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Session 1: Word List

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym: musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

hydrocarbon

n. an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

(1) **hydrocarbon** production, (2) **hydrocarbon** molecules in crude oil

Burning **hydrocarbons** releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

voluminous

adj. large in volume or bulk

synonym : large, bulky, spacious

(1) **voluminous** work, (2) **voluminous** data

The manuscript was **voluminous**, spanning several hundred pages.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym : classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

meld

v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse

synonym: blend, merge, combine

(1) **meld** business and pleasure, (2) **meld** physics with life science

The chef **melded** the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

seaboard

n. the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore

synonym: coastline, shoreline, seaside

(1) eastern **seaboard**, (2) coastal **seaboard**

The seafood cuisine in the **seaboard** region is renowned for its freshness and variety.

supercharge

v. to increase the power or energy of something

synonym: boost, enhance, power up

(1) **supercharge** economic growth, (2) **supercharge** the battery

They **supercharged** the engine to get more power.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym: rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

Kelvin

n. a unit of measurement for temperature in the International System of Units (SI), which starts at absolute zero, the theoretical lowest limit of temperature, and named after the British physicist William Thomson, also known as Lord Kelvin

synonym : K, degree

(1) **Kelvin** scale, (2) **Kelvin** measurement

The scientist cooled the sample to just a couple of **Kelvin** to observe quantum effects.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

frack

v. to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them

synonym : extract, drill, mine

(1) **frack** the land, (2) **frack** multiple wells

The energy company plans to **frack** the shale deposit to extract natural gas.

allude

v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

synonym : imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning

He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

plurality

n. the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

synonym : majority, plurality, abundance

(1) political **plurality**, (2) cultural **plurality**

The team's **plurality** of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.

nameless

adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified

synonym : anonymous, unknown, unidentified

(1) **nameless** fear, (2) **nameless** child

The victim could only describe their attacker as a **nameless** figure in the darkness.

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

synonym : joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

spacefaring

n. the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space

synonym : space navigation, space exploration, spaceflight

(1) **spacefaring** nation, (2) the future of **spacefaring** exploration

Spacefaring technology has allowed us to explore the vast expanse of the universe.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

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

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

expendable

adj. able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant

synonym : disposable, dispensable, replaceable

(1) **expendable** income, (2) **expendable** assets

In war, those in power often view soldiers as **expendable** resources.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym : renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

propellant

n. a substance that provides the force to propel (= to cause something to move forwards) something, such as a rocket or spray can

synonym : fuel, driving force, impelling agent

(1) **propellant** mixture, (2) **propellant** tank

The **propellant** in the rocket provided the force needed to reach outer space.

spaceflight

n. the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel

synonym : space travel, orbital flight

(1) private **spaceflight**, (2) **spaceflight** industry

Spaceflight technology has advanced significantly since the first man landed on the moon in 1969.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

grasshopper

n. large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality

synonym: locust, katydid, cricket

(1) **grasshopper** mice, (2) **grasshopper** species

The **grasshopper** leaped from one blade of grass to another.

mannequin

n. a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window

synonym: dummy, model, figure

(1) **mannequin** display, (2) pose **mannequin**

The store's window display featured a series of **mannequins** dressed in the latest fashion.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

yaw

v. to turn or deviate from a straight course, especially as a result of wind or current; to swerve or veer off course to one side; (noun) a rotation or deviation of an object,

usually an aircraft, boat, or vehicle, around its vertical axis

synonym : swerve, veer, deviate

(1) **yaw** off course, (2) **yaw** movement

The pilot needed to **yaw** the plane slightly to avoid colliding with another aircraft.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym : incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym : request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
2. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
3. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
4. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
5. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
6. private spa_____ht *n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
7. vol_____us data *adj.* large in volume or bulk
8. fr__k the land *v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them
9. pro_____nt tank *n.* a substance that provides the force to propel (= to cause something to move forwards) something, such as a rocket or spray can
10. so_____t advice *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

ANSWERS: 1. counterintuitive, 2. musky, 3. empower, 4. empower, 5. counterintuitive, 6. spaceflight, 7. voluminous, 8. frack, 9. propellant, 10. solicit

11. ma_____in display *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
12. Ke____n scale *n.* a unit of measurement for temperature in the International System of Units (SI), which starts at absolute zero, the theoretical lowest limit of temperature, and named after the British physicist William Thomson, also known as Lord Kelvin
13. m__d physics with life science *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
14. Ke____n measurement *n.* a unit of measurement for temperature in the International System of Units (SI), which starts at absolute zero, the theoretical lowest limit of temperature, and named after the British physicist William Thomson, also known as Lord Kelvin
15. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
16. fr__k multiple wells *v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them
17. sup_____ge economic growth *v.* to increase the power or energy of something

ANSWERS: 11. mannequin, 12. Kelvin, 13. meld, 14. Kelvin, 15. disrupt, 16. frack, 17. supercharge

