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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### innovation

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

*synonym* : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

### develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym* : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

### intersection

*n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

*synonym* : crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

## 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.

## entertainment

*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

*synonym*: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym*: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## dramatic

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

*synonym*: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym*: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## artwork

*n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

*synonym*: painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil

**artwork** have been popular worldwide.

## venture

*n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring  
*synonym* : enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

## technological

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress  
*synonym* : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

**Technological** advances have disrupted many industries.

## collaborate

*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

*synonym* : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

## representation

*n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

*synonym* : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

## bot

*n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

*synonym* : robot, droid, android

(1) spam **bot**, (2) **bot** detection

The translation **bot** helped me translate a website from another country.

## celebrity

*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

*synonym* : figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## trek

*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

*synonym* : journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

## database

*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

## label

*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

*synonym* : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

## attribute

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

*synonym* : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

## 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.

## companion

*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

*synonym* : affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## paddle

*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

*synonym* : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

## shyness

*n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

*synonym* : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier  
He finally overcame his **shyness**.

## microphone

*n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder  
*synonym*: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**  
The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

## aggregate

*n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items  
*synonym*: total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people  
The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

## laughter

*n.* the act or sound of laughing  
*synonym*: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**  
Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

## applause

*n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together  
*synonym*: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**  
The **applause** burst from the audience.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options  
*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**  
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## comedy

*n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous

situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

*synonym*: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

## patient

*n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

*synonym*: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

## knight

*n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

*synonym*: noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

## buddy

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

*synonym*: mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

## clip

*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

*synonym*: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

## jersey

*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

*synonym* : shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

## 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.

## whip

*v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

*synonym* : thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

## gasp

*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

*synonym* : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## quest

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

*synonym* : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness



That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

## medium

*adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

*synonym*: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly**

insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## educational

*adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

*synonym*: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
2. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
3. t\_\_k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
4. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
5. elevate edu\_\_\_\_\_al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
6. da\_\_\_\_\_se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
7. busy int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
8. edu\_\_\_\_\_al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
9. a mailing la\_\_l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
10. cutting-edge inn\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
11. lose some of my sh\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

ANSWERS: 1. incredibly, 2. entertainment, 3. trek, 4. incredibly, 5. educational, 6. database, 7. intersection, 8. educational, 9. label, 10. innovation, 11. shyness

12. at\_\_\_\_\_te the change to their marriage  
*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
13. ex\_\_\_e rebellion  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
14. me\_\_\_m color  
*adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
15. at\_\_\_\_\_te directly to sales  
*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
16. baseball ce\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
17. col\_\_\_\_\_te with the police  
*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
18. a dr\_\_\_\_\_ic rescue at sea  
*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
19. bring la\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* the act or sound of laughing
20. on a qu\_\_t for happiness  
*n.* a long or challenging search for something
21. w\_\_p into shape  
*v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
22. short video c\_\_p  
*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

ANSWERS: 12. attribute, 13. excite, 14. medium, 15. attribute, 16. celebrity, 17. collaborate, 18. dramatic, 19. laughter, 20. quest, 21. whip, 22. clip

23. make dr\_\_\_\_ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
24. spam b\_t *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
25. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
26. a joint ve\_\_\_\_e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
27. g\_\_p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
28. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
29. ve\_\_\_\_e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
30. de\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 23. dramatic, 24. bot, 25. sect, 26. venture, 27. gasp, 28. introduction, 29. venture, 30. develop

31. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
32. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
33. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
34. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
35. control my em\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
36. co\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
37. ce\_\_\_\_\_ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
38. je\_\_\_y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
39. sh\_\_\_\_s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
40. binary rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
41. b\_t detection *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

ANSWERS: 31. sect, 32. communal, 33. silent, 34. quest, 35. emotion, 36. communal, 37. celebrity, 38. jersey, 39. shyness, 40. representation, 41. bot

42. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
43. romantic co\_\_\_y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
44. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
45. ar\_\_\_\_\_k conservation *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
46. la\_\_\_\_\_er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
47. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
48. col\_\_\_\_\_te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
49. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
50. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
51. mic\_\_\_\_\_ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
52. an advertising me\_\_\_m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 42. technological, 43. comedy, 44. intersection, 45. artwork, 46. laughter, 47. decision, 48. collaborate, 49. silent, 50. hunt, 51. microphone, 52. medium

53. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
54. pa\_\_\_\_t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
55. an ag\_\_\_\_\_te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
56. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
57. white kn\_\_t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
58. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
59. a working co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
60. inn\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
61. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 53. hunt, 54. patient, 55. aggregate, 56. technological, 57. knight, 58. entertainment, 59. companion, 60. innovation, 61. representation

62. built-in mic\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
63. tie c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
64. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
65. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
66. data ag\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
67. the black kn\_\_\_\_t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
68. at\_\_\_\_\_t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
69. canoe pa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

ANSWERS: 62. microphone, 63. clip, 64. introduction, 65. decision, 66. aggregate, 67. knight, 68. attract, 69. paddle



70. employee da\_\_\_\_se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
71. co\_\_\_\_y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
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73. pa\_\_\_\_t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
74. de\_\_\_\_p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
75. at\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
76. horseback t\_\_k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
77. ex\_\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 70. database, 71. comedy, 72. emotion, 73. patient, 74. develop, 75. attract, 76. trek, 77. excite

78. w\_\_p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
79. g\_\_p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
80. drinking co\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
81. bu\_\_y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
82. my golf bu\_\_y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
83. earn ap\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
84. round of ap\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
85. pa\_\_\_e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
86. ancient ar\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
87. fabric of the je\_\_\_y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
88. la\_\_l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 78. whip, 79. gasp, 80. companion, 81. buddy, 82. buddy, 83. applause, 84. applause, 85. paddle, 86. artwork, 87. jersey, 88. label

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The doctor carefully examined the \_\_\_\_\_ medical history.  
*n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
2. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.  
*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
3. He finally overcame his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.  
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ANSWERS: 1. patient's, 2. incredibly, 3. shyness, 4. attributes, 5. sect, 6. medium, 7. whipped

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.  
*n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
9. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.  
*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
11. The statement had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on house prices.  
*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
12. \_\_\_\_\_ advances have disrupted many industries.  
*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
13. Her dog is her excellent \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
14. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.  
*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
15. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.  
*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
16. The vegetarian burger was an \_\_\_\_\_ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.  
*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 8. venture, 9. silent, 10. introduction, 11. dramatic, 12. Technological, 13. companion, 14. decision, 15. attract, 16. innovation

17. 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
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.  
*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
19. The translation \_\_\_\_ helped me translate a website from another country.  
*n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
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*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
21. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.  
*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
22. She agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ with him in creating new artwork.  
*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
23. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
24. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. The museum offers a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ programs for children and adults.  
*adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 17. hunt, 18. label, 19. bot, 20. jersey, 21. emotions, 22. collaborate, 23. Communal, 24. excited, 25. educational

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ burst from the audience.  
*n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
27. The popularity of the show made her an instant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
28. Each country's officials can access the central \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
29. He was the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the military training camp.  
*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
30. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.  
*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
31. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.  
*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
32. He was preparing for a long \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.  
*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
33. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.  
*n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 26. applause, 27. celebrity, 28. database, 29. buddy, 30. entertainment, 31. develop, 32. trek, 33. quest

34. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
35. Some doctor says \_\_\_\_\_ is the best medicine.
- n.* the act or sound of laughing
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.
- n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
37. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the \_\_\_\_\_ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
- n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
38. The interviewer asked him to speak into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
39. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil \_\_\_\_\_ have been popular worldwide.
- n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
40. He fastens some sheets of paper with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

ANSWERS: 34. gasped, 35. laughter, 36. paddle, 37. knight, 38. microphone, 39. artwork, 40. clip



41. I love going to see live \_\_\_\_\_ shows with my friends.

- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

42. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

43. Take a right turn at the next \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

- n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

ANSWERS: 41. comedy, 42. representation, 43. intersection, 44. aggregate