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## Session 1: Word List

### uneducated

*adj.* lacking knowledge or education

*synonym*: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

### glitter

*v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

*synonym*: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

### consummate

*adj.* complete or perfect in every aspect; supremely skilled or accomplished; (verb) to bring to a state of perfection or completion

*synonym*: experienced, perfect, flawless

(1) **consummate** professional, (2) **consummate** a transaction

Their wedding was a **consummate** display of elegance and love.

## entourage

*n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

*synonym* : retinue

(1) presidential **entourage**, (2) member of his **entourage**

The politician and his **entourage** arrived half an hour late.

## confiscate

*v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

*synonym* : seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

## relentless

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym* : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

## dropout

*n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

*synonym* : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

## formidable

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

*synonym* : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

## 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.

### cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

### acclaim

*n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

*synonym*: praise, admiration, welcome

(1) **acclaim** the winner, (2) treated with royal **acclaim**

The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread **acclaim** from the theater community.

### imprint

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

*synonym*: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

### abacus

*n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations

*synonym*: bead frame, counting frame

(1) **abacus** calculations, (2) wooden **abacus** beads

The child was learning how to use an **abacus** in her math class.

### tease

*v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair

by combing

*synonym*: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

## 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.

## fascination

*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

*synonym*: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

## intensify

*v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

*synonym*: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

## profess

*v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

*synonym*: declare, claim, confess

(1) **profess** innocence, (2) **profess** law

He **professes** his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.

## shroud

*n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures

something else, often used metaphorically

*synonym*: cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

## proprietor

*n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

*synonym*: owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

## cathedral

*n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

*synonym*: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

## lowly

*adj.* characterized by a humble or modest status or position; of low rank, social class, or importance

*synonym*: humble, modest, unassuming

(1) **lowly** position, (2) **lowly** origins

The protagonist in the novel was a **lowly** servant who rose to prominence through a series of unexpected events.

## ascent

*n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

*synonym*: climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

## decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

*synonym*: break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

## standalone

*adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

(1) **standalone** application, (2) **standalone** approach

We never prescribe medication as a **standalone** treatment.

## emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

*synonym*: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

## spontaneously

*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

*synonym*: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

## spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

*synonym*: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

## mentality

*n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions

*synonym* : mindset, intellect, brainpower

(1) criminal **mentality**, (2) self-improvement **mentality**

Her positive **mentality** helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## maze

*n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

*synonym* : labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

## pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym* : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## victorious

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

*synonym* : triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

## numeracy

*n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications

*synonym* : numerical ability, math proficiency, math skills

(1) basic **numeracy**, (2) **numeracy** test results

**Numeracy** skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym* : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## obsess

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

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

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

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

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym* : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay



the **app's** release.

## rearrange

*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

*synonym*: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule  
Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

## parallelogram

*n.* a four-sided geometric shape with opposite sides parallel to each other, characterized by its angles, sides, and area

*synonym*: rectangle, quadrangle, oblong

(1) base of **parallelogram**, (2) opposite angles of a **parallelogram**

In geometry class, we learned how to calculate the area of a **parallelogram**.

## transpose

*v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another

*synonym*: switch, invert, interchange

(1) **transpose** letters, (2) **transpose** data

We must **transpose** the melody from key C to key G for the singer.

## pastry

*n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

*synonym*: pastry, pie

(1) **pastry** face, (2) Cornish **pastry**

I plan to pick up a chicken **pastry** at that bakery on my way home from work.

## rectangle

*n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

*synonym* : oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

## generalization

*n.* the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual

*synonym* : stereotype, oversimplification, abstraction

(1) hasty **generalization**, (2) **generalization** of the problem

It's unfair to make a **generalization** about an entire group of people based on stereotypes.

## invariable

*adj.* unable to be changed or altered; always the same or consistent, with no variation or deviation

*synonym* : constant, unchanging, fixed

(1) **invariable** law, (2) **invariable** rule

The **invariable** smile on his face made him well-liked by everyone.

