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Session 1: Word List

clamp

- v. to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

synonym: fasten, secure, hold tight

(1) **clamp** down on extremism, (2) **clamp** coupling

He used a wrench to **clamp** down the pipes tightly.

devote

- v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym : idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym : halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal

I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

synonym : child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

reconstitute

v. to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again

synonym : reform, revive, renew

(1) **reconstitute** an image, (2) **reconstitute** old memories

The dry soup mix was **reconstituted** by adding hot water.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

suggestive

adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

synonym : evocative, allusive, provocative

(1) **suggestive** gesture, (2) **suggestive** image

The **suggestive** artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.

permutation

n. the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects

synonym : variation, transformation, alteration

(1) **permutation** formula, (2) **permutation** test

Scientists study the **permutations** of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym : three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

hotshot

n. a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart

synonym: ace, expert, superstar

(1) marketing **hotshot**, (2) **hotshot** athlete

The **hotshot** detective quickly solved the case, impressing even his jaded colleagues.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

presto

adv. in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

synonym: quickly, instantly, rapidly

(1) change **presto**, (2) poco **presto**

He performed the magic trick **presto**, and the rabbit disappeared.

waylay

- v. to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm

synonym: ambush, trap, intercept

(1) **waylay** a tourist, (2) **waylay** a delivery

The thief tried to **waylay** unsuspecting pedestrians in the dark alley.

squint

- v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism

synonym: squinch, peer, glare

(1) **squint** against the sun, (2) **squint** at the radar screen

I had to **squint** my eyes to read the small print on the menu.

distillation

- n. the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

synonym: distilling, extracting, purification

(1) steam **distillation**, (2) alcohol **distillation**

The process of **distillation** is used to purify water and other substances.

intrigue

- v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

Ottoman

- n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym : Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym : break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

clandestine

adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

synonym : secret, hidden, covert

(1) non- **clandestine** expenses, (2) a **clandestine** location

The spy carried out the mission in a **clandestine** manner.

sultan

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

synonym : emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

kindle

v. to start a fire; to light

synonym : ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

sensual

adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

synonym : sensuous, hedonistic, pleasure-seeking

(1) **sensual** appeal, (2) speak in a **sensual** tone

The room was filled with the **sensual** aroma of incense and flowers.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

pungent

adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste

synonym: sharp, acrid, biting

(1) **pungent** criticism, (2) **pungent** taste

The **pungent** aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

velum

n. a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions

synonym: soft palate, sail, veil

(1) **velum** surface, (2) soft **velum**

The surgeon pointed out the **velum** tissue in the MRI,

explaining its significance.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: strive, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

climactic

adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

synonym: pivotal, critical, decisive

(1) **climactic** chapter, (2) **climactic** moment

The **climactic** battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

horde

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

synonym: crowd, swarm, mass

(1) **horde** of attackers, (2) the **horde** of shoppers

The **horde** of zombies was approaching quickly.

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.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

placeholder

n. a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution

synonym: temporary, substitute, fill-in

(1) data **placeholder**, (2) **placeholder** image

The **placeholders** in the presentation allowed for easy customization of the information.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

Session 2: Spelling

1. f_r branch
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
2. sc___h any further debate
v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
3. sq___t against the sun
v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
4. el_____e a close relationship
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
5. ex_____e in popularity
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
6. the ho__e of shoppers
n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
7. data pla_____er
n. a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution

ANSWERS: 1. fir, 2. scotch, 3. squint, 4. elevate, 5. explode, 6. horde, 7. placeholder

8. cl__p down on extremism *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
9. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
10. st____le a motorcycle *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
11. ot____n furniture *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
12. in____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
13. reh____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 8. clamp, 9. writ, 10. straddle, 11. Ottoman, 12. intrigue, 13. rehabilitate

14. alcohol dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
15. electronic bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
16. family me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
17. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
18. Ot_____n Empire *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
19. sc____h the deal *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

ANSWERS: 14. distillation, 15. blackboard, 16. memoir, 17. staircase, 18. Ottoman, 19. scotch

20. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
21. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
22. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
23. per_____on test *n.* the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects
24. poco pr___o *adv.* in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly
25. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
26. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
27. complete mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

ANSWERS: 20. rehabilitate, 21. intrigue, 22. rag, 23. permutation, 24. presto, 25. typography, 26. elevate, 27. moron

28. cl_____ic chapter *adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
29. Ottoman su____n *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
30. speak in a se_____l tone *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
31. soft ve__m *n.* a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions
32. 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
33. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
34. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
35. ki___e a passion *v.* to start a fire; to light

ANSWERS: 28. climactic, 29. sultan, 30. sensual, 31. velum, 32. germ, 33. dinosaur, 34. deconstruct, 35. kindle