18. co____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
19. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
20. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
21. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
22. na_____ss fear *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
23. coastal se_____rd *n.* the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore
24. spa_____ng nation *n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space
25. y_w off course *v.* to turn or deviate from a straight course, especially as a result of wind or current; to swerve or veer off course to one side; (noun) a rotation or deviation of an object, usually an aircraft, boat, or vehicle, around its vertical axis
26. co____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 18. compress, 19. synthesize, 20. congratulation, 21. disrupt, 22. nameless, 23. seaboard, 24. spacefaring, 25. yaw, 26. compress

27. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
28. vol_____us work *adj.* large in volume or bulk
29. m__d business and pleasure *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
30. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
31. hyd_____on production *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
32. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
33. spa_____ht industry *n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
34. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
35. gra_____er mice *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
36. ca_____e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 27. ironic, 28. voluminous, 29. meld, 30. confine, 31. hydrocarbon, 32. industrious, 33. spaceflight, 34. punchline, 35. grasshopper, 36. cadence

37. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
38. y_w movement *v.* to turn or deviate from a straight course, especially as a result of wind or current; to swerve or veer off course to one side; (noun) a rotation or deviation of an object, usually an aircraft, boat, or vehicle, around its vertical axis
39. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
40. Ne_____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
41. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
42. so_____t patronage *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
43. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
44. cultural pl_____ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
45. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

ANSWERS: 37. commute, 38. yaw, 39. electrify, 40. Newtonian, 41. afterward, 42. solicit, 43. innovate, 44. plurality, 45. Newtonian

46. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
47. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
48. in____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
49. pro_____nt mixture *n.* a substance that provides the force to propel (= to cause something to move forwards) something, such as a rocket or spray can
50. pose ma_____in *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
51. al___e to the planning *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
52. al___e to his low origin *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
53. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
54. sup_____ge the battery *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
55. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
56. eastern se_____rd *n.* the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore
57. re_____sh a room *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

ANSWERS: 46. pave, 47. ironic, 48. innovate, 49. propellant, 50. mannequin, 51. allude, 52. allude, 53. hover, 54. supercharge, 55. hover, 56. seaboard, 57. refurbish

58. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
59. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
60. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
61. exp_____le assets *adj.* able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant
62. re_____sh a classic car *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
63. gra_____er species *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
64. have no pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
65. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
66. syn_____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
67. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 58. congratulation, 59. confine, 60. pave, 61. expendable, 62. refurbish, 63. grasshopper, 64. punchline, 65. industrious, 66. synthesize, 67. afterward

68. hyd_____on molecules in crude oil *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
69. na_____ss child *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
70. regular ca_____e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
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72. the future of spa_____ng exploration *n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space
73. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
74. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
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ANSWERS: 68. hydrocarbon, 69. nameless, 70. cadence, 71. expendable, 72. spacefaring, 73. commute, 74. musky, 75. plurality, 76. electrify

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ technology has allowed us to explore the vast expanse of the universe.
n. the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space
2. The manuscript was _____ spanning several hundred pages.
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n. large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
4. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.
adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
5. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
6. _____ technology has advanced significantly since the first man landed on the moon in 1969.
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7. The _____ in the rocket provided the force needed to reach outer space.
n. a substance that provides the force to propel (= to cause something to move forwards) something, such as a rocket or spray can

ANSWERS: 1. Spacefaring, 2. voluminous, 3. grasshopper, 4. Newtonian, 5. ironic, 6. Spaceflight, 7. propellant

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9. The pilot needed to ____ the plane slightly to avoid colliding with another aircraft.
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- v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them
11. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
12. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
13. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
14. The team's _____ of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.
- n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

ANSWERS: 8. cadence, 9. yaw, 10. frack, 11. congratulations, 12. innovate, 13. empowered, 14. plurality

15. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

16. The spider can _____ multiple different silk proteins.

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

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adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified

18. They _____ the engine to get more power.

v. to increase the power or energy of something

19. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

20. In war, those in power often view soldiers as _____ resources.

adj. able to be consumed, used up, or sacrificed without consequence; dispensable or disposable; unnecessary or redundant

21. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

22. The scientist cooled the sample to just a couple of _____ to observe quantum effects.

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ANSWERS: 15. counterintuitive, 16. synthesize, 17. nameless, 18. supercharged, 19. compressed, 20. expendable, 21. disrupt, 22. Kelvin

23. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.
n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
25. The seafood cuisine in the _____ region is renowned for its freshness and variety.
n. the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore
26. He _____ to the problem but did not mention it directly.
v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
27. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
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v. to stay in one place in the air
29. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
30. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 23. industrious, 24. punchline, 25. seaboard, 26. alluded, 27. commute, 28. hovering, 29. solicited, 30. electrify

31. Burning _____ releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.
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adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
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v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
35. I plan to _____ my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.
v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
36. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
37. The store's window display featured a series of _____ dressed in the latest fashion.
n. a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
38. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 31. hydrocarbons, 32. afterward, 33. musky, 34. melded, 35. refurbish, 36. paved, 37. mannequins, 38. confined

ANSWERS: