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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym*: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

### curve

*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

*synonym*: bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

### cyber

*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

*synonym*: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

**Cyber** espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

## magician

*n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

*synonym*: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

## combine

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

*synonym*: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

## element

*n.* a fundamental or essential part of something

*synonym*: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

## illusion

*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

*synonym*: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

## probable

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym*: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

## augment

*v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

*synonym*: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity  
Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

## monument

*n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

*synonym*: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring  
The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

## prototype

*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

*synonym*: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**  
The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

## glimpse

*n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

*synonym*: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**  
Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement  
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## significance

*n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

*synonym*: importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**  
The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

## deck

*n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

*synonym* : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

## acquire

*v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

*synonym* : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

## tempest

*n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

*synonym* : storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

## suit

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

*synonym* : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

## diamond

*n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

*synonym* : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

## spade

*n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

*synonym* : shovel, scoop, hoe

(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**

I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym* : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## interpret

*v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

*synonym* : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym* : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## phase

*n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

*synonym* : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of

history.

## **lunar**

*adj.* of or pertaining to the moon

*synonym* : moony

(1) **lunar** crater, (2) **lunar** surface

Ancient people felt mystified by the patterns on the **lunar** surface.

## **cycle**

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym* : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## **tide**

*n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

*synonym* : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

## **potent**

*adj.* having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result

*synonym* : powerful, effective, influential

(1) **potent** anesthetic, (2) **potent** smell

The medicine has **potent** effects on reducing inflammation.

## **constant**

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym* : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

## **coincidence**

*n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

*synonym* : co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it  
*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## mischief

*n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

*synonym*: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

## joker

*n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

*synonym*: trickster, prankster, comedian

(1) **joker** card, (2) **joker** costume

The office clown constantly played the **joker**, making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.

## 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.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym* : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## literally

*adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

*synonym* : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

## exaggeration

*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

*synonym* : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

## 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.

## supernatural

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

*synonym* : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment



The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## warn

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym* : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## odds

*n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

*synonym* : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

## virtual

*adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

*synonym* : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym* : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. w\_\_n a reckless driver  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
2. pr\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire  
*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
3. in\_\_\_\_\_et a graph  
*v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
4. learning cu\_\_e  
*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
5. 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
6. t\_\_e cycle  
*n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
7. malicious mi\_\_\_\_ef  
*n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
8. humanity's mo\_\_\_\_nt  
*n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
9. jo\_\_r card  
*n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

ANSWERS: 1. warn, 2. probable, 3. interpret, 4. curve, 5. stick, 6. tide, 7. mischief, 8. monument, 9. joker

10. au\_\_\_\_t immunity      *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
11. she is ma\_\_c      *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
12. w\_\_ned me of the plan      *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
13. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e      *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
14. di\_\_\_\_l electronic signature      *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
15. co\_\_\_\_e augmented reality      *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
16. beauty s\_\_t      *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
17. ac\_\_\_\_e knowledge      *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
18. re\_\_\_\_ze achievement      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 10. augment, 11. magic, 12. warn, 13. cycle, 14. digital, 15. combine, 16. spot, 17. acquire, 18. recognize

19. two-ph\_\_e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
20. de\_\_\_t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
21. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
22. playful mi\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
23. street ma\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
24. sp\_\_e blade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
25. te\_\_\_\_\_t in a teapot *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
26. nonmetallic el\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
27. by a strange coi\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

ANSWERS: 19. phase, 20. detect, 21. recognize, 22. mischief, 23. magician, 24. spade, 25. tempest, 26. element, 27. coincidence

28. yield cu\_\_e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
29. o\_\_s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
30. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
31. in\_\_\_\_e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
32. sy\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
33. lu\_\_r surface *adj.* of or pertaining to the moon
34. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
35. di\_\_\_\_\_d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
36. translate li\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
37. in\_\_\_\_\_et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
38. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 28. curve, 29. odds, 30. germ, 31. intense, 32. symbol, 33. lunar, 34. disappear, 35. diamond, 36. literally, 37. interpret, 38. intense

39. ac\_\_\_\_e a new company      *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
40. optical il\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
41. o\_\_s of business      *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
42. 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
43. a vi\_\_\_\_l image      *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
44. sensational exa\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
45. dig with a sp\_\_e      *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
46. sy\_\_\_\_l color      *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
47. sup\_\_\_\_ral beings      *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
48. cy\_\_r crime      *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

ANSWERS: 39. acquire, 40. illusion, 41. odds, 42. stick, 43. virtual, 44. exaggeration, 45. spade, 46. symbol, 47. supernatural, 48. cyber

