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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### dialogue

*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

*synonym*: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

### exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym*: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

### wilt

*v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away

*synonym*: droop, wither, fade

(1) **wilt** in the heat of the day, (2) **wilt** after several setbacks

The young athlete's spirit started to **wilt** after losing multiple competitions.

### satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

*synonym*: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## satisfaction

*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

*synonym* : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

## exchange

*v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

*synonym* : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

## faithful

*adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

*synonym* : loyal, devoted, true

(1) **faithful** friend, (2) totally **faithful**

He remained **faithful** to his wife throughout their marriage.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym* : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## cricket

*n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command  
*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process  
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**  
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- conflict** *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals  
*synonym*: clash, discord, competition  
(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**  
He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.
- pleasant** *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable  
*synonym*: agreeable, delightful, pleasing  
(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor  
The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.
- polite** *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior  
*synonym*: courteous, civil, respectful  
(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone  
It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.
- antisocial** *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards  
*synonym*: unsociable, withdrawn, reclusive  
(1) **antisocial** tendencies, (2) **antisocial** personality disorder  
The suspect's **antisocial** behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.

## eavesdrop

v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

*synonym*: listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot  
I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

## rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

*synonym*: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products  
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

## conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

*synonym*: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**  
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

*synonym*: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller  
Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

## overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

*synonym*: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

## vampire

n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

*synonym*: undead, bloodsucker, nosferatu

(1) **vampire** fiction, (2) hunting **vampires**

The **vampire's** pale complexion and sharp fangs made him stand out in the crowd.

## flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

*synonym*: tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

## zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

*synonym*: living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

## suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

## decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## mutter

*v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

*synonym* : grumble, mumble, complain

(1) **mutter** in a low voice, (2) **mutter** to myself

He **muttered** under his breath about the job relocation.

## informal

*adj.* relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions

*synonym* : casual, relaxed, unofficial

(1) **informal** setting, (2) **informal** attire

The company's casual and **informal** work environment encourages creativity and collaboration.

## contraction

*n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

*synonym* : shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym* : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

## lengthy

*adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

*synonym*: extended, interminable, long

(1) to be a **lengthy** process, (2) **lengthy** load times

The **lengthy** medical treatment had weakened his muscles.

## adverb

*n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very

*synonym*: modifier, qualifier, descriptor

(1) **adverb** placement, (2) **adverb** of degree

During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an **adverb** clause in our writing correctly.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## threateningly

*adv.* in a manner that suggests or indicates a threat; in a way that is intimidating or menacing

*synonym*: menacingly, ominously

(1) gesture **threateningly**, (2) speak **threateningly**

The stranger stared **threateningly** at the shopkeeper, making everyone uneasy.

## redundant

*adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts

*synonym*: unnecessary, superfluous, surplus

(1) **redundant** worker, (2) **redundant** equipment

The report contained **redundant** information that could have been eliminated.

## lovingly

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

*synonym*: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

## recap

*v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

*synonym*: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## fin

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym*: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

## fictional

*adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

*synonym*: imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. va\_\_\_\_\_e fiction *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
2. stuff of science fi\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
3. v\_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
4. ant\_\_\_\_\_al tendencies *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
5. re\_\_\_\_\_nt worker *adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
6. pl\_\_\_\_\_nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
7. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
8. le\_\_\_\_\_y load times *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
9. hunting va\_\_\_\_\_es *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

ANSWERS: 1. vampire, 2. fiction, 3. vow, 4. antisocial, 5. redundant, 6. pleasant, 7. conversation, 8. lengthy, 9. vampire

10. lo\_\_\_\_ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
11. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
12. sa\_\_\_\_y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
13. get r\_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
14. ea\_\_\_\_\_op conversation *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
15. po\_\_\_e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
16. v\_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
17. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
18. pl\_\_\_\_\_nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
19. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
20. r\_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
21. to be a le\_\_\_\_y process *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

ANSWERS: 10. lovingly, 11. fin, 12. satisfy, 13. rid, 14. eavesdrop, 15. polite, 16. vow, 17. imaginary, 18. pleasant, 19. conversation, 20. rid, 21. lengthy

22. non-fi\_\_\_\_\_n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
23. a pine cr\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
24. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
25. fl\_\_t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
26. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
27. lo\_\_\_\_\_ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
28. a sense of sat\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
29. non-fi\_\_\_\_\_al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
30. a strict veg\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

ANSWERS: 22. fiction, 23. cricket, 24. pretension, 25. flirt, 26. conflict, 27. lovingly, 28. satisfaction, 29. fictional, 30. vegetarian

