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Session 1: Word List

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

synonym: taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

tilt

v. to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side

synonym : incline, slant, lean

(1) on the **tilt**, (2) **tilt** a chair

She **tilted** her head to the side, indicating she was listening.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

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.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym: central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

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.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about

production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

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.

misconstrue

v. to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread

synonym: misinterpret, misunderstand, misconceive

(1) **misconstrue** meaning, (2) **misconstrue** intentions

It is important not to **misconstrue** her words, as she meant it positively.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym: fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

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?

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**
He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

Latino

n. a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States

synonym: Hispanic, Chicano

(1) **Latino** coworkers, (2) **Latino** culture

The **Latino** community has had a significant impact on American culture.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

tutti

n. a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously

synonym: all, together, harmony

(1) **tutti** line, (2) **tutti** orchestra

The choir sang **tutti** in harmony during the chorus.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. gr__t an idea | <i>v.</i> to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone |
| 2. con_____ive about production | <i>adj.</i> holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation |
| 3. en_____ge a sense of affinity | <i>v.</i> to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |
| 4. ra_____w after a storm | <i>n.</i> an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain |
| 5. a charm against e__l | <i>adj.</i> profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people |
| 6. na___n-state | <i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture |
| 7. mis_____and entirely about her | <i>v.</i> to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |
| 8. gr__t a land | <i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody |
| 9. a con_____ive society | <i>adj.</i> holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation |
| 10. marine ra_____w | <i>n.</i> an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain |

ANSWERS: 1. greet, 2. conservative, 3. encourage, 4. rainbow, 5. evil, 6. nation, 7. misunderstand, 8. grant, 9. conservative, 10. rainbow

11. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
12. tu__i orchestra *n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously
13. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
14. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
15. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
16. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
17. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
18. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
19. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 11. threaten, 12. tutti, 13. aisle, 14. apparently, 15. cult, 16. lug, 17. peaceful, 18. vice, 19. jack

20. 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
21. a puppet re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
22. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
23. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
24. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
25. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
26. te___r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
27. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
28. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
29. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
30. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 20. comedy, 21. regime, 22. confuse, 23. suppose, 24. exciting, 25. grant, 26. terror, 27. peaceful, 28. vice, 29. nation, 30. freak

31. accidentally ov_____ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
32. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
33. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
34. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
35. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
36. happen to ov_____ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
37. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
38. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
39. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
40. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

ANSWERS: 31. overhear, 32. cult, 33. axis, 34. axis, 35. jack, 36. overhear, 37. amazing, 38. adventure, 39. imitate, 40. hijack

41. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
42. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
43. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
44. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
45. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
46. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
47. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
48. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
49. exercise re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
50. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 41. encourage, 42. misunderstand, 43. freak, 44. suppose, 45. gentle, 46. revolution, 47. broth, 48. threaten, 49. regime, 50. stereotype

51. t__t a chair v. to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side
52. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
53. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
54. La___o culture *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
55. ce_____te his election v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
56. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
57. gr__t a customer v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
58. ce_____te Christmas v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
59. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
60. hi___k a helicopter v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
61. mis_____ue meaning v. to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread

ANSWERS: 51. tilt, 52. crazy, 53. gentle, 54. Latino, 55. celebrate, 56. aft, 57. greet, 58. celebrate, 59. crazy, 60. hijack, 61. misconstrue

62. 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
63. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
64. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
65. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
66. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
67. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue
68. yellow c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
69. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
70. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 62. comedy, 63. random, 64. revolution, 65. applause, 66. Arabic, 67. tongue, 68. cab, 69. random, 70. exciting

71. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
72. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
73. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
74. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
75. La___o coworkers *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
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78. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
79. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 71. tongue, 72. strawberry, 73. imitate, 74. strawberry, 75. Latino, 76. stereotype, 77. broth, 78. Arabic, 79. confuse

80. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
81. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
82. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
83. mis_____ue intentions *v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
84. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
85. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
86. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
87. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
88. tu__i line *n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously
89. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
90. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 80. applause, 81. apparently, 82. terror, 83. misconstrue, 84. lug, 85. amazing, 86. adventure, 87. aft, 88. tutti, 89. aisle, 90. evil

91. taxi c_b

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

92. on the t__t

v. to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side

ANSWERS: 91. cab, 92. tilt

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

2. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

3. 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

4. She _____ her head to the side, indicating she was listening.
v. to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side

5. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

6. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

7. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 1. greeted, 2. vice, 3. comedy, 4. tilted, 5. adventures, 6. aft, 7. freak

8. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
9. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
10. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
11. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
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12. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.
n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
13. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
14. I hailed a _____ to take me to the airport.
n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
15. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 8. axis, 9. nation, 10. exciting, 11. cult, 12. terror, 13. amazing, 14. cab, 15. misunderstand

16. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

17. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

- adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

18. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

19. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.

- n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

20. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

21. Her remarks _____ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

22. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

23. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 16. lug, 17. peaceful, 18. threatening, 19. rainbow's, 20. broth, 21. confused, 22. stereotypes, 23. imitated

24. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
25. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
26. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
27. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
28. The choir sang _____ in harmony during the chorus.
- n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously
29. The _____ community has had a significant impact on American culture.
- n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
30. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
- n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
31. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
- adv.* based on what you have heard or read

ANSWERS: 24. revolution, 25. encouraged, 26. suppose, 27. jack, 28. tutti, 29. Latino, 30. tongue, 31. apparently

32. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

33. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

34. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

35. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

36. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

37. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

38. It is important not to _____ her words, as she meant it positively.

v. to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread

39. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 32. random, 33. granted, 34. regimes, 35. hijack, 36. gentle, 37. crazy, 38. misconstrue, 39. evil

40. The _____ burst from the audience.

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

41. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

42. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

43. She was inside at the time and _____ the conversation.

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

44. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

45. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

46. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 40. applause, 41. aisle, 42. celebrated, 43. overheard, 44. strawberry, 45. conservative, 46. Arabic