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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### posse

*n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

*synonym*: crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

### subversive

*adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

*synonym*: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

### trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## devise

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

*synonym* : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

## rewire

*v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

*synonym* : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

## telemetry

*n.* the process of collecting and transmitting data from remote or inaccessible sources using wireless or other communication means, usually for monitoring or control purposes

*synonym* : data transmission, remote measurement

(1) **telemetry** technology, (2) **telemetry** system

The satellite sends **telemetry** data back to Earth to help scientists study the atmosphere.

## babel

*n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

*synonym* : confusion, chaos, disorder

(1) a **babel** of confusion, (2) **babel** of languages

The classroom was a **babel** of excitement as the students prepared for their field trip.

## fable

*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

*synonym* : fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

### conceit

*n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

*synonym*: vanity, egotism, self-importance

(1) full of **conceit**, (2) puffed up with **conceit**

His vain **conceit** made it difficult for him to work well with others.

### usurp

*v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

*synonym*: seize, preempt, annex

(1) **usurp** power, (2) attempt to **usurp** the throne

The competitor tried to **usurp** the reigning champion's title.

### scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

### confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

### accost

*v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

*synonym*: approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

### fuss

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

*synonym*: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

## chimpanzee

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

*synonym* : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

## termite

*n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

*synonym* : woodworm, white ant, insect

(1) **termite** damage, (2) **termite** inspection

The house was infested with **termites** and required extensive repairs.

## shovel

*n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

*synonym* : excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym* : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds  
He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

## arrogant

*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

*synonym*: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

## hubris

*n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

*synonym*: arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## ape

*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

*synonym*: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

## savannah

*n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

*synonym*: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

**ax** *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials  
*synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk  
(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox  
He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

**taint** *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element  
*synonym* : corrupt, infect, spoil  
(1) **taint** the government, (2) **taint** the atmosphere worldwide  
The scandal will **taint** his reputation for years to come.

**bustle** *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion  
*synonym* : hurry, rush, flurry  
(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle  
The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

**teem** *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily  
*synonym* : brim, swarm, overflow  
(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down  
The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

**auditorium** *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances  
*synonym* : hall, theater, amphitheater  
(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex  
The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

**prosper** *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish  
*synonym* : thrive, flourish, succeed  
(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## lure

*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym*: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## flake

*n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

*synonym*: chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

## mushroom

*n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

*synonym*: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

## behoove

*v.* to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation

*synonym* : be necessary, benefit, suit

(1) it **behooves** the politician to act ethically, (2) **behooves** employees to abide by the policies

It would **behoove** you to double-check your work before submitting it.

## 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.

## pretension

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

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

## gesticulate

*v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures

*synonym* : signal, indicate, gesture

(1) **gesticulate** to communicate with friends, (2) **gesticulate** with his hands

The speaker **gesticulated** wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.

## scuffle

*n.* a short, confused fight or struggle, usually involving a small number of people; a disorderly or noisy quarrel or altercation

*synonym* : brawl, conflict, skirmish

(1) verbal **scuffle**, (2) gang **scuffle**

After a heated argument during the football match, a **scuffle**



broke out between two fans.

## ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**  
A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym*: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest  
He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## languish

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

*synonym*: flag, wane, wither

(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness  
He continues to **languish** in prison.

## cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

*synonym*: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

## archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**  
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## diverge

*v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

*synonym*: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

## guinea

*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

*synonym*: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

## oceanic

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

*synonym*: marine, pelagic, sea

(1) **oceanic** climate, (2) **oceanic** exploration

The **oceanic** waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.

## 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.

## distasteful

*adj.* unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste

*synonym*: unpleasant, unsatisfying, disagreeable

(1) **distasteful** to her, (2) **distasteful** remark

The food served at the dinner party could have been more appealing and **distasteful**.

## dally

- v. to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action

*synonym*: linger, procrastinate, flirt

(1) **dally** with the idea, (2) **dally** in procrastination

If you **dally** in the decision for too long, the opportunity might pass you by.

