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Session 1: Word List

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

pager

n. a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

synonym : beeper, pager device

(1) **pager** beep, (2) wireless **pager** service

The company provides all employees with a digital **pager** for emergency purposes.

tizzy

n. a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition

synonym : agitation, fuss, hysteria

(1) put the whole class in a **tizzy**, (2) get in a **tizzy**

The sudden change in plans threw him into a **tizzy**.

freckle

n. a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

synonym : spot, speck, beauty mark

(1) tiny **freckle**, (2) **freckle** cream

I have a **freckle** on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

fumble

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

synonym : botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder

The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym : slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

tang

n. a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound

synonym : flavor, taste, zest

(1) metallic **tang**, (2) the **tang** of a lemon

The **tang** of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

ballerina

n. a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

synonym : dancer, danseuse

(1) classical **ballerina**, (2) famous **ballerina**

The **ballerina's** graceful movements were a joy to watch.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their

relationship.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

saturate

v. to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed

synonym : drench, soak, immerse

(1) **saturate** the market, (2) **saturate** the cloth with water

To enhance the flavor, the chef decided to **saturate** the meat with a flavorful marinade.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

tuft

n. a small cluster or clump of something, typically hair, grass, or feathers, that stands upright and apart from the surrounding material

synonym : clump, bunch, cluster

(1) capillary **tuft**, (2) **tuft** of grass

The **tuft** of hair on the cat's head stood straight in alarm.

smirk

v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or

self-satisfied manner

synonym : grin, sneer, simper

(1) **smirk** confidently, (2) **smirk** after playing a prank

He couldn't help but **smirk** when he heard her absurd excuse.

eyelid

n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

synonym : lid, palpebra, shield

(1) **eyelid** twitch, (2) drooping **eyelid**

Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy **eyelids**.

loft

n. a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space

synonym : attic, garret, upper chamber

(1) **loft** apartment, (2) warehouse **loft**

The artist's **loft** was filled with natural light and creative energy.

creak

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

synonym : squeak, scream, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym : eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

grayscale

adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout

synonym : monochrome, black-and-white, gray

(1) website in **grayscale**, (2) **grayscale** printing

The doctor examined the patient's X-rays and noticed a **grayscale** image indicating a bone fracture.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym : crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth

and creamy.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym: course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

thumbtack

n. a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface

synonym: pushpin, tack, pin

(1) **thumbtack** art, (2) put up the flyer with a **thumbtack**

She organized her to-do list on a bulletin board using multiple **thumbtacks**.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr____d smile
adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
2. te____y people
v. to frighten someone very much
3. built-up m__t
n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
4. pl____on blooms
n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
5. ob_____ve thoughts
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
6. a racing pi____n
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
7. sa____te the cloth with water
v. to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed
8. gr_____le printing
adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout

ANSWERS: 1. crooked, 2. terrify, 3. mast, 4. plankton, 5. obsessive, 6. pigeon, 7. saturate, 8. grayscale

9. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
10. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
11. fr_____e cream *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
12. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
13. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
14. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
15. ey___d twitch *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
16. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
17. sm__k confidently *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

ANSWERS: 9. stride, 10. pigeon, 11. freckle, 12. obsession, 13. puzzling, 14. revisit, 15. eyelid, 16. mash, 17. smirk

18. tiny fr____e *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
19. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
20. sm__k after playing a prank *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
21. ra____e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
22. in____e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
23. ob____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
24. imp____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
25. pu____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
26. evening pr____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
27. th____ck art *n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface

ANSWERS: 18. freckle, 19. jealousy, 20. smirk, 21. ravage, 22. inhale, 23. obsession, 24. imperfectly, 25. puzzling, 26. promenade, 27. thumbtack

28. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
29. capillary t__t *n.* a small cluster or clump of something, typically hair, grass, or feathers, that stands upright and apart from the surrounding material
30. drooping ey___d *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
31. wax a ha____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
32. fu___e about in a bag *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
33. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
34. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
35. begin to cr__k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
36. shoes cr__k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

ANSWERS: 28. obsess, 29. tuft, 30. eyelid, 31. hallway, 32. fumble, 33. erupt, 34. erupt, 35. creak, 36. creak

37. the t__g of a lemon *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
38. l__t apartment *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
39. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
40. dy____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
41. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
42. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
43. deep-sea di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
44. sa____te the market *v.* to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed

ANSWERS: 37. tang, 38. loft, 39. stumble, 40. dynasty, 41. tack, 42. diver, 43. diver, 44. saturate

