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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
62. pi__y saying *adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style
63. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
64. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
65. struggling with ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
66. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
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.
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
9. Conditions like _____ and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.
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
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

16. The _____ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.
- 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