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## Session 1: Word List

### polio

*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

*synonym* : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

### terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym* : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

### paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym* : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

### terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events  
Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

**hail**

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky  
*synonym* : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast  
People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

**eradicate**

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad  
*synonym* : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination  
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

**smallpox**

*n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death  
*synonym* : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine  
An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

**cripple**

*v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine  
*synonym* : disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition  
The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

**poliomyelitis**

*n.* a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness  
*synonym* : polio, infantile paralysis

(1) **poliomyelitis** vaccine, (2) paralytic **poliomyelitis**

Before the vaccine was developed, many countries experienced widespread outbreaks of **poliomyelitis**.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## snuff

*n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out

*synonym*: tobacco, powder, dust

(1) **snuff** out the candle, (2) flavored **snuff**

He reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver **snuff** box.

## 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.

## congressperson

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

*synonym*: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

## 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.

## vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

*synonym*: decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

## vial

n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume

*synonym*: container, bottle, flask

(1) glass **vials**, (2) insulin **vial**

This medication is sealed in a **vial**.

## telltale

adj. revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

*synonym*: revealing, indicative, suggestive

(1) **telltale** evidence, (2) **telltale** heart

The **telltale** signs of a dishonest employee were missing files

and constant delay.

## peacetime

*n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

*synonym*: peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

## headlong

*adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution

*synonym*: recklessly, impulsively, precipitously

(1) continue **headlong** into a risky business, (2) fall

**headlong**

He stumbled **headlong** down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.

## slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym*: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## swelter

*v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

*synonym*: simmer, roast, bake

(1) **swelter** in their bulletproof vests, (2) **swelter** under the scorching sun

The heat was so intense that it made us **swelter**.

## truce

*n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

*synonym*: ceasefire, armistice, peace

(1) temporary **truce**, (2) break a **truce**

The two sides agreed to a **truce** and set down their weapons.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## heroic

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## rotary

*adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion

*synonym* : circular, revolving, spinning

(1) **rotary** motion, (2) **rotary** tool

The **rotary** engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## measles

*n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

*synonym* : rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

## irrespective

*adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of  
*synonym* : heedless, inattentive, regardless

(1) **irrespective** of age, (2) **irrespective** of his will  
Our company hires **irrespective** of national origin.

## stronghold

*n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations  
*synonym* : fortress, bastion, citadel

(1) the last **stronghold**, (2) **stronghold** bastion  
The castle served as a **stronghold** for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

## horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying  
*synonym* : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition  
The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym* : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance  
It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

## seductive

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

*synonym* : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior  
The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

## crutch

*n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon

excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

*synonym* : brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

## rhyme

*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

*synonym* : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

## buckle

*v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;  
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

*synonym* : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

## 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.

## berserk

*adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

*synonym* : crazed, frenzied, wild

(1) run **berserk**, (2) a **berserk** rage

The fans went **berserk** when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

## doable

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true



*synonym* : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

## stark

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

*synonym* : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

## capitalize

*v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

*synonym* : bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

## crossroad

*n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

*synonym* : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. cr\_\_\_\_e economy  
*v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
2. po\_\_o eradication  
*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
3. st\_\_k landscape  
*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
4. det\_\_\_\_te condition  
*v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
5. gu\_\_y performance  
*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
6. er\_\_\_\_te the deficit  
*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
7. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son  
*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
8. un\_\_\_d the story  
*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 1. cripple, 2. polio, 3. stark, 4. deteriorate, 5. gutsy, 6. eradicate, 7. congressperson, 8. unfold

9. ho\_\_\_\_ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
10. sw\_\_\_\_r in their bulletproof vests *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
11. financial pa\_\_\_\_f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
12. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
13. insulin v\_\_l *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
14. pa\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
15. bu\_\_\_\_e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
16. do\_\_\_\_e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
17. fall he\_\_\_\_ng *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
18. va\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
19. h\_\_l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 9. horrific, 10. swelter, 11. payoff, 12. industrious, 13. vial, 14. paralyze, 15. buckle, 16. doable, 17. headlong, 18. vaccinate, 19. hail

20. write in rh\_\_e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
21. make a do\_\_\_e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
22. str\_\_\_\_\_ld bastion *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
23. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
24. un\_\_\_d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
25. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
26. critical cr\_\_\_\_\_ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
27. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
28. sm\_\_\_\_\_ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
29. emotional pa\_\_\_f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 20. rhyme, 21. doable, 22. stronghold, 23. pandemic, 24. unfold, 25. explode, 26. crossroad, 27. paralyze, 28. smallpox, 29. payoff

30. major cr\_\_\_\_\_ad                    *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
31. paralytic pol\_\_\_\_\_tis            *n.* a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness
32. continue he\_\_\_\_\_ng into a risky business                    *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
33. te\_\_\_\_\_le heart                    *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
34. s\_\_m dwellers                    *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
35. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity            *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. cr\_\_\_\_\_e opposition            *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
37. se\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior            *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 30. crossroad, 31. poliomyelitis, 32. headlong, 33. telltale, 34. slum, 35. explode, 36. cripple, 37. seductive