## conduit

- n. a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts

*synonym*: channel, pipeline, tube

(1) water **conduit**, (2) electrical **conduit**

The **conduit** between the two buildings carried water and electricity.

## coexist

- v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

*synonym*: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

## extinct

- adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym*: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## inexorable

- adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect

*synonym*: relentless, implacable, unyielding

(1) **inexorable** decline, (2) **inexorable** force

His **inexorable** determination to succeed made him a force to

be reckoned with.

## imprint

- v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

*synonym*: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

## blackboard

- n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

*synonym*: chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

## matte

- adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

*synonym*: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. im\_\_\_\_t a memory  
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*n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
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7. t\_\_m down  
*v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

ANSWERS: 1. imprint, 2. conceit, 3. scuffle, 4. stab, 5. scuffle, 6. telemetry, 7. teem

8. bu\_\_\_e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
9. te\_\_\_\_\_e damage *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
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19. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
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34. predict what will en\_\_e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
35. gu\_\_\_a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

ANSWERS: 26. ancestor, 27. fuss, 28. eavesdrop, 29. extinct, 30. subversive, 31. scatter, 32. pretension, 33. bustle, 34. ensue, 35. guinea



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70. t\_\_m with activity      *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
71. po\_\_e of citizens      *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
72. baseless pre\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
73. fl\_\_e graphite      *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
74. sub\_\_\_\_ve literature      *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 67. languish, 68. fable, 69. coexist, 70. teem, 71. posse, 72. pretension, 73. flake, 74. subversive

75. chalk on a bla\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
76. electrical co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts
77. da\_\_y in procrastination *v.* to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
78. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
79. ac\_\_\_\_t a suspect *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
80. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
81. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
82. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 75. blackboard, 76. conduit, 77. dally, 78. determinant, 79. accost, 80. ax, 81. determinant, 82. scatter

83. ges\_\_\_\_\_te to communicate with friends  
v. to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
84. im\_\_\_\_\_e painting styles  
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
85. de\_\_\_e a literary plot  
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
86. l\_\_\_e foreign investment  
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
87. snow sh\_\_\_l  
n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
88. la\_\_\_\_\_sh under illness  
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
89. grow ar\_\_\_\_\_nt  
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
90. te\_\_\_\_\_ry technology  
n. the process of collecting and transmitting data from remote or inaccessible sources using wireless or other communication means, usually for monitoring or control purposes
91. ta\_\_t the atmosphere worldwide  
v. to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

ANSWERS: 83. gesticulate, 84. imitate, 85. devise, 86. lure, 87. shovel, 88. languish, 89. arrogant, 90. telemetry, 91. taint

92. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
93. a ba\_\_l of confusion *n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages
94. pr\_\_\_\_r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
95. dis\_\_\_\_ul remark *adj.* unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste
96. moralize a fa\_\_e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
97. ma\_\_e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
98. dis\_\_\_\_ul to her *adj.* unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste
99. political hu\_\_s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
100. po\_\_e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
101. sa\_\_\_\_ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 92. trait, 93. babel, 94. prosper, 95. distasteful, 96. fable, 97. matte, 98. distasteful, 99. hubris, 100. posse, 101. savannah

102. play the a\_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
103. hu\_\_\_s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
104. ine\_\_\_\_\_le decline *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
105. jungle a\_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
106. oc\_\_\_\_\_c climate *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
107. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
108. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
109. ca\_\_\_\_\_al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
110. fl\_\_es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

ANSWERS: 102. ape, 103. hubris, 104. inexorable, 105. ape, 106. oceanic, 107. archaeology, 108. ax, 109. cathedral, 110. flake



111. it be\_\_\_\_es the politician to act ethically      *v.* to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation
112. ine\_\_\_\_\_le force      *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
113. get into a f\_\_s      *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
114. an ar\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude      *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
115. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex      *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
116. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

ANSWERS: 111. behoove, 112. inexorable, 113. fuss, 114. arrogant, 115. auditorium, 116. archaeology

