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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

*synonym*: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

### wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

*synonym*: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

### stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## stencil

*n.* a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath

*synonym*: template, pattern

(1) **stencil** art, (2) letter **stencil**

I used a flower **stencil** to create a pattern for my art project.

## chalk

*n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

*synonym*: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

## abandon

*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

*synonym*: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

## landscape

*n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

*synonym*: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

## vacant

*adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

*synonym*: empty, unoccupied, available

(1) **vacant** land, (2) **vacant** position

The real estate agent showed me a **vacant** apartment perfect

for my needs.

## 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.

## soothe

*v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make  
something less painful or uncomfortable

*synonym* : calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

## giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar  
items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## oak

*n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern  
regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

## sneeze

*v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the  
nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the  
presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

*synonym* : exhale, whiff, blow

(1) **sneeze** into my hand, (2) **sneeze** loudly

Whenever I get a cold, I tend to **sneeze** a lot.

## 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.

## architecture

*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

*synonym*: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

## gratitude

*n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

*synonym*: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

## clarity

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

*synonym*: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

## 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.

## maintain

*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

*synonym* : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## fill-in-the-blank

*n.* a type of question or statement that provides a space or blank for someone to fill in with a word or phrase, often used in educational or survey contexts

(1) **fill-in-the-blank** exercises, (2) **fill-in-the-blank** form

Please provide the correct answers for the **fill-in-the-blank** questions on the exam.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym* : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym* : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

## piracy

*n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

*synonym* : theft, stealing, robbery

(1) software **piracy**, (2) **piracy** on the high seas

Music **piracy** is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

## straddle

*v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

*synonym* : strive, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

## grid

*n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

*synonym* : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

**Grid** pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

## cavalry

*n.* a highly mobile army unit

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

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

## neglect

*v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

*synonym* : delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

## construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

*synonym*: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

## console

v. to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment

*synonym*: soothe, calm, pacify

(1) **console** her for the loss of her son, (2) **console** the spirits of the victims

She **consoled** her crying friend with words of encouragement.

## enlighten

v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

*synonym*: inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

## 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.

## civic

*adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

*synonym*: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

## colleague

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym*: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

## kit

*n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

*synonym*: set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

## 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.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.



## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## 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.

## clarify

*v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

*synonym*: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym*: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. co_____ct a 3D image               | v.   | to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole   |
| 2. an op_____ne remark                | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 3. fire st__k                         | v.   | to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 4. sn___e into my hand                | v.   | to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants                     |
| 5. em_____r my life                   | v.   | to give someone the power or authority to do something   |
| 6. a piece of ch__k                   | n.   | a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards  |
| 7. asp_____on into the lungs          | n.   | a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath  |
| 8. re_____on between cause and effect | n.   | the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another  |
| 9. ma_____in order                    | v.   | to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true  |

ANSWERS: 1. construct, 2. opportune, 3. stick, 4. sneeze, 5. empower, 6. chalk, 7. aspiration, 8. relation, 9. maintain

10. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor      *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
11. old o\_k trees      *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
12. st\_\_\_\_\_le a fence      *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
13. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
14. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues      *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
15. co\_\_\_\_\_e her for the loss of her son      *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment
16. st\_\_k a key in a lock      *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
17. ab\_\_\_\_\_n a friend      *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 10. unexpected, 11. oak, 12. straddle, 13. contemplate, 14. colleague, 15. console, 16. stick, 17. abandon

18. arc\_\_\_\_\_ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
19. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
20. ab\_\_\_\_\_n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
21. a debt of gr\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
22. ci\_\_c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
23. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
24. feelings of gr\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
25. b\_\_p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
26. b\_\_p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
27. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
28. wi\_\_\_\_m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 18. architecture, 19. perspective, 20. abandon, 21. gratitude, 22. civic, 23. experiment, 24. gratitude, 25. bump, 26. bump, 27. experiment, 28. wisdom

29. 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
30. di\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
31. pa\_\_\_\_e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
32. ind\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
33. fil\_\_\_\_\_ank exercises *n.* a type of question or statement that provides a space or blank for someone to fill in with a word or phrase, often used in educational or survey contexts
34. superbly trained ca\_\_\_\_y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
35. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
36. a g\_\_d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
37. cl\_\_\_\_y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
38. a wire g\_\_d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 29. struggle, 30. distract, 31. parade, 32. individual, 33. fill-in-the-blank, 34. cavalry, 35. contemplate, 36. grid, 37. clarify, 38. grid

39. en\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal      *adv.* completely
40. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame      *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
41. ne\_\_\_\_\_t to call      *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
42. sake of cl\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
43. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events      *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
44. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
45. a fountain of wi\_\_\_\_m      *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
46. letter st\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath
47. lack of cl\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
48. ne\_\_\_\_\_t ethical issues      *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
49. ci\_\_c activity      *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
50. ma\_\_\_\_\_in good health      *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 39. entirely, 40. aspiration, 41. neglect, 42. clarity, 43. unexpected, 44. individual, 45. wisdom, 46. stencil, 47. clarity, 48. neglect, 49. civic, 50. maintain