45. pu____t criticism *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
46. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
47. cl_____ic moment *adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
48. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
49. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
50. ho_____t athlete *n.* a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
51. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
52. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
53. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
54. steam dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
55. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
56. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 45. pungent, 46. devote, 47. climactic, 48. coworker, 49. hopeless, 50. hotshot, 51. hopeless, 52. shepherd, 53. threefold, 54. distillation, 55. prehistoric, 56. unheard

57. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
58. pla_____er image *n.* a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution
59. se_____l appeal *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
60. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
61. pen_____in sensitivity testing *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
62. ho__e of attackers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
63. non-cla_____ne expenses *adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
64. teenage yo_____er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
65. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
66. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 57. explode, 58. placeholder, 59. sensual, 60. sniff, 61. penicillin, 62. horde, 63. clandestine, 64. youngster, 65. threefold, 66. devote

67. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
68. chalk on a bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
69. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
70. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
71. sug_____ve image *adj.* evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message
72. wa____y a tourist *v.* to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm
73. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
74. marketing ho_____t *n.* a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
75. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 67. typography, 68. blackboard, 69. memoir, 70. sniff, 71. suggestive, 72. waylay, 73. penicillin, 74. hotshot, 75. unheard

76. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
77. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
78. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
79. 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
80. a be___n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
81. a cla_____ne location *adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
82. the su___n's throne *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
83. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
84. change pr___o *adv.* in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly
85. cl__p coupling *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

ANSWERS: 76. coworker, 77. fir, 78. staircase, 79. germ, 80. benign, 81. clandestine, 82. sultan, 83. prehistoric, 84. presto, 85. clamp

86. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
87. pu____t taste *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
88. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
89. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
90. ve__m surface *n.* a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions
91. sh____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
92. social mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
93. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
94. rec_____ute an image *v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again

ANSWERS: 86. rag, 87. pungent, 88. deconstruct, 89. benign, 90. velum, 91. shepherd, 92. moron, 93. dinosaur, 94. reconstitute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The room was filled with the _____ aroma of incense and flowers.
adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
2. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
3. I had to _____ my eyes to read the small print on the menu.
v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
4. The thief tried to _____ unsuspecting pedestrians in the dark alley.
v. to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm
5. The _____ of zombies was approaching quickly.
n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
6. The surgeon pointed out the _____ tissue in the MRI, explaining its significance.
n. a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions
7. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 1. sensual, 2. dinosaur, 3. squint, 4. waylay, 5. horde, 6. velum, 7. hopeless

8. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
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9. The little _____ couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.
- n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
10. The internet troll accused her of being a _____ for her political views.
- n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
11. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
12. The _____ detective quickly solved the case, impressing even his jaded colleagues.
- n.* a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
13. I need to _____ these rumors before they spread any further.
- v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
14. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
- adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 8. deconstruct, 9. youngster, 10. moron, 11. shepherd's, 12. hotshot, 13. scotch, 14. benign,

15. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.
n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
16. Scientists study the _____ of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.
n. the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects
17. The _____ battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.
adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
18. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
19. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
20. The smell of fresh _____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
21. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
22. The spy carried out the mission in a _____ manner.
adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

ANSWERS: 15. penicillin, 16. permutations, 17. climactic, 18. sniff, 19. rehabilitate, 20. fir, 21. unheard, 22. clandestine

23. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.

adj. three times as great or as many

24. He performed the magic trick _____ and the rabbit disappeared.

adv. in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

25. The _____ in the presentation allowed for easy customization of the information.

n. a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution

26. We had to _____ the fallen tree to cross the river.

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

27. He used a wrench to _____ down the pipes tightly.

v. to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

28. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

29. 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: 23. threefold, 24. presto, 25. placeholders, 26. straddle, 27. clamp, 28. rag, 29. germ

30. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.
- n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
31. The teacher asked me to rub out the _____.
- n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
32. The _____ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.
- n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
33. The dry soup mix was _____ by adding hot water.
- v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again
34. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.
- n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
35. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
36. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
37. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.
- n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 30. memoirs, 31. blackboard, 32. sultan's, 33. reconstituted, 34. Ottoman, 35. writ, 36. exploded, 37. staircase

38. The _____ aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste

39. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

40. He _____ a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

v. to start a fire; to light

41. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

42. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

43. The process of _____ is used to purify water and other substances.

n. the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

44. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

45. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

ANSWERS: 38. pungent, 39. devoted, 40. kindled, 41. intrigues, 42. typography, 43. distillation, 44. elevates, 45. prehistorical

46. The _____ artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.

adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

47. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 46. suggestive, 47. coworker