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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### bunk

*n.* a piece of furniture that provides a place to sleep, typically a narrow bed frame supported by a solid structure; nonsense or untruthful talk, often intended to deceive or mislead; a type of overnight accommodation, particularly in a military or institutional setting

*synonym*: nonsense, rubbish, bunkum

(1) bunch of **bunk**, (2) military **bunk**

The crowded dorm room had **bunk** beds to accommodate all the students.

### weaponry

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym*: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

### cavalry

*n.* a highly mobile army unit

(1) troop of **cavalry**, (2) superbly trained **cavalry**

The **cavalry** regrouped and launched another attack.

## clumsy

*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome  
*synonym* : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

## befall

*v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way

*synonym* : occur, happen, take place

(1) **befall** tragedy, (2) misfortunes **befall**

I hope nothing bad will **befall** my family during the storm.

## heroically

*adv.* in a way that shows great bravery, courage, or self-sacrifice

*synonym* : bravely, fearlessly, valiantly

(1) **heroically** saved, (2) fight **heroically**

The firefighter acted **heroically** to save the family from the burning building.

## oncoming

*adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

*synonym* : approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

## snipe

*v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism

*synonym* : criticize, disparage, sharpshoot

(1) **snipe** at the suspect, (2) **snipe** at each other

The politician **sniped** at his opponent during the debate.

## wail

*v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

*synonym* : moan, keen, lament

(1) **wail** in sorrow, (2) **wail** in pain

The baby **wailed** loudly, signaling its hunger.

## erupt

*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

*synonym* : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

## nap

*n.* a short sleep, especially during the day

*synonym* : rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

## frantic

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

*synonym* : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

## avert

*v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

*synonym* : discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

## unicorn

*n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

*synonym* : mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

## devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## 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.

## scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

*synonym*: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

## stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## vanguard

n. the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

*synonym*: forefront, avant-garde, cutting edge

(1) intellectual **vanguard**, (2) artistic **vanguard**

The company is at the **vanguard** of technological innovation in its industry.

## excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## **weirdo**

*n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely  
*synonym*: freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

## **posit**

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym*: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## **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.

## **resilient**

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## **glean**

*v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

*synonym*: cull, collect, extract

(1) **glean** important information, (2) **glean** the fields

He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to **glean** the details of the culprit.

## leprosy

*n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

*synonym* : Hansen's disease

(1) **leprosy** treatment, (2) the spread of **leprosy**

The World Health Organization is working to eradicate **leprosy** from all parts of the world.

## menopause

*n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

*synonym* : climacteric, midlife transition

(1) **menopause** symptoms, (2) before **menopause**

The onset of **menopause** can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.

## dorm

*n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

*synonym* : residence hall, hostel, boarding house

(1) **dorm** room, (2) university **dorm**

Living in a **dorm** can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

## optimism

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym* : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## bully

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym* :

tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## illicit

*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

*synonym*: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

## downturn

*n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

*synonym*: decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health

The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

## undergird

*v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

*synonym*: support, underpin, reinforce

(1) **undergird** your argument, (2) **undergird** the ship

A strong foundation of customer satisfaction **undergirds** the business's success.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## dopamine

*n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

## rewire

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

*synonym*: rewire, renovate, upgrade

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

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

## optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## relive

*v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

*synonym*: revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments

I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

## inbox

*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym*: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water



Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. daytime n\_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
2. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
3. me\_\_\_\_\_se symptoms *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
4. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
5. on\_\_\_\_\_ng traffic *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
6. un\_\_\_\_\_rd your argument *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
7. political op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
8. sc\_\_\_\_\_le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
9. antagonism of do\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

ANSWERS: 1. nap, 2. improvisation, 3. menopause, 4. optimist, 5. oncoming, 6. undergird, 7. optimism, 8. scramble, 9. dopamine

10. re\_\_\_e moments *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
11. take a n\_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
12. re\_\_\_e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
13. be\_\_\_l tragedy *v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
14. before me\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
15. le\_\_\_\_\_y treatment *n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas
16. w\_\_\_l in sorrow *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
17. in\_\_x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
18. sn\_\_e at the suspect *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism

ANSWERS: 10. relive, 11. nap, 12. rewire, 13. befall, 14. menopause, 15. leprosy, 16. wail, 17. inbox, 18. snipe

19. we\_\_\_\_\_ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
20. the do\_\_\_\_\_rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
21. d\_\_m room *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
22. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
23. bunch of b\_\_k *n.* a piece of furniture that provides a place to sleep, typically a narrow bed frame supported by a solid structure; nonsense or untruthful talk, often intended to deceive or mislead; a type of overnight accommodation, particularly in a military or institutional setting
24. un\_\_\_\_\_rd the ship *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
25. av\_\_t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
26. do\_\_\_\_\_ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

