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## Session 1: Word List

### sledge

*n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete

*synonym* : sled, toboggan, maul

(1) **sledge** hockey, (2) **sledge** dog

The athlete pushed the heavy **sledge** as part of her training regime.

### flummox

*v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

*synonym* : baffle, confuse, perplex

(1) **flummox** user, (2) **flummox** the audience

The complex puzzle game **flummoxed** me for hours, but I finally solved it.

### 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.

- aft** *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle  
(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view  
The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- arctic** *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold  
*synonym* : cold, frozen, polar  
(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**  
Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.
- doer** *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive  
*synonym* : actor, performer, achiever  
(1) **doer** of good, (2) can- **doer**  
If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a **doer**, not just a dreamer.
- spectator** *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it  
*synonym* : onlooker, observer, viewer  
(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat  
She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.
- contemplate** *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully  
*synonym* : think over, ponder, consider  
(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school  
I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- dichotomy** *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually

exclusive categories or concepts

*synonym*: division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

## **gulf**

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym*: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

## **pithy**

*adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style

*synonym*: concise, terse, succinct

(1) **pithy** saying, (2) **pithy** epigram

The politician's **pithy** speech was impactful and had lasting effects.

## **creditor**

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## **chap**

*n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

*synonym*: fellow, guy, crack

(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**

He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.

## **rakish**

*adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly

unconventional or daring way

*synonym* : dashing, debonair, stylish

(1) **rakish** elegance, (2) **rakish** hairstyle

He had a **rakish** charm that made him quite popular with the ladies.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym* : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## tally

*n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

*synonym* : count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

## unsupported

*adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence

*synonym* : baseless, unfounded, unwarranted

(1) **unsupported** rumor, (2) fight **unsupported**

Removal of the central poll left the roof **unsupported**.

## fearless

*adj.* having no fear; brave

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

## apprehension

*n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

*synonym* : anxiety, worry, unease

(1) criminal **apprehension**, (2) **apprehension** of danger  
The company's CEO felt a sense of **apprehension** before making the major decision.

## impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent  
*synonym*: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

## doom

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

*synonym*: judgment, destiny, fate

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

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

## shotgun

*n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

*synonym*: scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

## 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.

## slap

*v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

*synonym*: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his

personal life.

## chili

*n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

*synonym* : capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

## humanly

*adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

*synonym* : physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

## macho

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

*synonym* : masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image

His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## pancreas

*n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

*synonym* : gland, organ, islet

(1) **pancreas** inflammation, (2) **pancreas** function

The endocrine function of the **pancreas** involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.

## chunky

*adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

*synonym*: chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

## unmapped

*adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for

*synonym*: unexplored, uncharted, undiscovered

(1) **unmapped** knowledge, (2) **unmapped** regions

The explorers came across an **unmapped** jungle area that had never been charted.

## sled

*n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

*synonym*: sleigh, toboggan, sledge

(1) pull a **sled**, (2) **sled** dog

We used a **sled** to slide down the hill in the snow.

## misconception

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

## audacious

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

*synonym*: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his

own company.

## scurvy

*n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised

*synonym*: scorbutus

(1) prevent **scurvy**, (2) a **scurvy** trick

Conditions like **scurvy** and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## vicarious

*adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary

*synonym*: indirect, secondary, surrogate

(1) **vicarious** thrill, (2) **vicarious** experience

She lived a **vicarious** life through her favorite characters in books and movies.

## adversity

*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

*synonym*: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

## tempest

*n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

*synonym*: storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

## **summon**

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## **implore**

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

*synonym*: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
2. em\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
3. em\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
4. pa\_\_\_\_\_as inflammation *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
5. uns\_\_\_\_\_ed rumor *adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
6. ma\_\_o culture *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
7. s\_\_p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
8. hu\_\_\_\_\_y possible *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

ANSWERS: 1. daring, 2. embark, 3. embark, 4. pancreas, 5. unsupported, 6. macho, 7. slap, 8. humanly

9. ch\_\_i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
10. psychological di\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
11. sl\_\_\_e hockey *n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete
12. app\_\_\_\_\_ion of danger *n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea
13. im\_\_\_\_\_e forgiveness *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
14. im\_\_\_\_\_ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
15. ra\_\_\_h hairstyle *adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way

ANSWERS: 9. chili, 10. dichotomy, 11. sledge, 12. apprehension, 13. implore, 14. impending, 15. rakish

16. environmental ad\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
17. pull a s\_\_d      *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
18. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him      *v.* to frighten someone very much
19. fl\_\_\_\_\_x user      *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
20. pa\_\_\_\_\_as function      *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
21. a sc\_\_\_\_y trick      *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
22. fe\_\_\_\_\_ss bravery      *adj.* having no fear; brave
23. a\_t view      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
24. vi\_\_\_\_\_us experience      *adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary

ANSWERS: 16. adversity, 17. sled, 18. terrify, 19. flummox, 20. pancreas, 21. scurvy, 22. fearless, 23. aft, 24. vicarious

25. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
26. dispel the mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
27. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
28. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
29. ch\_\_\_y sweater *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
30. im\_\_\_\_\_ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
31. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
32. commonly held mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
33. vi\_\_\_\_\_us thrill *adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary
34. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. a 12-gauge sh\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

