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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### abrupt

*adj.* sudden and unexpected

*synonym*: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

### odorless

*adj.* without a smell or scent; lacking any noticeable or distinct odor

*synonym*: scentless, fragrance-free, unscented

(1) **odorless** gas, (2) **odorless** chemicals

The **odorless** cleaning product is safe to use in enclosed spaces.

### tasteless

*adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety

*synonym*: bland, flavorless, insipid

(1) **tasteless** joke, (2) **tasteless** food

The bright pink flamingos seemed **tasteless** decorations for the traditional wedding ceremony.

### poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym*: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

## wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym*: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym*: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

## contaminate

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym*: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

**elicit**

*v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

**feces**

*n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

*synonym*: poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

**rot**

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym*: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

**anecdote**

*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

*synonym*: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

**savage**

*adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

*synonym*: brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

**squeamish**

*adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

*synonym*: delicate, queasy

(1) **squeamish** reaction, (2) avoid **squeamish** topics

She's a bit **squeamish** when it comes to handling raw meat.

## courtship

*n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship

*synonym* : romance, wooing, lovemaking

(1) traditional **courtship**, (2) romantic **courtship**

The movie depicts an old-fashioned **courtship** between the two main characters.

## jettison

*v.* to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something

*synonym* : discard, dump, unload

(1) **jettison** cargo, (2) **jettison** old habits

The spaceship had to **jettison** some of its fuel to lighten its weight for liftoff.

## slimy

*adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime

*synonym* : slippery, mucky, mucous

(1) **slimy** substance, (2) **slimy** green algae

The **slimy** texture of the seafood dish made me feel queasy.

## monotonous

*adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

*synonym* : tedious, dull, boring

(1) **monotonous** routine, (2) **monotonous** job

The **monotonous** task of data entry required intense concentration.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah

every year.

## untouchable

*adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

*synonym*: unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

## tainted

*adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

*synonym*: spoiled, contaminated, infected

(1) **tainted** soil, (2) **tainted** reputation

The meat had to be thrown out because it was **tainted** with bacteria.

## louse

*n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

*synonym*: bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

## beard

*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

*synonym*: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

## filthy

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

*synonym*: dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained

carpets.

## protruding

*adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit

*synonym*: jutting, sticking out, protrusion

(1) **protruding** object, (2) **protruding** tongue

The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from **protruding** beams or wires.

## immoral

*adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

*synonym*: unethical, wicked, corrupt

(1) **immoral** behavior, (2) politically **immoral**

It is **immoral** to cheat on a test.

## vile

*adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

*synonym*: disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

## vomit

*v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

*synonym*: puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

## sow

*v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

*synonym*: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

## wallow

*v.* to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is

seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior

*synonym* : indulge, bask, immerse

(1) emotional **wallow**, (2) **wallow** in self-pity

After a long day, I like to **wallow** in a hot bath to relax my muscles.

## situ

*adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

*synonym* : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

## swat

*v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

*synonym* : slap, smack, hit

(1) expertly **swat** back the ball, (2) **SWAT** operation

I had to **swat** away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

## arouse

*v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

*synonym* : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

## conservatism

*n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

*synonym* : traditionalism, preservation

(1) fiscal **conservatism**, (2) **conservatism** party

**Conservatism** in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

## hypnotic

*adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

*synonym* : soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

## wary

*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

*synonym* : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

## swine

*n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

*synonym* : pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

## sanitize

*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

*synonym* : clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

## babysitter

*n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

*synonym* : childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced



### **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

### **cuddle**

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

*synonym*: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

### **abhorrent**

*adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable

*synonym*: repugnant, detestable, hateful

(1) **abhorrent** act of violence, (2) **abhorrent** remarks

The government's treatment of refugees is **abhorrent** and violates basic human rights.