ANSWERS: 19. weaponry, 20. downturn, 21. dorm, 22. excite, 23. bunk, 24. undergird, 25. avert, 26. dopamine

27. op\_\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
28. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
29. intellectual va\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
30. sense of op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
31. ri\_\_\_e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
32. il\_\_\_\_\_t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
33. do\_\_\_\_\_rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
34. in\_\_x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
35. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
36. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 27. optimist, 28. stumble, 29. vanguard, 30. optimism, 31. ripple, 32. illicit, 33. downturn, 34. inbox, 35. excite, 36. improvisation

37. po\_\_t the existence of life after death  
*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
38. fight her\_\_\_\_\_ly  
*adv.* in a way that shows great bravery, courage, or self-sacrifice
39. er\_\_t into tears  
*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
40. fr\_\_\_\_\_c pace  
*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
41. troop of ca\_\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* a highly mobile army unit
42. cl\_\_\_y attempt  
*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
43. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
44. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
45. gl\_\_n important information  
*v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
46. po\_\_t the premise  
*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
47. bu\_\_y bystander  
*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 37. posit, 38. heroically, 39. erupt, 40. frantic, 41. cavalry, 42. clumsy, 43. stumble, 44. resilient, 45. glean, 46. posit, 47. bully

48. de\_\_\_e my own life      *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
49. advanced we\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
50. her\_\_\_\_\_ly saved      *adv.* in a way that shows great bravery, courage, or self-sacrifice
51. w\_\_l in pain      *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
52. misfortunes be\_\_\_l      *v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
53. a total we\_\_\_o      *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
54. treated as a we\_\_\_o      *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
55. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
56. on\_\_\_\_\_ng disaster      *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
57. bu\_\_y the weak      *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 48. devote, 49. weaponry, 50. heroically, 51. wail, 52. befall, 53. weirdo, 54. weirdo, 55. contemplate, 56. oncoming, 57. bully





69. cl\_\_\_y at sports *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
70. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
71. gl\_\_n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
72. the spread of le\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas
73. sc\_\_\_\_\_le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
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ANSWERS: 69. clumsy, 70. contemplate, 71. glean, 72. leprosy, 73. scramble, 74. bunk, 75. ripple, 76. intellect

77. sn\_\_e at each other      *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
78. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
79. re\_\_\_e my youth      *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
80. artistic va\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

ANSWERS: 77. snipe, 78. intellect, 79. relive, 80. vanguard

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of technological innovation in its industry.
  - n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
  
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  - v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
  
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  - n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
  
4. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
  - v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
  
5. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.
  - n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
  
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  - v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 1. vanguard, 2. avert, 3. dopamine, 4. posit, 5. weaponry, 6. downturn, 7. scrambled

8. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
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10. I hope nothing bad will \_\_\_\_\_ my family during the storm.
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14. The crowded dorm room had \_\_\_\_\_ beds to accommodate all the students.
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ANSWERS: 8. rewire, 9. wailed, 10. befall, 11. illicit, 12. relive, 13. erupted, 14. bunk, 15. sniped

16. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
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21. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ regrouped and launched another attack.
- n.* a highly mobile army unit

ANSWERS: 16. bully, 17. ripple, 18. contemplated, 19. improvisation, 20. leprosy, 21. inbox, 22. cavalry

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

24. In medieval times, people believed that the \_\_\_\_\_ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

*n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

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ANSWERS: 23. clumsy, 24. unicorn, 25. optimism, 26. optimist, 27. frantic, 28. excited, 29. intellect, 30. devoted

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- n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
32. The CEO was once a \_\_\_\_\_ wandering barefoot around the university.
- n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
33. The driver had to swerve to avoid an \_\_\_\_\_ car that veered into his lane.
- adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
34. She woke the kids up from their \_\_\_\_.
- n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
35. The firefighter acted \_\_\_\_\_ to save the family from the burning building.
- adv.* in a way that shows great bravery, courage, or self-sacrifice
36. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
37. He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the details of the culprit.
- v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
38. A strong foundation of customer satisfaction \_\_\_\_\_ the business's success.
- v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

ANSWERS: 31. menopause, 32. weirdo, 33. oncoming, 34. nap, 35. heroically, 36. stumbled, 37. glean, 38. undergirds

39. Living in a \_\_\_\_\_ can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

*n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

40. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 39. dorm, 40. resilient