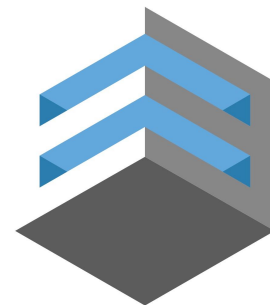


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Session 1: Word List

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym : tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym : move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym :

cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

brad

n. a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together

synonym: nail, pin, tack

(1) **brad** nail, (2) **brad** fastener

I picked up a box of **brads** from the hardware store for my weekend project.

poise

n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

synonym: confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance
I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
synonym: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
synonym : improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

morgue

n. a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

synonym : mortuary, funeral home, charnel house

(1) clinical **morgue**, (2) overcrowded **morgue**

The attendant at the **morgue** was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

tamp

v. to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor

synonym : press, compact, ram

(1) **tamp** down fighting, (2) **tamp** tobacco into a pipe

Be sure to **tamp** down the soil around the newly planted tree to secure it in place.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym : mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

stormwater

n. water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems

synonym : rainwater, runoff, drainage

(1) **stormwater** management, (2) **stormwater** runoff

The **stormwater** drainage system must be improved to prevent flooding in the neighborhood.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
synonym : astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat
The amount of money required was **staggering**.

levee

n. an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

synonym : dike, embankment, floodwall

(1) **levee** protection, (2) **levee** breach

The concrete **levee** protects from the rising river during floods.

takeoff

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

synonym : leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

outfall

n. the place where a body of water, such as a river or sewer, discharges or flows out into another body of water, typically a larger one like a lake or sea; the act of flowing out or the point of release for wastewater or other fluids

synonym : outflow, discharge, effluent

(1) tidal **outfall**, (2) sewage **outfall**

The wastewater treatment plant malfunctioned, causing a toxic **outfall** into the nearby river.

seawater

n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

synonym : saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

retrofit

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

synonym : backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym : embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

grate

n. a metal frame or screen with parallel bars used to cover an opening or to hold fuel for a fire; a surface with parallel ridges or grooves used for grating food or other

materials

synonym : frame, shredder, rasp

(1) cheese **grate**, (2) fireplace **grate**

The hiker's boots caught on the **grate**, causing him to stumble.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

uncharted

adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

synonym : unknown, unexplored, undiscovered

(1) **uncharted** wilderness, (2) **uncharted** waters

The explorer ventured into **uncharted** territory, not knowing what to expect.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
2. devastating cy____e *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
3. b__d nail *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
4. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
5. a sta_____ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
6. tidal ou_____l *n.* the place where a body of water, such as a river or sewer, discharges or flows out into another body of water, typically a larger one like a lake or sea; the act of flowing out or the point of release for wastewater or other fluids
7. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. aft, 2. cyclone, 3. brad, 4. hillside, 5. staggering, 6. outfall, 7. sect

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| 8. de_____te an area | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 9. ma_____ft shelter | <i>adj.</i> serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised |
| 10. sta_____ng number | <i>adj.</i> so shocking as to stun or overwhelm |
| 11. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 12. hi_____de landscape | <i>n.</i> the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline |
| 13. un_____ed wilderness | <i>adj.</i> not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action |
| 14. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 15. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 16. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 17. re_____k a marketing plan | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 18. se_____er pollution | <i>n.</i> water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals |
| 19. sk_____e view | <i>n.</i> the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance |
| 20. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |

ANSWERS: 8. devastate, 9. makeshift, 10. staggering, 11. bury, 12. hillside, 13. uncharted, 14. industrious, 15. bury, 16. industrious, 17. rethink, 18. seawater, 19. skyline, 20. ancestor

21. se____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
22. strong se____l *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
23. fireplace gr__e *n.* a metal frame or screen with parallel bars used to cover an opening or to hold fuel for a fire; a surface with parallel ridges or grooves used for grating food or other materials
24. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
25. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
26. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
27. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 21. seawall, 22. seawall, 23. grate, 24. catastrophic, 25. gulf, 26. sect, 27. gulf

28. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
29. b__d fastener *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
30. overcrowded mo____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
31. co____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
32. en____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
33. ma____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
34. cheese gr__e *n.* a metal frame or screen with parallel bars used to cover an opening or to hold fuel for a fire; a surface with parallel ridges or grooves used for grating food or other materials
35. el____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
36. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 28. empower, 29. brad, 30. morgue, 31. conserve, 32. envision, 33. mangrove, 34. grate, 35. electrify, 36. passe