45. classical ba_____na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
46. pa__r beep *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
47. in___e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
48. put up the flyer with a th_____ck *n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface
49. t__t of grass *n.* a small cluster or clump of something, typically hair, grass, or feathers, that stands upright and apart from the surrounding material
50. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
51. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
52. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
53. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
54. potato m__h *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

ANSWERS: 45. ballerina, 46. pager, 47. inhale, 48. thumbtack, 49. tuft, 50. astronaut, 51. terrify, 52. jealousy, 53. emperor, 54. mash

55. curb our cr____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
56. cr____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
57. as____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
58. fu____e a grounder *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
59. metallic t__g *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
60. warehouse l__t *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
61. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
62. re____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
63. pl____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
64. the head of a ha____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
65. ob____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 55. craving, 56. craving, 57. astronaut, 58. fumble, 59. tang, 60. loft, 61. mast, 62. revisit, 63. plankton, 64. hallway, 65. obsessive

66. cr____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
67. wireless pa__r service *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
68. t__k to the refrigerator door *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
69. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
70. website in gr_____le *adj.* referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout
71. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

ANSWERS: 66. crooked, 67. pager, 68. tack, 69. promenade, 70. grayscale, 71. singe

72. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
73. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
74. ra___e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
75. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
76. cr__k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
77. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
78. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
79. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
80. during the Ming dy_____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
81. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
82. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
83. get in a ti__y *n.* a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition
84. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
85. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire

ANSWERS: 72. peel, 73. imperfectly, 74. ravage, 75. yell, 76. crank, 77. singe, 78. yell, 79. glide, 80. dynasty, 81. obsess, 82. stride, 83. tizzy, 84. glide, 85. emperor

86. famous ba_____na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
87. put the whole class in a ti__y *n.* a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition
88. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
89. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
90. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

ANSWERS: 86. ballerina, 87. tizzy, 88. peel, 89. stumble, 90. crank

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
2. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
3. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
4. The search and rescue team sent a team of _____ to search for the missing plane wreckage.
n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
5. The company provides all employees with a digital _____ for emergency purposes.
n. a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
6. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
7. The eagle gracefully _____ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
v. to move smoothly and effortlessly
8. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 1. singed, 2. obsession, 3. mast, 4. divers, 5. pager, 6. hallway, 7. glided, 8. terrify

9. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.
v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
10. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
11. The artist's _____ was filled with natural light and creative energy.
n. a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
12. The doctor examined the patient's X-rays and noticed a _____ image indicating a bone fracture.
adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout
13. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
14. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.
n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
15. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
16. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.
n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

ANSWERS: 9. inhaled, 10. Plankton, 11. loft, 12. grayscale, 13. imperfectly, 14. crank, 15. jealousy, 16. dynasty,

17. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.

n. the male ruler of an empire

18. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

19. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

20. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

21. The _____ of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.

n. a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound

22. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

23. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

24. The sudden change in plans threw him into a _____.

n. a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition

ANSWERS: 17. Emperor, 18. obsessed, 19. strides, 20. puzzling, 21. tang, 22. erupted, 23. crooked, 24. tizzy

25. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period
26. He couldn't help but _____ when he heard her absurd excuse.
- v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
27. Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy _____.
- n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
28. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
29. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
- v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
30. The receiver _____ the ball, and the other team recovered it.
- v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
31. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
- adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
32. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
- n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 25. revisit, 26. smirk, 27. eyelids, 28. yelled, 29. peeled, 30. fumbled, 31. obsessive, 32. pigeon

33. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
34. The _____ graceful movements were a joy to watch.
- n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
35. I have a _____ for nicotine.
- n.* a strong desire of wanting something
36. I need to change the _____ of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.
- n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
37. The _____ of hair on the cat's head stood straight in alarm.
- n.* a small cluster or clump of something, typically hair, grass, or feathers, that stands upright and apart from the surrounding material
38. She _____ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
39. She organized her to-do list on a bulletin board using multiple _____.
- n.* a small, pointed pin used to fasten paper or other materials to a corkboard or other surface

ANSWERS: 33. promenade, 34. ballerina's, 35. craving, 36. tack, 37. tuft, 38. stumbled, 39. thumbtacks

40. The door _____ when I opened it slowly.

- v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

41. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

- v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

42. I have a _____ on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

- n. a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

43. To enhance the flavor, the chef decided to _____ the meat with a flavorful marinade.

- v. to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed

44. A large fire _____ the forest.

- v. to cause damage to something badly

45. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

- n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 40. creaked, 41. mashed, 42. freckle, 43. saturate, 44. ravaged, 45. astronaut