38. me\_\_\_\_s outbreak *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
39. glass v\_\_ls *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
40. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
41. in\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
42. a he\_\_\_c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
43. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
44. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
45. h\_\_l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
46. former con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
47. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 38. measles, 39. vial, 40. terrify, 41. infect, 42. heroic, 43. horrific, 44. terrifying, 45. hail, 46. congressperson, 47. infect

48. emotional cr\_\_\_h *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
49. cr\_\_\_h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
50. s\_\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
51. 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
52. boundless gen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
53. cap\_\_\_\_\_ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
54. temporary tr\_\_\_e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

ANSWERS: 48. crutch, 49. crutch, 50. slum, 51. forego, 52. generosity, 53. capitalize, 54. truce

55. ro\_\_\_y tool *adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion
56. flavored sn\_\_f *n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
57. ro\_\_\_y motion *adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion
58. break a tr\_\_e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
59. st\_\_k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
60. gu\_\_y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
61. pol\_\_\_\_\_tis vaccine *n.* a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness
62. te\_\_\_\_\_le evidence *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
63. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 55. rotary, 56. snuff, 57. rotary, 58. truce, 59. stark, 60. gutsy, 61. poliomyelitis, 62. telltale, 63. eradicate



64. det\_\_\_\_\_te at a slow pace      v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
65. he\_\_\_c explorers      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
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67. cap\_\_\_\_\_ze on an interest      v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
68. bu\_\_\_e shoe      v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
69. pe\_\_\_\_\_me treaty      *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
70. irr\_\_\_\_\_ive of his will      *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
71. sn\_\_f out the candle      *n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
72. sw\_\_\_\_\_r under the scorching sun      v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 64. deteriorate, 65. heroic, 66. generosity, 67. capitalize, 68. buckle, 69. peacetime, 70. irrespective, 71. snuff, 72. swelter

73. irr\_\_\_\_\_ive of age *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
74. a se\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
75. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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80. the last str\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
81. run be\_\_\_\_\_k *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
82. me\_\_\_\_\_s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

ANSWERS: 73. irrespective, 74. seductive, 75. industrious, 76. forego, 77. vaccinate, 78. terrifying, 79. smallpox, 80. stronghold, 81. berserk, 82. measles

83. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
84. global pa\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
85. rh\_\_e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
86. po\_\_o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
87. a be\_\_\_\_k rage *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
88. pe\_\_\_\_\_me era *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

ANSWERS: 83. terrify, 84. pandemic, 85. rhyme, 86. polio, 87. berserk, 88. peacetime

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The injury was severe enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.
  - v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
  
2. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.
  - v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
  
3. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.
  - n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
  
4. 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
  
5. Before the vaccine was developed, many countries experienced widespread outbreaks of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness
  
6. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
  - adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
  
7. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.
  - v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 1. cripple, 2. paralyzed, 3. congressperson, 4. payoff, 5. poliomyelitis, 6. industrious, 7. eradicate

8. You must \_\_\_\_\_ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
- v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
9. Our company hires \_\_\_\_\_ of national origin.
- adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
10. He reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver \_\_\_\_\_ box.
- n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
12. The scenery of the battlefield was \_\_\_\_\_ and grey.
- adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
13. I'm at a career \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure which path to take.
- n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
- n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 8. capitalize, 9. irrespective, 10. snuff, 11. heroic, 12. stark, 13. crossroads, 14. polio

15. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.

*adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion

17. People in the area were forced to \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

18. An outbreak of \_\_\_\_\_ occurred in the 1920s.

*n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

19. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

20. The heat was so intense that it made us \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

21. The two sides agreed to a \_\_\_\_\_ and set down their weapons.

*n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

ANSWERS: 15. pandemic, 16. rotary, 17. hail, 18. smallpox, 19. generosity, 20. swelter, 21. truce, 22. telltale

23. The castle served as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.
- n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
24. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
25. This medication is sealed in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
26. The patient's health \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
- v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
27. The poem had a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ scheme throughout.
- n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
28. The severe heat wave \_\_\_\_\_ railway tracks.
- v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
29. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
30. 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: 23. stronghold, 24. vaccinated, 25. vial, 26. deteriorated, 27. rhyme, 28. buckled, 29. exploded, 30. forego

31. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.  
*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
32. He walked with the aid of a \_\_\_\_\_ after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.  
*n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
33. The accident scene was \_\_\_\_\_ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.  
*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
34. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
35. He stumbled \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.  
*adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
36. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.  
*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
37. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
38. The school sent a notice of a \_\_\_\_\_ case in one of the classrooms.  
*n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

ANSWERS: 31. infect, 32. crutch, 33. horrific, 34. terrify, 35. headlong, 36. unfolded, 37. slums, 38. measles



39. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to quit her job and start her own business.

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

40. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

41. Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

42. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

43. The fans went \_\_\_\_\_ when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

*adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

44. This project is \_\_\_\_\_ despite the tight schedule.

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

ANSWERS: 39. gutsy, 40. terrifying, 41. peacetime, 42. seductive, 43. berserk, 44. doable