37. un_____ed waters *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
38. le__e protection *n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding
39. ta_____f run *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
40. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
41. aesthetic po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
42. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
43. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
44. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
45. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
46. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
47. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
48. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 37. uncharted, 38. levee, 39. takeoff, 40. replicate, 41. poise, 42. outweigh, 43. sew, 44. skyline, 45. recede, 46. catastrophic, 47. rethink, 48. livelihood

49. ou____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
50. with easy po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
51. t__p tobacco into a pipe *v.* to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor
52. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
53. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
54. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
55. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
56. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
57. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
58. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
59. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 49. outweigh, 50. poise, 51. tamp, 52. makeshift, 53. sew, 54. arctic, 55. electrify, 56. passe, 57. aft, 58. resilient, 59. resilient

60. vertical ta____f *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
61. sto_____er management *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
62. sto_____er runoff *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
63. ev_____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
64. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
65. a hasty te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
66. re_____te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
67. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
68. re____e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward

ANSWERS: 60. takeoff, 61. stormwater, 62. stormwater, 63. evacuate, 64. mangrove, 65. temper, 66. replicate, 67. temper, 68. recede

69. sewage ou____l *n.* the place where a body of water, such as a river or sewer, discharges or flows out into another body of water, typically a larger one like a lake or sea; the act of flowing out or the point of release for wastewater or other fluids
70. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
71. se____er bacteria *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
72. en____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
73. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
74. means to co____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
75. t__p down fighting *v.* to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor
76. re____it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
77. re____it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
78. liv____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 69. outfall, 70. creditor, 71. seawater, 72. envision, 73. creditor, 74. conserve, 75. tamp, 76. retrofit, 77. retrofit, 78. livelihood

79. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
80. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
81. le__e breach *n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding
82. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
84. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
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86. cy_____e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
87. clinical mo____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

ANSWERS: 79. opportune, 80. empower, 81. levee, 82. opportune, 83. ancestor, 84. devastate, 85. evacuate, 86. cyclone, 87. morgue

88. high ar___c

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 88. arctic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our aircraft is now ready for _____.
n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

2. The attendant at the _____ was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.
n. a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

3. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

4. The concrete _____ protects from the rising river during floods.
n. an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

5. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

6. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

7. I picked up a box of _____ from the hardware store for my weekend project.
n. a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together

ANSWERS: 1. takeoff, 2. morgue, 3. conserve, 4. levee, 5. electrify, 6. mangrove, 7. brads

8. The beachfront property owners installed a _____ to protect their homes from the rising tides.
- n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
9. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
10. A _____ may involve putting in new door jambs.
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11. The hiker's boots caught on the _____ causing him to stumble.
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ANSWERS: 8. seawall, 9. hillside, 10. retrofit, 11. grate, 12. replicated, 13. poise, 14. temper

15. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
16. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
17. The king's political power _____ even further.
v. to pull back or move away or backward
18. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
19. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
20. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
21. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
22. The _____ strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.
n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 15. outweigh, 16. envision, 17. receded, 18. livelihood, 19. Gulf, 20. resilient, 21. empowered, 22. cyclone's

23. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
24. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
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25. The desalination plant turned _____ into drinking water through a complex process.
n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
26. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
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27. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
28. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. The explorer ventured into _____ territory, not knowing what to expect.
adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
30. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 23. sect, 24. bury, 25. seawater, 26. creditor, 27. devastate, 28. opportune, 29. uncharted, 30. rethink

31. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
32. The _____ drainage system must be improved to prevent flooding in the neighborhood.
n. water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
33. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
34. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
35. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
36. Be sure to ____ down the soil around the newly planted tree to secure it in place.
v. to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor
37. The town was forced to _____ due to the hurricane approaching.
v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
38. The team set up a _____ tent for shelter during the storm.
adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

ANSWERS: 31. ancestor, 32. stormwater, 33. sew, 34. skyline, 35. aft, 36. tamp, 37. evacuate, 38. makeshift

39. The wastewater treatment plant malfunctioned, causing a toxic _____ into the nearby river.

n. the place where a body of water, such as a river or sewer, discharges or flows out into another body of water, typically a larger one like a lake or sea; the act of flowing out or the point of release for wastewater or other fluids

40. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

41. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

42. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

43. The amount of money required was _____.

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

44. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 39. outfall, 40. passe, 41. industrious, 42. catastrophic, 43. staggering, 44. arctic