31. the form of a di\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
32. re\_\_\_\_\_nt equipment *adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
33. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
34. ant\_\_\_\_\_al personality disorder *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
35. zo\_\_\_e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
36. gesture thr\_\_\_\_\_gly *adv.* in a manner that suggests or indicates a threat; in a way that is intimidating or menacing
37. im\_\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
38. eat a veg\_\_\_\_\_an diet *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
39. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 31. dialogue, 32. redundant, 33. exchange, 34. antisocial, 35. zombie, 36. threateningly, 37. imaginary, 38. vegetarian, 39. decide

40. ex\_\_\_\_ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
41. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
42. su\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
43. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
44. mu\_\_\_\_r to myself *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
45. ad\_\_\_\_b placement *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
46. sa\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
47. mu\_\_\_\_r in a low voice *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
48. speak thr\_\_\_\_\_gly *adv.* in a manner that suggests or indicates a threat; in a way that is intimidating or menacing
49. a reckless at\_\_\_\_t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
50. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
51. re\_\_p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. exciting, 41. conflict, 42. suppose, 43. writ, 44. mutter, 45. adverb, 46. satisfy, 47. mutter, 48. threateningly, 49. attempt, 50. writ, 51. recap

52. su\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
53. ea\_\_\_\_\_op on a secret plot *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
54. cr\_\_\_\_\_t match *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
55. in\_\_\_\_\_al attire *adj.* relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions
56. w\_\_t in the heat of the day *v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
57. w\_\_t after several setbacks *v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
58. con\_\_\_\_\_on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
59. fa\_\_\_\_\_ul friend *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
60. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
61. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
62. zo\_\_\_e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

ANSWERS: 52. suppose, 53. eavesdrop, 54. cricket, 55. informal, 56. wilt, 57. wilt, 58. contraction, 59. faithful, 60. exciting, 61. instance, 62. zombie

63. in\_\_\_\_al setting *adj.* relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions
64. re\_\_p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
65. ex\_\_\_\_ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
66. ad\_\_\_\_b of degree *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
67. Platonic di\_\_\_\_ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
68. the at\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
69. con\_\_\_\_on in the industry *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
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ANSWERS: 63. informal, 64. recap, 65. exchange, 66. adverb, 67. dialogue, 68. attempt, 69. contraction, 70. satisfaction

71. for in\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
72. fl\_\_t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
73. baseless pre\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
74. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
75. fi\_\_\_\_al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
76. happen to ov\_\_\_\_ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
77. totally fa\_\_\_\_ul *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
78. accidentally ov\_\_\_\_ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
79. po\_\_\_e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
80. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 71. instance, 72. flirt, 73. pretension, 74. decide, 75. fictional, 76. overhear, 77. faithful, 78. overhear, 79. polite, 80. fin



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.  
*n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
  
2. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.  
*adj.* existing only in someone's mind
  
3. Truth is stranger than \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
  
4. This restaurant has \_\_\_\_\_ dishes as well.  
*n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
  
5. He remained \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife throughout their marriage.  
*adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
  
6. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
  
7. It's important to be \_\_\_\_\_ even when you disagree with someone.  
*adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
  
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ medical treatment had weakened his muscles.  
*adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

ANSWERS: 1. crickets, 2. imaginary, 3. fiction, 4. vegetarian, 5. faithful, 6. decide, 7. polite, 8. lengthy

9. She was inside at the time and \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation.  
*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.  
*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
11. She looked at him \_\_\_\_\_ and knew he was the one for her.  
*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
12. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?  
*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
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15. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?  
*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
16. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.  
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ANSWERS: 9. overheard, 10. vowed, 11. lovingly, 12. suppose, 13. conversation, 14. redundant, 15. satisfy, 16. exchange

17. My husband never \_\_\_\_\_ with other women.

- v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;  
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ANSWERS: 17. flirts, 18. attempt, 19. fins, 20. threateningly, 21. writ, 22. eavesdropped, 23. informal, 24. wilt

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- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 25. pretensions, 26. dialogue, 27. antisocial, 28. vampire's, 29. instances, 30. pleasant, 31. contraction, 32. rid

33. During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an \_\_\_\_\_ clause in our writing correctly.
- n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
34. Let me quickly \_\_\_\_\_ these results.
- v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
35. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
36. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
37. The mediated settlement brought \_\_\_\_\_ to both sides.
- n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
38. The names of the company are entirely \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
39. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a \_\_\_\_\_ at work.
- n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
40. He \_\_\_\_\_ under his breath about the job relocation.
- v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 33. adverb, 34. recap, 35. exciting, 36. conflicts, 37. satisfaction, 38. fictional, 39. zombie, 40. muttered

ANSWERS: