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Session 1: Word List

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

corps

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

synonym : body, group, organization

(1) airborne **corps**, (2) **corps** artillery

The **corps** arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures
This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym: expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher
The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**
The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader
The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery
The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

inadequate

adj. not sufficient or enough

synonym: insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym: old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the

job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym : tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination

of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

tornado

n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

synonym: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

synonym: gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its

rights and interests are illegally violated.

pacify

v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict

synonym: appease, soothe, calm

(1) **pacify** a situation, (2) **pacify** an angry customer

The mother tried to **pacify** her crying baby by rocking him gently.

chainsaw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

synonym: handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health

After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym: award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and

dedication to the sport.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym: sound, noise, beat

(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever

I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym: procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym: officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. re___n our reputation | <i>v.</i> to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away |
| 2. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 3. s__d castle | <i>n.</i> finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action |
| 4. the to__c of the book | <i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about |
| 5. in_____te into the existing system | <i>v.</i> to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups |
| 6. di_____er recovery | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 7. a fl__d of questions | <i>n.</i> a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount |
| 8. an ina_____te income | <i>adj.</i> not sufficient or enough |
| 9. soft c__y ground | <i>n.</i> a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics |

ANSWERS: 1. regain, 2. cofounder, 3. sand, 4. topic, 5. integrate, 6. disaster, 7. flood, 8. inadequate, 9. clay

10. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
11. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
12. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
13. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
14. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
15. re___n my health *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
16. co___s artillery *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
17. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
18. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
19. a tr____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 10. defend, 11. settle, 12. tragic, 13. hunt, 14. sand, 15. regain, 16. corps, 17. deploy, 18. marine, 19. tragedy

20. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
21. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
22. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
23. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
24. have an ant_____ed custom *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
25. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
26. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
27. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. pa____y an angry customer *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
29. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
30. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 20. initial, 21. communal, 22. tap, 23. statistics, 24. antiquated, 25. medical, 26. evaluate, 27. opportune, 28. pacify, 29. military, 30. cofounder

31. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
32. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
33. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
34. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
35. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
36. police se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
37. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
38. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
39. sharpen a ch_____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

ANSWERS: 31. hurricane, 32. tragic, 33. survey, 34. survey, 35. topic, 36. sergeant, 37. medal, 38. struggle, 39. chainsaw

40. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
41. pa____y a situation *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
42. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
43. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
44. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
45. ev____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
46. army se____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
47. major pa____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
48. in____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 40. struggle, 41. pacify, 42. defend, 43. tick, 44. clay, 45. evaluate, 46. sergeant, 47. paradigm, 48. integrate

49. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
50. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
51. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
52. ant_____ed system *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
53. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
54. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
55. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
56. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
57. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
58. hunting ri__e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
59. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
60. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 49. military, 50. graduate, 51. settle, 52. antiquated, 53. veteran, 54. veteran, 55. hunt, 56. suddenly, 57. earthquake, 58. rifle, 59. statistics, 60. graduate

61. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
62. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
63. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
64. to_____o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
65. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
66. airborne co__s *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
67. ts_____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
68. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
69. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 61. initial, 62. medical, 63. uniform, 64. tornado, 65. disaster, 66. corps, 67. tsunami, 68. improve, 69. tragedy

70. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
71. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
72. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
73. cultural pa____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
74. pa____e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
75. t__k of the clock *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
76. ina____te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
77. a hu____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
78. de____y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
79. variety of ma____e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
80. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
81. gold me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

ANSWERS: 70. communal, 71. suddenly, 72. shift, 73. paradigm, 74. parade, 75. tick, 76. inadequate, 77. hurricane, 78. deploy, 79. marine, 80. improve, 81. medal

82. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
84. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
85. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
86. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
87. use a ch_____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
88. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
89. to_____o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
90. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 82. opportune, 83. flood, 84. uniform, 85. tsunami, 86. earthquake, 87. chainsaw, 88. shift, 89. tornado, 90. tap

91. a military pa___e

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

92. ri__e barrel

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

ANSWERS: 91. parade, 92. rifle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police discovered a _____ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.
n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
2. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
3. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
4. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
5. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
6. The _____ arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.
n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
7. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 1. rifle, 2. topic, 3. graduate, 4. military, 5. tragedy, 6. corps, 7. Communal

8. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
9. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
10. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.
adj. outdated or old-fashioned
11. The fire department _____ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.
n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
12. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
13. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
14. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
15. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. settle, 9. hurricane, 10. antiquated, 11. sergeant, 12. integrate, 13. floods, 14. struggle, 15. opportune

16. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
17. The lumberjack used his _____ to chop through the tree's thick trunk.
- n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
18. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
19. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
20. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
- adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
21. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.
- n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
22. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 16. sand, 17. chainsaw, 18. disaster, 19. earthquake, 20. initial, 21. medal, 22. hunt

23. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.
n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
24. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
25. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
26. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
27. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
28. The mother tried to _____ her crying baby by rocking him gently.
v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
29. The deadly _____ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.
n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
30. This country has a nationally _____ culture.
adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 23. tick, 24. survey, 25. cofounder, 26. tsunami, 27. tragic, 28. pacify, 29. tornado, 30. uniform

31. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

32. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

33. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

34. The small budget was _____ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

adj. not sufficient or enough

35. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

36. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

37. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

38. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

39. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

ANSWERS: 31. clay, 32. suddenly, 33. medical, 34. inadequate, 35. marine, 36. tap, 37. improve, 38. shift, 39. parade

40. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
41. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
- n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
42. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
43. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
44. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.
- v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
45. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.
- n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
46. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. evaluate, 41. veteran, 42. deployed, 43. statistics, 44. regained, 45. paradigm, 46. defend