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Session 1: Word List

shanty

n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

synonym : shack, hut, cabin

(1) **shanty-style** lodging, (2) makeshift **shanty**

The beach **shanty** provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

lagoon

n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

synonym : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

synergy

n. the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

synonym : cooperation, collaboration, partnership

(1) **synergy** collaboration, (2) **synergy** between businesses

The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee **synergy**.

paddle

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

synonym: oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

artisan

n. a skilled craftsman or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft

synonym: craftsman, hand crafter, maker

(1) **artisan** bakery, (2) talented **artisan**

She is known in the community as a skilled **artisan** in pottery.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

scavenge

v. to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

synonym: search, scrounge, rummage

(1) **scavenge** for food, (2) **scavenge** for iron scraps

The raccoon **scavenged** through the garbage cans in search of food.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

aboveboard

adj. open, honest, and without deception or dishonesty; done or conducted in a transparent and straightforward manner

synonym : honest, sincere, fair

(1) **aboveboard** negotiations, (2) an **aboveboard** approach
The dealer guarantees an **aboveboard** sale with no hidden fees or conditions.

self-reliant

adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

synonym : independent, self-sufficient, autonomous

(1) **self-reliant** person, (2) **self-reliant** community

After moving to a new city, she became more **self-reliant** and learned to navigate the streets independently.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

cucumber

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

(1) a **cucumber** face mask, (2) several varieties of **cucumbers**

I like to slice **cucumber** and put it on my sandwiches.

relish

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
synonym : enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite

He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

unregulated

adj. not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system

synonym : uncontrolled, unmonitored, unbridled

(1) **unregulated** market, (2) **unregulated** off-shore fishing

Without regulations, the industry is **unregulated** and potentially dangerous.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

sausage

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

synonym : bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

phalanx

n. a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal

synonym : formation, array, army

(1) finger **phalanx**, (2) finger **phalanx**

The soldiers marched in a **phalanx** formation, ready for battle.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

amorous

adj. showing or expressing romantic or sexual desire; inclined or disposed to love

synonym : romantic, passionate, loving

(1) **amorous** affair, (2) **amorous** advances

They shared an **amorous** glance before kissing passionately.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

kiosk

n. a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area

synonym : booth, stand, counter

(1) outdoor **kiosk**, (2) information **kiosk**

I ordered some snacks at the **kiosk** before boarding my flight.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

overage

adj. exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected

synonym: superannuated, over-the-hill, outdated

(1) **overage** policy, (2) **overage** charges

The **overage** fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.

retool

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

synonym: revamp, remodel, adapt

(1) **retool** a strategy, (2) **retool** a business

We need to **retool** our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym: used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

eddy

n. a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current

synonym: whirlpool, vortex, swirl

(1) **eddy** of water, (2) **eddy** of leaves

Unfortunately, the swirling **eddy** in the river made it difficult to swim.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is

naming

synonym: misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

downside

n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

synonym: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

vowel

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

synonym: letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

cologne

n. a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

synonym: perfume, scent, fragrance

(1) **cologne** smell, (2) **cologne** bottle

He brought back a bottle of **cologne** from France as a souvenir.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

synonym : proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

fudge

n. a sweet candy made of sugar, butter, and milk or cream; an act of adjusting, manipulating, or distorting something to make it more favorable or acceptable; (verb) to manipulate or alter something deceptively or dishonestly, especially data or information

synonym : candy, confection, fakery

(1) chocolate **fudge**, (2) **fudge** the truth during the interview

The movie was a complete **fudge** and a waste of time.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

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.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

- flea** *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
synonym : pulex, siphonaptera, biter
(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation
The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
- secondly** *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently
(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important
Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.
- anarchist** *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
synonym : nihilist, syndicalist, agitator
(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group
The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.
- barter** *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
synonym : trade, exchange, swap
(1) **barter** system, (2) a **barter** economy
The farmers engaged in **barter** to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
2. outdoor ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
3. several varieties of cu_____ers *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
4. co_____e smell *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
5. la___n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
6. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
7. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
8. ov_____e charges *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected

ANSWERS: 1. gamble, 2. kiosk, 3. cucumber, 4. cologne, 5. lagoon, 6. bribe, 7. confer, 8. overage

9. re___h my food *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
10. eva_____al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
11. co_____e bottle *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
12. am_____s advances *adj.* showing or expressing romantic or sexual desire; inclined or disposed to love
13. unr_____ed market *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
14. a ba___r economy *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
15. re___l a strategy *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
16. pi___e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 9. relish, 10. evangelical, 11. cologne, 12. amorous, 13. unregulated, 14. barter, 15. retool, 16. pickle

17. unr_____ed off-shore fishing *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
18. an_____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
19. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
20. finger ph_____x *n.* a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal
21. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
22. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
23. ov_____e policy *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
24. pi____e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 17. unregulated, 18. anarchist, 19. egalitarian, 20. phalanx, 21. conceive, 22. egalitarian, 23. overage, 24. pickle

25. a mi____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
26. do____de of globalization *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
27. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
28. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
29. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
30. a cu____er face mask *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
31. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
32. vo__l chart *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
33. sh____y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