51. he was en\_\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
52. a military pa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
53. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
54. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
55. en\_\_\_\_\_en legions of people *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
56. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
57. the wine in giant o\_k vats *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
58. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
59. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
60. a peaceful la\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
61. so\_\_\_\_e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 51. entirely, 52. parade, 53. construct, 54. discotheque, 55. enlighten, 56. relation, 57. oak, 58. communal, 59. opportune, 60. landscape, 61. soothe

62. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
63. ch\_\_k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
64. so\_\_\_e anxiety *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
65. survival k\_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
66. a first-aid k\_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
67. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process *v.* to make or become better
68. software pi\_\_\_y *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
69. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
70. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
71. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
72. sn\_\_\_e loudly *v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

ANSWERS: 62. communal, 63. chalk, 64. soothe, 65. kit, 66. kit, 67. improve, 68. piracy, 69. colleague, 70. distract, 71. giant, 72. sneeze



73. la\_\_\_\_\_pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
74. cl\_\_\_\_\_y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
75. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
76. va\_\_\_\_t position *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
77. va\_\_\_\_t land *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
78. en\_\_\_\_\_en other countries *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
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80. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
81. troop of ca\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
82. pi\_\_\_\_y on the high seas *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

ANSWERS: 73. landscape, 74. clarify, 75. discotheque, 76. vacant, 77. vacant, 78. enlighten, 79. fill-in-the-blank, 80. empower, 81. cavalry, 82. piracy

83. 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
84. gi\_\_t tech company      *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
85. st\_\_\_\_\_le a motorcycle      *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
86. classic arc\_\_\_\_\_ure      *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
87. st\_\_\_\_\_l art      *n.* a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath
88. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view      *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
89. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score      *v.* to make or become better
90. co\_\_\_\_\_e the spirits of the victims      *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment

ANSWERS: 83. struggle, 84. giant, 85. straddle, 86. architecture, 87. stencil, 88. perspective, 89. improve, 90. console

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please provide the correct answers for the \_\_\_\_\_ questions on the exam.
  - n.* a type of question or statement that provides a space or blank for someone to fill in with a word or phrase, often used in educational or survey contexts
2. The police tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the facts concerning her death.
  - v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
  - adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. The real estate agent showed me a \_\_\_\_\_ apartment perfect for my needs.
  - adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
5. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.
  - n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
6. The castle was \_\_\_\_\_ several years later.
  - v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
7. She accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ into him in the crowded room.
  - v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 1. fill-in-the-blank, 2. clarify, 3. opportune, 4. vacant, 5. aspiration, 6. abandoned, 7. bumped

8. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.  
*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
9. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
10. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
11. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
12. The city promotes \_\_\_\_\_ collaboration in community development  
*adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
13. The teacher sought to \_\_\_\_\_ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.  
*v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ her crying friend with words of encouragement.  
*v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment
15. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.  
*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 8. maintain, 9. clarity, 10. distract, 11. relations, 12. civic, 13. enlighten, 14. consoled, 15. perspective

16. She expressed her \_\_\_\_\_ towards the kind stranger who helped her.  
*n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
17. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.  
*adv.* completely
18. The kids used colored \_\_\_\_\_ to create a mural on the pavement.  
*n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
19. I used a flower \_\_\_\_\_ to create a pattern for my art project.  
*n.* a cutout or template used to reproduce a design or pattern by applying paint, ink, or other media through the openings onto a surface beneath
20. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
21. I bought a new tool \_\_\_\_ for my home repair projects.  
*n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.  
*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ regrouped and launched another attack.  
*n.* a highly mobile army unit

ANSWERS: 16. gratitude, 17. entirely, 18. chalk, 19. stencil, 20. stick, 21. kit, 22. unexpected, 23. cavalry

24. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.

*v.* to make or become better

25. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.

*n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

26. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

27. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

28. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ the fallen tree to cross the river.

*v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

29. Large \_\_\_ trees cast a shadow in the garden.

*n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

30. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

31. He \_\_\_\_\_ his health to make the project a success.

*v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

ANSWERS: 24. improve, 25. landscape, 26. wisdom, 27. contemplated, 28. straddle, 29. oak, 30. colleague, 31. neglected

32. She applied aloe vera to \_\_\_\_\_ her sunburn.

- v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

33. Music \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

- n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

34. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

36. The city is known for its impressive \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful old buildings.

- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

37. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

38. The annual Fourth of July \_\_\_\_\_ is popular in the town square.

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

39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. soothe, 33. piracy, 34. experiments, 35. giant, 36. architecture, 37. individual, 38. parade, 39. empowered

40. 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

41. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

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

42. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

43. Whenever I get a cold, I tend to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.

- v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

44. \_\_\_\_\_ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

45. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.

- n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 40. struggle, 41. Communal, 42. constructs, 43. sneeze, 44. Grid, 45. discotheque