## graffiti

*n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

*synonym* : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

## preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym* : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. for\_\_\_\_\_le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
2. con\_\_\_\_\_te a transaction *adj.* complete or perfect in every aspect; supremely skilled or accomplished; (verb) to bring to a state of perfection or completion
3. em\_\_\_\_\_e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
4. DNA im\_\_\_\_\_t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
5. gl\_\_\_\_\_r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
6. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
7. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 1. formidable, 2. consummate, 3. emulate, 4. imprint, 5. glitter, 6. intellect, 7. obsess

8. de\_\_\_\_e his public image      *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
9. ca\_\_\_\_\_al school      *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
10. inv\_\_\_\_\_le law      *adj.* unable to be changed or altered; always the same or consistent, with no variation or deviation
11. te\_\_e wool      *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
12. treated with royal ac\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
13. ac\_\_\_\_\_m the winner      *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
14. lo\_\_y origins      *adj.* characterized by a humble or modest status or position; of low rank, social class, or importance
15. dr\_\_\_\_\_t student      *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
16. rapt in fas\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 8. degrade, 9. cathedral, 10. invariable, 11. tease, 12. acclaim, 13. acclaim, 14. lowly, 15. dropout, 16. fascination

17. rel\_\_\_\_\_ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
18. base of par\_\_\_\_\_ram *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with opposite sides parallel to each other, characterized by its angles, sides, and area
19. nu\_\_\_\_\_cy test results *n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
20. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
21. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
22. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
23. sta\_\_\_\_\_ne application *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
24. tr\_\_\_\_\_se data *v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another
25. hasty gen\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual

ANSWERS: 17. relentless, 18. parallelogram, 19. numeracy, 20. pilgrim, 21. profoundly, 22. victorious, 23. standalone, 24. transpose, 25. generalization

26. puzzle m\_\_e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
27. ca\_\_\_\_\_al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
28. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
29. wooden ab\_\_\_s beads *n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
30. for\_\_\_\_\_le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
31. pr\_\_\_h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
32. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
33. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
34. sp\_\_n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

ANSWERS: 26. maze, 27. cathedral, 28. degrade, 29. abacus, 30. formidable, 31. preach, 32. app, 33. empower, 34. spawn

35. gr\_\_\_\_\_ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
36. gen\_\_\_\_\_ion of the problem *n.* the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual
37. une\_\_\_\_\_ed society *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
38. sta\_\_\_\_\_ne approach *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
39. inv\_\_\_\_\_le rule *adj.* unable to be changed or altered; always the same or consistent, with no variation or deviation
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41. basic nu\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
42. pr\_\_\_\_\_s law *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

ANSWERS: 35. graffiti, 36. generalization, 37. uneducated, 38. standalone, 39. invariable, 40. consummate, 41. numeracy, 42. profess

43. un\_\_\_d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
44. shrine for pi\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
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46. con\_\_\_\_\_te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
47. de\_\_\_\_\_se into simpler molecules *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
48. orthogonal re\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
49. pa\_\_y face *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
50. presidential en\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
51. opposite angles of a  
par\_\_\_\_\_ram *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with opposite sides parallel to each other, characterized by its angles, sides, and area

ANSWERS: 43. unfold, 44. pilgrim, 45. mentality, 46. confiscate, 47. decompose, 48. rectangle, 49. pasty, 50. entourage, 51. parallelogram





63. lo\_\_y position *adj.* characterized by a humble or modest status or position; of low rank, social class, or importance
64. em\_\_\_\_\_e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
65. gl\_\_\_\_\_r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
66. Cornish pa\_\_y *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
67. spiritual as\_\_t *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
68. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
69. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
70. in\_\_\_\_\_fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
71. une\_\_\_\_\_ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
72. criminal me\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions

ANSWERS: 63. lowly, 64. emulate, 65. glitter, 66. pasty, 67. ascent, 68. profoundly, 69. empower, 70. intensify, 71. uneducated, 72. mentality

73. ab\_\_\_s calculations *n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
74. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
75. face rel\_\_\_\_\_ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
76. sh\_\_\_d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
77. con\_\_\_\_\_te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
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82. member of his en\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

ANSWERS: 73. abacus, 74. cofounder, 75. relentless, 76. shroud, 77. confiscate, 78. spontaneously, 79. profess, 80. maze, 81. rearrange, 82. entourage