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The satellite sends \_\_\_\_\_ data back to Earth to help scientists study the atmosphere.
  - n.* the process of collecting and transmitting data from remote or inaccessible sources using wireless or other communication means, usually for monitoring or control purposes
  
2. The construction workers used a power \_\_\_\_\_ to dig the foundation for the building.
  - n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
  - n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
  
4. The scandal will \_\_\_\_\_ his reputation for years to come.
  - v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element
  
5. His vain \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to work well with others.
  - n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
  
6. The artwork was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ theme that undermined religious beliefs.
  - adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 1. telemetry, 2. shovel, 3. mushroom, 4. taint, 5. conceit, 6. subversive

7. The cost of the antique vase is three \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
8. The body of his car has a \_\_\_\_\_ finish.
- adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
9. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
10. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
- n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
11. The scientist studied the behavior of \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild.
- n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
- n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
13. My friends and I formed a \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the lost hiker.
- n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
14. She found a paint \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.
- n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

ANSWERS: 7. guineas, 8. matte, 9. ancestor, 10. hubris, 11. apes, 12. auditorium, 13. posse, 14. flake

15. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

16. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his brand logo on the product.

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two buildings carried water and electricity.

*n.* a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts

18. He continues to \_\_\_\_\_ in prison.

*v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

19. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.

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

20. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

21. The food served at the dinner party could have been more appealing and \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste

22. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

ANSWERS: 15. scattered, 16. imprint, 17. conduit, 18. languish, 19. hopeless, 20. devise, 21. distasteful, 22. fuss

23. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
24. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
25. After a heated argument during the football match, a \_\_\_\_\_ broke out between two fans.
- n.* a short, confused fight or struggle, usually involving a small number of people; a disorderly or noisy quarrel or altercation
26. The house was infested with \_\_\_\_\_ and required extensive repairs.
- n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
27. The city \_\_\_\_\_ with activity as people rushed to work.
- v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
28. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
29. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
- adj.* no longer in existence
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

ANSWERS: 23. imitated, 24. anthropology, 25. scuffle, 26. termites, 27. bustled, 28. fable, 29. extinct, 30. cathedral's

31. If you \_\_\_\_\_ in the decision for too long, the opportunity might pass you by.
- v. to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
32. I accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ on a confidential meeting last week.
- v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
33. The teacher asked me to rub out the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
34. It would \_\_\_\_\_ you to double-check your work before submitting it.
- v. to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation
35. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.
- v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
36. As tectonic plates \_\_\_\_\_ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.
- v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
37. The man \_\_\_\_\_ her on the street and asked for money.
- v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
38. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.
- n. a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 31. dally, 32. eavesdropped, 33. blackboard, 34. behoove, 35. confined, 36. diverge, 37. accosted, 38. traits

39. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
40. The birds live in tropical forests, \_\_\_\_\_ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
41. The speaker \_\_\_\_\_ wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.
- v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
42. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. He used an \_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
44. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he thought he was always right.
- adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
45. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.
- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

ANSWERS: 39. archaeology, 40. savannahs, 41. gesticulated, 42. confused, 43. ax, 44. arrogant, 45. lure, 46. oceanic

47. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
48. The different species can \_\_\_\_\_ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
49. The classroom was a \_\_\_\_\_ of excitement as the students prepared for their field trip.
- n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages
50. The city \_\_\_\_\_ with traffic on holiday.
- v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
51. His \_\_\_\_\_ determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.
- adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
52. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
53. The competitor tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the reigning champion's title.
- v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

ANSWERS: 47. rewire, 48. coexist, 49. babel, 50. teems, 51. inexorable, 52. pretensions, 53. usurp



54. A power outage \_\_\_\_\_ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
- v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
55. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to \_\_\_\_\_ in her new business venture.
- v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
56. Many zoos have \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
- n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
57. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
58. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.
- v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 54. ensued, 55. prosper, 56. chimpanzee, 57. determinant, 58. stabbed