ANSWERS: 25. misnomer, 26. downside, 27. canoe, 28. secondly, 29. bribe, 30. cucumber, 31. hawk, 32. vowel, 33. shanty

34. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. sy_____y collaboration *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
36. talented ar_____n *n.* a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
37. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
38. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
39. ar_____n bakery *n.* a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
40. e__y of leaves *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
41. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 34. intellect, 35. synergy, 36. artisan, 37. secondhand, 38. hawk, 39. artisan, 40. eddy, 41. overtake

42. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
43. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
44. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
45. ca___e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
46. 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
47. information ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
48. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
49. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
50. sc_____ge for iron scraps *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
51. sel_____ant community *adj.* able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

ANSWERS: 42. secondhand, 43. blacksmith, 44. gamble, 45. canoe, 46. germ, 47. kiosk, 48. confer, 49. secondly, 50. scavenge, 51. self-reliant

52. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
53. pa___e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
54. canoe pa___e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
55. technical mi_____er *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
56. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
57. sy_____y between businesses *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
58. fu__e the truth during the interview *n.* a sweet candy made of sugar, butter, and milk or cream; an act of adjusting, manipulating, or distorting something to make it more favorable or acceptable; (verb) to manipulate or alter something deceptively or dishonestly, especially data or information
59. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
60. vo__l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 52. intellect, 53. paddle, 54. paddle, 55. misnomer, 56. flea, 57. synergy, 58. fudge, 59. conceive, 60. vowel

61. e__y of water *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
62. abo_____rd negotiations *adj.* open, honest, and without deception or dishonesty; done or conducted in a transparent and straightforward manner
63. German sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
64. re___l a business *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
65. makeshift sh___y *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
66. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
67. eva_____al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
68. sel_____ant person *adj.* able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

ANSWERS: 61. eddy, 62. aboveboard, 63. sausage, 64. retool, 65. shanty, 66. blacksmith, 67. evangelical, 68. self-reliant

69. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
70. beef sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
71. major do_____de *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
72. chocolate fu__e *n.* a sweet candy made of sugar, butter, and milk or cream; an act of adjusting, manipulating, or distorting something to make it more favorable or acceptable; (verb) to manipulate or alter something deceptively or dishonestly, especially data or information
73. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
74. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
75. ba___r system *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

ANSWERS: 69. flea, 70. sausage, 71. downside, 72. fudge, 73. anarchist, 74. incubator, 75. barter

76. la___n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
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81. re___h every bite *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
82. sc_____ge for food *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
83. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 76. lagoon, 77. overtake, 78. aboveboard, 79. germ, 80. amorous, 81. relish, 82. scavenge, 83. incubator

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He brought back a bottle of _____ from France as a souvenir.
n. a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
2. The name "killer whale" is a _____ as they rarely attack humans.
n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
3. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.
adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
4. The eggs were placed in an artificial _____ to ensure proper hatching conditions.
n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
5. The mother sliced off a piece of _____.
n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
6. The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. cologne, 2. misnomer, 3. egalitarian, 4. incubator, 5. sausage, 6. synergy

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8. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
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- n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
11. They shared an _____ glance before kissing passionately.
- adj. showing or expressing romantic or sexual desire; inclined or disposed to love
12. The _____ fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.
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13. The dealer guarantees an _____ sale with no hidden fees or conditions.
- adj. open, honest, and without deception or dishonesty; done or conducted in a transparent and straightforward manner
14. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 7. gamble, 8. confer, 9. retool, 10. canoe, 11. amorous, 12. overage, 13. aboveboard, 14. hawk

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- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
19. The soldiers marched in a _____ formation, ready for battle.
- n.* a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal
20. She is known in the community as a skilled _____ in pottery.
- n.* a skilled craftsman or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
21. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

ANSWERS: 15. barter, 16. self-reliant, 17. pickle, 18. bribe, 19. phalanx, 20. artisan, 21. conceive

22. Without regulations, the industry is _____ and potentially dangerous.
adj. not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
23. The _____ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.
adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
24. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
25. The _____ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.
n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
26. Unfortunately, the swirling _____ in the river made it difficult to swim.
n. a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
27. The _____ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.
n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
28. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the _____ sounds.
n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 22. unregulated, 23. evangelical, 24. flea-borne, 25. paddle, 26. eddy, 27. downside, 28. vowel

29. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
30. The mangroves around the _____ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem
- n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
31. I ordered some snacks at the _____ before boarding my flight.
- n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
32. The beach _____ provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.
- n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
33. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
- v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
34. The movie was a complete _____ and a waste of time.
- n.* a sweet candy made of sugar, butter, and milk or cream; an act of adjusting, manipulating, or distorting something to make it more favorable or acceptable; (verb) to manipulate or alter something deceptively or dishonestly, especially data or information
35. The raccoon _____ through the garbage cans in search of food.
- v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

ANSWERS: 29. intellect, 30. lagoon, 31. kiosk, 32. shanty, 33. overtake, 34. fudge, 35. scavenged

36. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
37. He _____ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
38. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else
39. I like to slice _____ and put it on my sandwiches.
n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
40. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
41. 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
42. The event pretty much converted him from his _____ views.
n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 36. blacksmith, 37. relished, 38. secondhand, 39. cucumber, 40. secondly, 41. germ, 42. anarchist