83. sh\_\_\_d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
84. te\_\_e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
85. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
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87. tr\_\_\_\_\_se letters *v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another
88. the dr\_\_\_\_\_t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
89. this shift occurs spo\_\_\_\_\_sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
90. pro\_\_\_\_\_or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
91. the as\_\_\_t of a rocket *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

ANSWERS: 83. shroud, 84. tease, 85. intellect, 86. cofounder, 87. transpose, 88. dropout, 89. spontaneously, 90. proprietor, 91. ascent

92. un\_\_\_d the story                      *v.*    to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
93. copyright pro\_\_\_\_\_or            *n.*    a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
94. in\_\_\_\_\_fy a good relationship    *v.*    to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 92. unfold, 93. proprietor, 94. intensify

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread \_\_\_\_\_ from the theater community.
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.
  - n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
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  - adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
7. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
  - n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 1. acclaim, 2. app's, 3. Numeracy, 4. tease, 5. transpose, 6. relentless, 7. intellect

8. The salmon swims upstream to \_\_\_\_\_ in the place they were released.  
*v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
9. The lack of access to education has left many people \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* lacking knowledge or education
10. We never prescribe medication as a \_\_\_\_\_ treatment.  
*adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
11. The mountain range was a \_\_\_\_\_ obstacle for the hikers.  
*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
12. I plan to pick up a chicken \_\_\_\_\_ at that bakery on my way home from work.  
*n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
13. Please \_\_\_\_\_ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.  
*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
14. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.  
*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
15. The electrical cord \_\_\_\_\_ combusted.  
*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

ANSWERS: 8. spawn, 9. uneducated, 10. standalone, 11. formidable, 12. pasty, 13. rearrange, 14. degrade, 15. spontaneously

16. The pastor \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of forgiveness.  
*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ smile on his face made him well-liked by everyone.  
*adj.* unable to be changed or altered; always the same or consistent, with no variation or deviation
18. Her positive \_\_\_\_\_ helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.  
*n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
19. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.  
*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ troops marched back to their homeland.  
*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
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 \_\_\_\_\_ of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.  
*n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
23. I looked at the painting in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 16. preached, 17. invariable, 18. mentality, 19. unfolded, 20. victorious, 21. empowered, 22. proprietor, 23. fascination



24. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
25. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_ on the buildings downtown.
- n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
26. They intend to \_\_\_\_\_ the footsteps of successful software companies.
- v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
27. Her dress \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
28. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his brand logo on the product.
- v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
29. The security officer had to \_\_\_\_\_ the weapon from the suspect.
- v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
30. The protective \_\_\_\_\_ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.
- n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

ANSWERS: 24. decompose, 25. graffiti, 26. emulate, 27. glittered, 28. imprint, 29. confiscate, 30. shroud

31. In geometry class, we learned how to calculate the area of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a four-sided geometric shape with opposite sides parallel to each other, characterized by its angles, sides, and area
32. We got lost in the \_\_\_\_\_ of streets while exploring the city.
- n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
33. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.
- v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
36. The child was learning how to use an \_\_\_\_\_ in her math class.
- n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
37. Rebels have pledged to \_\_\_\_\_ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
38. It's unfair to make a \_\_\_\_\_ about an entire group of people based on stereotypes.
- n.* the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual

ANSWERS: 31. parallelogram, 32. maze, 33. obsessed, 34. cathedral's, 35. professes, 36. abacus, 37. intensify, 38. generalization

39. The living room had a \_\_\_\_\_ coffee table in the center of it.  
*n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
40. The protagonist in the novel was a \_\_\_\_\_ servant who rose to prominence through a series of unexpected events.  
*adj.* characterized by a humble or modest status or position; of low rank, social class, or importance
41. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.  
*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
42. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.  
*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
43. The politician and his \_\_\_\_\_ arrived half an hour late.  
*n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
44. Their wedding was a \_\_\_\_\_ display of elegance and love.  
*adj.* complete or perfect in every aspect; supremely skilled or accomplished; (verb) to bring to a state of perfection or completion
45. The hikers experienced a difficult \_\_\_\_\_ to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.  
*n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
46. The high school \_\_\_\_\_ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.  
*n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

ANSWERS: 39. rectangle-shaped, 40. lowly, 41. cofounder, 42. profoundly, 43. entourage, 44. consummate, 45. ascent, 46. dropout

47. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

- n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 47. pilgrims