49. trading of vi\_\_\_\_\_l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
50. early pr\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
51. enter on the last ph\_\_e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
52. hands on d\_\_k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
53. the coi\_\_\_\_\_ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
54. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
55. s\_\_t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
56. lu\_\_r crater *adj.* of or pertaining to the moon
57. minimal exa\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
58. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
59. d\_\_k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

ANSWERS: 49. virtual, 50. prototype, 51. phase, 52. deck, 53. coincidence, 54. constant, 55. suit, 56. lunar, 57. exaggeration, 58. probable, 59. deck

60. passing gl\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
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67. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
68. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
69. po\_\_\_\_t smell *adj.* having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result

ANSWERS: 60. glimpse, 61. cyber, 62. constant, 63. glimpse, 64. suit, 65. represent, 66. augment, 67. magic, 68. represent, 69. potent



70. a di\_\_\_\_l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
71. complete a pr\_\_\_\_pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
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74. jo\_\_r costume *n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild
75. mo\_\_\_\_nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
76. de\_\_t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
77. ma\_\_\_\_an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 70. digital, 71. prototype, 72. spot, 73. evil, 74. joker, 75. monument, 76. detect, 77. magician

78. new design el\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
79. co\_\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
80. sig\_\_\_\_\_nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
81. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
82. di\_\_\_\_\_d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
83. bite his tongue li\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
84. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
85. the cy\_\_e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
86. ride the t\_\_e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
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ANSWERS: 78. element, 79. combine, 80. significance, 81. supernatural, 82. diamond, 83. literally, 84. germ, 85. cycle, 86. tide, 87. potent

88. the il\_\_\_\_on of being in the forest      *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
89. violent te\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
90. di\_\_\_\_ar after a week      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
91. e\_\_l ways      *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
92. mystical sig\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 88. illusion, 89. tempest, 90. disappear, 91. evil, 92. significance

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Red \_\_\_\_\_ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.  
*n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
  
2. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.  
*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
  
3. The children were delighted with the \_\_\_\_\_ clever tricks.  
*n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
  
4. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.  
*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
  
5. Children \_\_\_\_\_ language at a fantastic rate.  
*v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
  
6. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.  
*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
  
7. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 1. tide, 2. digital, 3. magician's, 4. recognize, 5. acquire, 6. detected, 7. warn

8. 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
9. It was a pure \_\_\_\_\_ that we met her in the library.
- n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
10. The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
11. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
12. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
13. His story was filled with obvious \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
14. The medicine has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on reducing inflammation.
- adj.* having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result

ANSWERS: 8. stick, 9. coincidence, 10. tempest, 11. diamond, 12. cycle, 13. exaggerations, 14. potent

15. Economic factors and monetary policy \_\_\_\_\_ inflation.  
*v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
16. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.  
*v.* to cease to exist or be visible
17. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.  
*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
18. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.  
*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
19. Different people might \_\_\_\_\_ this news differently.  
*v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
20. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial \_\_\_\_\_ of history.  
*n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
21. Natural selection is an essential \_\_\_\_\_ in Darwin's theory of evolution.  
*n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
22. The stone \_\_\_\_\_ was built to commemorate the war heroes.  
*n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
23. Ancient people felt mystified by the patterns on the \_\_\_\_\_ surface.  
*adj.* of or pertaining to the moon

ANSWERS: 15. augmented, 16. disappear, 17. magic, 18. symbol, 19. interpret, 20. phase, 21. element, 22. monument, 23. lunar

24. The flying car is presently in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage.  
*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
25. He could no longer tell the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and reality.  
*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.  
*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
27. \_\_\_\_\_ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.  
*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
28. She is the \_\_\_\_\_ president of the company.  
*adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
29. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
30. I used an iron \_\_\_\_\_ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.  
*n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
31. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.  
*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 24. prototype, 25. illusion, 26. curve, 27. Cyber, 28. virtual, 29. intense, 30. spade, 31. evil

32. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

33. The office clown constantly played the \_\_\_\_\_ making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.

- n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

35. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

36. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

- n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

37. She sat on the ship's \_\_\_\_\_ watching the sunset over the ocean.

- n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his discovery cannot be overstated.

- n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 32. represent, 33. joker, 34. supernatural, 35. spot, 36. mischief, 37. deck, 38. significance



39. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

40. Our team caught a \_\_\_\_\_ of the world-class technique in this game.

*n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

41. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

42. Six \_\_\_\_\_ are awaiting trial or verdict.

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

43. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

44. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ that he will survive?

*n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

45. He \_\_\_\_\_ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

*adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 39. Constant, 40. glimpse, 41. probable, 42. suits, 43. combine, 44. odds, 45. literally, 46. germ

ANSWERS: