v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random

*synonym*: scramble, shuffle, mix

(1) **randomize** variables, (2) **randomize** the order of the

numbers

The study participants were **randomized** into two groups to control for bias.

## techie

*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

*synonym*: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

## 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**.

## raft

*n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

*synonym*: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

## gastric

*adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen

*synonym*: stomachic, digestive, belly

(1) **gastric** issues, (2) **gastric** cancer

After eating spicy food, some people experience **gastric** distress like heartburn and indigestion.

## ulcer

*n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

*synonym* : lesion, sore, wound

(1) mouth **ulcer**, (2) gastric **ulcer**

The stress of the job caused him to develop an **ulcer** in his stomach.

## **saltwater**

*adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

*synonym* : marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

## **peddler**

*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

*synonym* : hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

## **naturopath**

*n.* a practitioner of alternative medicine who uses natural remedies and techniques for healing and promoting wellness, often emphasizing preventive care and lifestyle changes

*synonym* : holistic healer, natural therapist

(1) **naturopath** clinic, (2) consult a **naturopath**

The local health store offers a range of **naturopath-approved** supplements.

## **distort**

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym* : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.



## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## psychotic

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

*synonym* : deranged, unstable, certifiable

(1) **psychotic** medication, (2) **psychotic** episode

Her husband's death caused her to experience a **psychotic** break.

## schizophrenia

*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

*synonym* : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

## haloperidol

*n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses

*synonym* : antipsychotic, neuroleptic, tranquilizer

(1) long-term **haloperidol** use, (2) **haloperidol** dosage

The psychiatrist prescribed **haloperidol** to manage the patient's schizophrenia symptoms.

## forego

*v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

*synonym* : antecede, precede, relinquish

(1) **forego** dessert, (2) **forego** the privilege

The company decided to **forego** the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.

## risperidone

*n.* an antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and certain behavioral problems in children and adolescents

*synonym* : atypical antipsychotic, antipsychotic medication

(1) antipsychotic **risperidone**, (2) side effects of **risperidone**

The psychiatrist adjusted the patient's medication dosage of **risperidone**.

## withhold

*v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

*synonym* : retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

## funnel

*n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

*synonym* : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

## spurious

*adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading

*synonym* : false, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **spurious** evidence, (2) **spurious** argument

The writer made **spurious** claims in their article, unsupported by any evidence.

## heinous

*adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil

*synonym* : evil, wicked, cruel

(1) **heinous** firm, (2) **heinous** act

The **heinous** crime shocked the whole community.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## antidepressant

*n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

(1) an **antidepressant** drug, (2) **antidepressant** effect

She has been taking **antidepressants** since her baby died.

## ahold

*adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

*synonym*: totally, completely, firmly

(1) grab **ahold** of the rope, (2) take **ahold** of the situation

I was able to get **ahold** of the concert tickets before they sold out.

## complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym*: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

## stockpile

*n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

*synonym*: reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

**pneumonia**

*n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

*synonym* : lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

**disinfectant**

*n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings

*synonym* : disinfecting agent, sanitizer, antiseptic

(1) **disinfectant** spray, (2) medical **disinfectant**

The hospital uses a strong **disinfectant** to clean the operating room after each surgery.

**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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|------|---|
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| 2. answer by te_____ph      | n.   | a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals   |
| 3. co_____ve an excuse      | v.   | to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome |
| 4. com_____ion of structure | n.   | something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused   |
| 5. un___k a knot            | v.   | to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner  |
| 6. ap_____se the situation  | v.   | to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner   |
| 7. te_____s task            | adj. | tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature   |
| 8. a fu___l-shaped device   | n.   | a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine                 |

ANSWERS: 1. outdo, 2. telegraph, 3. contrive, 4. complication, 5. unpick, 6. appraise, 7. tedious, 8. funnel

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71. dis\_\_\_\_\_ant spray *n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings

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*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
74. int\_\_\_\_\_ing braid  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
75. sp\_\_\_\_\_h salad  
*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
76. p\_\_h district  
*adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
77. long-term hal\_\_\_\_\_ol use  
*n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses
78. light ho\_\_\_\_\_rk  
*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
79. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt feeling  
*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
80. fo\_\_\_\_o the privilege  
*v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

ANSWERS: 72. wrinkle, 73. lavish, 74. interlocking, 75. spinach, 76. posh, 77. haloperidol, 78. housework, 79. impotent, 80. forego

81. influence pe\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
82. separatory fu\_\_\_\_l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
83. wi\_\_\_\_ld my laughter *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
84. sch\_\_\_\_nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
85. ap\_\_\_\_se his property *v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
86. 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
87. chl\_\_\_\_st DNA *n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.
88. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
89. chl\_\_\_\_st protein *n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.

ANSWERS: 81. peddler, 82. funnel, 83. withhold, 84. schizophrenia, 85. appraise, 86. tedious, 87. chloroplast, 88. industrious, 89. chloroplast

90. nuclear st\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
91. ou\_\_o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
92. a si\_\_\_\_\_ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
93. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
94. frozen sp\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
95. st\_\_\_\_\_le weapons *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
96. ra\_\_\_\_\_ze the order of the numbers *v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
97. medical dis\_\_\_\_\_ant *n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings

ANSWERS: 90. stockpile, 91. outdo, 92. sideways, 93. complication, 94. spinach, 95. stockpile, 96. randomize, 97. disinfectant

98. te\_\_\_\_\_ph wires *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
99. a life r\_\_t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
100. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
101. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
102. gadget te\_\_\_es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
103. travel to\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
104. d\_\_p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
105. gl\_\_\_\_\_us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
106. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
107. v\_g pizza *n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

ANSWERS: 98. telegraph, 99. raft, 100. distort, 101. industrious, 102. techie, 103. toiletry, 104. drip, 105. glamorous, 106. wrinkle, 107. veg



108. ac\_\_\_\_it a course      *v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
109. sa\_\_\_\_\_er crocodile      *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
110. d\_\_p from the vicious wound      *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
111. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
112. bo\_\_t of his success      *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
113. wi\_\_\_\_\_ld payment      *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
114. a computer n\_\_d      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
115. la\_\_\_h lifestyle      *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
116. fall si\_\_\_\_\_ys      *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

ANSWERS: 108. accredit, 109. saltwater, 110. drip, 111. improvisation, 112. boast, 113. withhold, 114. nerd, 115. lavish, 116. sideways

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.  
*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
  
2. Fresh \_\_\_\_\_ is a good source of vitamins and minerals.  
*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
  
3. The psychiatrist prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ to manage the patient's schizophrenia symptoms.  
*n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses
  
4. The local health store offers a range of \_\_\_\_\_ supplements.  
*n.* a practitioner of alternative medicine who uses natural remedies and techniques for healing and promoting wellness, often emphasizing preventive care and lifestyle changes
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
  
6. He has earned \_\_\_\_\_ praise for his achievement.  
*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
  
7. The psychiatrist adjusted the patient's medication dosage of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and certain behavioral problems in children and adolescents

ANSWERS: 1. wrinkle-proof, 2. spinach, 3. haloperidol, 4. naturopath-approved, 5. interlocking, 6. lavish, 7. risperidone

8. We have to use a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour petrol into the tank.
- n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
9. After eating spicy food, some people experience \_\_\_\_\_ distress like heartburn and indigestion.
- adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen
10. The rubber \_\_\_\_\_ was swept out to sea.
- n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
11. The hospital uses a strong \_\_\_\_\_ to clean the operating room after each surgery.
- n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings
12. The war turned into a brutal \_\_\_\_\_ claiming the lives of countless soldiers.
- n.* a violent and brutal event characterized by a large-scale indiscriminate killing or slaughter; a situation or event that involves widespread destruction, chaos, or loss of life; a situation in which there is a severe or massive decline
13. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the stitches on this shirt to fix the tear.
- v.* to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner
14. The south coast is less \_\_\_\_\_ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

ANSWERS: 8. funnel, 9. gastric, 10. raft, 11. disinfectant, 12. bloodbath, 13. unpick, 14. glamorous

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.  
*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
16. 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
17. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
18. She was hospitalized with a severe case of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
19. The stress of the job caused him to develop an \_\_\_\_\_ in his stomach.  
*n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ crime shocked the whole community.  
*adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil
21. The study participants were \_\_\_\_\_ into two groups to control for bias.  
*v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ service was interrupted for a while.  
*n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

ANSWERS: 15. peddler, 16. improvisation, 17. intellect, 18. pneumonia, 19. ulcer, 20. heinous, 21. randomized, 22. telegraph

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of an atom determines its chemical properties.  
*n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
24. His friend was a pretty wild and \_\_\_\_\_ character.  
*adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
25. Water is \_\_\_\_\_ from the faucet.  
*v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
26. I bought some \_\_\_\_\_ candy from the store.  
*n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.  
*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
28. She has been taking \_\_\_\_\_ since her baby died.  
*n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
29. The writer made \_\_\_\_\_ claims in their article, unsupported by any evidence.  
*adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading
30. I like to keep a variety of fresh \_\_\_\_ in my fridge to make healthy meals easily.  
*n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

ANSWERS: 23. valence, 24. wacky, 25. dripping, 26. licorice, 27. schizophrenia, 28. antidepressants, 29. spurious, 30. veg

31. The fisherman showed off his biggest \_\_\_\_\_ catch of the day.  
*n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
32. The CEO's office was decorated in a \_\_\_\_\_ and elegant style.  
*adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
34. This town \_\_\_\_\_ a national park.  
*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
35. I was able to get \_\_\_\_\_ of the concert tickets before they sold out.  
*adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly
36. She didn't mind doing the \_\_\_\_\_ as long as it kept her busy and productive.  
*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
37. Remember to pack your \_\_\_\_\_ goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.  
*n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
38. \_\_\_\_\_ utilizes sunlight to create sugars.  
*n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms

ANSWERS: 31. carp, 32. posh, 33. medicinal, 34. boasts, 35. ahold, 36. housework, 37. toiletry, 38. Chlorophyll

39. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

40. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

41. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem downstream.

*adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

42. She glanced \_\_\_\_\_ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

43. The farmer had a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of hay for the winter.

*n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

44. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his rival by breaking the world record.

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

45. 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

46. The government decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the release of sensitive information.

*v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

ANSWERS: 39. nerd, 40. complications, 41. saltwater, 42. sideways, 43. stockpile, 44. outdo, 45. confer, 46. withhold



47. Her husband's death caused her to experience a \_\_\_\_\_ break.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
48. The \_\_\_\_\_ object was not capable of movement or feeling.  
*adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
49. The university will \_\_\_\_\_ the new college if it meets its standards.  
*v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
50. \_\_\_\_\_ membranes are incredibly vulnerable to damage by oxygen radicals produced as a byproduct of photochemistry.  
*n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.
51. Our company hired a \_\_\_\_\_ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.  
*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
52. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. The real estate agent will \_\_\_\_\_ the value of your property before listing it.  
*v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
54. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.  
*v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

ANSWERS: 47. psychotic, 48. inanimate, 49. accredit, 50. Chloroplast, 51. techie, 52. industrious, 53. appraise, 54. forego

55. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

56. He always finds a way to \_\_\_\_\_ a clever solution to any problem.

*v.* to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome

57. Modern medicine was largely \_\_\_\_\_ against the disease.

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

58. 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

ANSWERS: 55. distort, 56. contrive, 57. impotent, 58. tedious,