ANSWERS: 25. terrify, 26. misconception, 27. aft, 28. gulf, 29. chunky, 30. impending, 31. contemplate, 32. misconception, 33. vicarious, 34. intellect, 35. shotgun

36. criminal app\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea
37. maintain a ma\_\_o image      *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
38. au\_\_\_\_\_us decision      *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
39. a ch\_\_\_y necklace      *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
40. ta\_\_y sheet      *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
41. mass sp\_\_\_\_\_or sport      *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
42. moral di\_\_\_\_\_my      *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

ANSWERS: 36. apprehension, 37. macho, 38. audacious, 39. chunky, 40. tally, 41. spectator, 42. dichotomy

43. d\_\_r of good *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
44. pi\_\_y epigram *adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style
45. au\_\_\_\_\_us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
46. im\_\_\_\_\_e assistance *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
47. c\_\_p stick *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
48. hu\_\_\_\_\_y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
49. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
50. ra\_\_\_h elegance *adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way
51. su\_\_\_n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 43. doer, 44. pithy, 45. audacious, 46. implore, 47. chap, 48. humanly, 49. contemplate, 50. rakish, 51. summon

52. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
53. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
54. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
55. s\_\_d dog *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
56. s\_\_p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
57. violent te\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
58. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
59. prevent sc\_\_\_\_y *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
60. can-d\_\_r *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive

ANSWERS: 52. daring, 53. doom, 54. doom, 55. sled, 56. slap, 57. tempest, 58. creditor, 59. scurvy, 60. doer

61. a sh\_\_\_\_n marriage      *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
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64. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
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67. g\_\_f war      *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
68. ar\_\_\_c ice      *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
69. a chick's tw\_\_t      *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
70. nice c\_\_p      *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

ANSWERS: 61. shotgun, 62. pithy, 63. summon, 64. intellect, 65. adversity, 66. spectator, 67. gulf, 68. arctic, 69. tweet, 70. chap

71. red ch\_\_i powder *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
72. un\_\_\_\_ed regions *adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
73. fe\_\_\_\_ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
74. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
75. te\_\_\_\_t in a teapot *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
76. keep a ta\_\_y *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
77. fight uns\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
78. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
79. un\_\_\_\_ed knowledge *adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
80. high ar\_\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 71. chili, 72. unmapped, 73. fearless, 74. creditor, 75. tempest, 76. tally, 77. unsupported, 78. tweet, 79. unmapped, 80. arctic

81. fl\_\_\_\_x the audience

*v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

82. sl\_\_\_\_e dog

*n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete

ANSWERS: 81. flummox, 82. sledge

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.  
*adj.* brave and taking risks
2. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.  
*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
3. Let's keep a \_\_\_\_\_ of the votes to see who won the election.  
*n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
4. The explorers came across an \_\_\_\_\_ jungle area that had never been charted.  
*adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
5. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.  
*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.  
*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 1. daring, 2. summoning, 3. tally, 4. unmapped, 5. doom, 6. aft, 7. embarked

8. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ down the rumors about his personal life.  
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9. Conditions like \_\_\_\_\_ and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.  
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10. The athlete pushed the heavy \_\_\_\_\_ as part of her training regime.  
*n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete
11. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.  
*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
12. His \_\_\_\_\_ posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.  
*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
13. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ speech was impactful and had lasting effects.  
*adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.  
*adj.* having no fear; brave
15. It is \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason  
*adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

ANSWERS: 8. slap, 9. scurvy, 10. sledge, 11. contemplated, 12. macho, 13. pithy, 14. fearless, 15. humanly

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- n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
17. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
18. I love making a big pot of \_\_\_\_\_ on a cold winter day.
- n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
19. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and won the game.
- n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
20. The robbers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to threaten the store clerk.
- n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
21. The young entrepreneur had an \_\_\_\_\_ plan to start his own company.
- adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
22. The complex puzzle game \_\_\_\_\_ me for hours, but I finally solved it.
- v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

ANSWERS: 16. dichotomy, 17. tweet, 18. chili, 19. adversity, 20. shotgun, 21. audacious, 22. flummoxed

23. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
24. There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ about food and health.  
*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
25. We used a \_\_\_\_\_ to slide down the hill in the snow.  
*n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
26. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.  
*adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
27. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.  
*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
28. If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a \_\_\_\_\_ not just a dreamer.  
*n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
29. She lived a \_\_\_\_\_ life through her favorite characters in books and movies.  
*adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary
30. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 23. terrify, 24. misconceptions, 25. sled, 26. chunky, 27. arctic, 28. doer, 29. vicarious, 30. creditor

31. The endocrine function of the \_\_\_\_\_ involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.
- n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
32. Removal of the central poll left the roof \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
33. The \_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
34. The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
35. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
36. We must prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_ storm expected to hit our area.
- adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
37. She enjoyed watching the game as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
38. He suffered a painful \_\_\_\_ on his hand after working with chemicals.
- n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

ANSWERS: 31. pancreas, 32. unsupported, 33. Gulf, 34. tempest, 35. intellect, 36. impending, 37. spectator, 38. chap

39. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

*v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

40. The company's CEO felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ before making the major decision.

*n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

41. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ charm that made him quite popular with the ladies.

*adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way

ANSWERS: 39. implore, 40. apprehension, 41. rakish