### **ingest**

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

*synonym*: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_w wheat in a field  
*v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
2. public di\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
3. sexual pr\_\_\_\_ors  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
4. r\_t with age  
*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
5. sl\_\_y green algae  
*adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime
6. v\_\_e language  
*adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
7. od\_\_\_\_ss gas  
*adj.* without a smell or scent; lacking any noticeable or distinct odor
8. ta\_\_\_\_d reputation  
*adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
9. ar\_\_\_e suspicion  
*v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
10. ab\_\_\_\_\_nt act of violence  
*adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable
11. vo\_\_t after ingesting  
*v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

ANSWERS: 1. sow, 2. disgust, 3. predator, 4. rot, 5. slimy, 6. vile, 7. odorless, 8. tainted, 9. arouse, 10. abhorrent, 11. vomit

12. sq\_\_\_\_\_sh reaction *adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior
13. sa\_\_\_e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
14. fi\_\_\_y streets *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
15. emotional wa\_\_\_w *v.* to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior
16. po\_\_\_\_\_us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
17. mild hy\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
18. traditional co\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
19. fiscal con\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

ANSWERS: 12. squeamish, 13. savage, 14. filthy, 15. wallow, 16. poisonous, 17. hypnotic, 18. courtship, 19. conservatism

20. personal an\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
21. cu\_\_\_e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
22. sa\_\_\_\_\_ze the kitchen *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
23. romantic co\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
24. od\_\_\_\_\_ss chemicals *adj.* without a smell or scent; lacking any noticeable or distinct odor
25. fi\_\_\_y language *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
26. cu\_\_\_e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
27. show di\_\_\_\_\_t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
28. ab\_\_\_t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
29. unt\_\_\_\_\_le authority *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

ANSWERS: 20. anecdote, 21. cuddle, 22. sanitize, 23. courtship, 24. odorless, 25. filthy, 26. cuddle, 27. disgust, 28. abrupt, 29. untouchable

30. shave my be\_\_d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
31. apex pr\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
32. con\_\_\_\_\_te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
33. hy\_\_\_\_ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
34. pro\_\_\_\_\_ng tongue *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
35. sl\_\_y substance *adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime
36. need a trustworthy bab\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
37. politically im\_\_\_\_l *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
38. s\_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
39. el\_\_t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
40. unt\_\_\_\_\_le caste *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

ANSWERS: 30. beard, 31. predator, 32. contaminate, 33. hypnotic, 34. protruding, 35. slimy, 36. babysitter, 37. immoral, 38. sow, 39. elicit, 40. untouchable

41. in\_\_\_t medication      *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
42. sa\_\_\_\_\_ze surfaces      *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
43. speak in an ab\_\_\_t manner      *adj.* sudden and unexpected
44. a black be\_\_d      *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
45. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
46. expertly s\_\_t back the ball      *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
47. S\_\_T operation      *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

ANSWERS: 41. ingest, 42. sanitize, 43. abrupt, 44. beard, 45. wrinkle, 46. swat, 47. swat

48. im\_\_\_\_l behavior *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
49. experienced bab\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
50. je\_\_\_\_on old habits *v.* to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something
51. Je\_\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
52. sw\_\_\_\_e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
53. a w\_\_\_\_y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
54. reply in a sa\_\_\_\_e voice *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
55. ta\_\_\_\_ss joke *adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety
56. ab\_\_\_\_nt remarks *adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable
57. lo\_\_\_\_e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
58. in\_\_\_\_t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 48. immoral, 49. babysitter, 50. jettison, 51. Jewish, 52. swine, 53. wary, 54. savage, 55. tasteless, 56. abhorrent, 57. louse, 58. ingest

59. ta\_\_\_\_\_ss food *adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety
60. fe\_\_s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
61. po\_\_\_\_\_us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
62. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
63. ex-s\_\_u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
64. v\_\_e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
65. wa\_\_\_w in self-pity *v.* to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior
66. a fine wr\_\_\_\_\_e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
67. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 59. tasteless, 60. feces, 61. poisonous, 62. rot, 63. situ, 64. vile, 65. wallow, 66. wrinkle, 67. intuition



68. funny an\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
69. mon\_\_\_\_\_us job *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
70. con\_\_\_\_\_te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
71. human fe\_\_s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
72. pro\_\_\_\_\_ng object *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
73. w\_\_y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
74. el\_\_\_t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
75. con\_\_\_\_\_ism party *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
76. pubic lo\_\_e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
77. avoid sq\_\_\_\_\_sh topics *adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 68. anecdote, 69. monotonous, 70. contaminate, 71. feces, 72. protruding, 73. wary, 74. elicit, 75. conservatism, 76. louse, 77. squeamish

78. vo\_\_t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
79. mon\_\_\_\_\_us routine *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
80. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
81. ta\_\_\_\_\_d soil *adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
82. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
83. je\_\_\_\_\_on cargo *v.* to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something
84. in\_\_\_\_\_on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
85. sw\_\_e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
86. ar\_\_\_e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

ANSWERS: 78. vomit, 79. monotonous, 80. Jewish, 81. tainted, 82. situ, 83. jettison, 84. intuition, 85. swine, 86. arouse

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After a long day, I like to \_\_\_\_\_ in a hot bath to relax my muscles.  
*v.* to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior
  
2. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.  
*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
  
3. The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from \_\_\_\_\_ beams or wires.  
*adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
  
4. The animal was injured and became \_\_\_\_\_ attacking anyone who approached.  
*adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
  
5. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to cheat on a test.  
*adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
  
6. People who compulsively \_\_\_\_\_ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.  
*v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
  
7. The farmer raises \_\_\_\_\_ on his farm for the market.  
*n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

ANSWERS: 1. wallow, 2. wrinkle-proof, 3. protruding, 4. savage, 5. immoral, 6. ingest, 7. swine

8. The movie depicts an old-fashioned \_\_\_\_\_ between the two main characters.
- n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
9. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
10. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ a response from them yet?
- v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
11. His voice had a \_\_\_\_\_ quality for me.
- adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
12. Some species of \_\_\_\_\_ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
- adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
13. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
14. The bright pink flamingos seemed \_\_\_\_\_ decorations for the traditional wedding ceremony.
- adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety

ANSWERS: 8. courtship, 9. louse, 10. elicited, 11. hypnotic, 12. poisonous snakes, 13. vomit, 14. tasteless

15. He grew a thick \_\_\_\_\_ to change his appearance.

*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

16. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

17. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

*adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

19. The government's treatment of refugees is \_\_\_\_\_ and violates basic human rights.

*adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable

20. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of meeting new people because of past experiences.

*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

21. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

22. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ with my dog on the couch after a long day.

*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

ANSWERS: 15. beard, 16. disgust, 17. sanitize, 18. vile, 19. abhorrent, 20. wary, 21. intuitions, 22. cuddle

23. \_\_\_\_\_ in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.
- n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ task of data entry required intense concentration.
- adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
25. Melanoma in \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
26. The sudden, \_\_\_\_\_ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.
- adj.* sudden and unexpected
27. Proper disposal of \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.
- n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
28. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
29. The spaceship had to \_\_\_\_\_ some of its fuel to lighten its weight for liftoff.
- v.* to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something
30. She's a bit \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to handling raw meat.
- adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 23. Conservatism, 24. monotonous, 25. situ, 26. abrupt, 27. feces, 28. Jewish, 29. jettison, 30. squeamish

31. She entertained the guests with \_\_\_\_\_ about her travels and experiences.  
*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
32. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.  
*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
33. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
34. We strive not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.  
*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
35. Our regular \_\_\_\_\_ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.  
*n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
36. She carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the seeds in the garden.  
*v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
37. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
38. The wealthy elite in society often feels \_\_\_\_\_ and above the law.  
*adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

ANSWERS: 31. anecdotes, 32. filthy, 33. rot, 34. contaminate, 35. babysitter, 36. sowed, 37. predator's, 38. untouchable

39. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

- v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ cleaning product is safe to use in enclosed spaces.

- adj.* without a smell or scent; lacking any noticeable or distinct odor

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ texture of the seafood dish made me feel queasy.

- adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime

42. The meat had to be thrown out because it was \_\_\_\_\_ with bacteria.

- adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

43. The rousing speech by the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the audience to action.

- v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

ANSWERS: 39. swat, 40. odorless, 41. slimy, 42. tainted, 43. aroused