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Session 1: Word List

fragrant

adj. having a pleasant or sweet-smelling scent; having an agreeable or strong aroma

synonym : aromatic, perfumed, scented

(1) **fragrant** flowers, (2) **fragrant** perfume

The **fragrant** aroma of fresh flowers filled the room.

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym : alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

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.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

eardrum

n. a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear

synonym : tympanum, auricular membrane, myringa

(1) burst **eardrum**, (2) protect **eardrum**

The loud noise ruptured my **eardrum**, and I had to go to the hospital.

cochlea

n. a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation

synonym : spiral organ, snail shell, inner ear

(1) **cochlea** spiral, (2) implanted **cochlea**

Damage to the **cochlea** can cause hearing loss or deafness.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

synonym : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective

manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

owl

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

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.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

acoustics

n. a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

(1) specialize in **acoustics**, (2) the engineer of **acoustics**

The physicist specializes in **acoustics**.

decibel

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

synonym : dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

pinnacle

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

synonym : summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

prelude

n. an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

synonym : introduction, opening, prologue

(1) **prelude** music, (2) ominous **prelude**

The book's introductory chapter provided a **prelude** to the rest of the story.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym: eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

randomize

v. to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random

synonym: scramble, shuffle, mix

(1) **randomize** variables, (2) **randomize** the order of the numbers

The study participants were **randomized** into two groups to control for bias.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

hypnotic

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

synonym: soothing, soporific, slumberous

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

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

timbre

n. the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other

synonym: resonance, tone, inflection

(1) the **timbre** of a musical sound, (2) the **timbre** of her soprano

His voice had a deep **timbre**.

cortical

adj. relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain

(1) **cortical** neurons, (2) **cortical** activity

The MRI showed activity in the **cortical** region of the patient's brain.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

exhume

v. to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light

synonym : unearth, disinter

(1) **exhume** remains, (2) **exhume** the past

The authorities had to **exhume** the body for further investigation into the cause of death.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

bulge

v. to protrude or extend outward

synonym: protrude, swell, expand

(1) **bulge** at the enterprise, (2) **bulge** with books

The muscles in his arm **bulged** as he lifted the heavyweights.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

overture

n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion

synonym: prelude, introduction, opening

(1) musical **overture**, (2) diplomatic **overture**

The orchestra began its performance with a stunning **overture** that set the tone for the rest of the concert.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym: infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

rehabilitate

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

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

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

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

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

unheard

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

synonym: unknown, obscure

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

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

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

heartwarming

adj. seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure

synonym: pleasant, exhilarating, inspiring

(1) **heartwarming** letter, (2) a **heartwarming** tale of love

We enjoyed the **heartwarming** hospitality of the host.

understate

v. to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense

synonym : downplay, underemphasize, minimize

(1) **understate** the cost, (2) deliberately **understate**

He tends to **understate** his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.

Session 2: Spelling

1. adjust the de_____l
n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
2. me_____al chemistry
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
3. co_____a spiral
n. a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation
4. ex_____e remains
v. to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
5. con_____ted leaving school
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
6. ra_____ze variables
v. to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
7. burst ea_____m
n. a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear
8. co_____al activity
adj. relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain

ANSWERS: 1. decibel, 2. medicinal, 3. cochlea, 4. exhume, 5. contemplate, 6. randomize, 7. eardrum, 8. cortical

9. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
10. autistic st____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
11. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
12. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
13. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
14. bu__e with books *v.* to protrude or extend outward
15. ha____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
16. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
17. con____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 9. infuse, 10. stimming, 11. owl, 12. distort, 13. annoy, 14. bulge, 15. hardwired, 16. funnel, 17. contemplate

18. oc___e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
19. a sy____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
20. au____ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
21. ha_____ed connection *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
22. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
23. architectural pi____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
24. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
25. oc___e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

ANSWERS: 18. octave, 19. symphony, 20. auditory, 21. hardwired, 22. mold, 23. pinnacle, 24. moth, 25. octave

26. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
27. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
28. reached the pi____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
29. phe____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
30. ominous pr____e *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
31. specialize in ac____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
32. ease her hea____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
33. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
34. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

ANSWERS: 26. imbue, 27. symphony, 28. pinnacle, 29. phenomenal, 30. prelude, 31. acoustics, 32. heartbreak, 33. medicinal, 34. siren

35. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
36. the ti___e of a musical sound *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments
sounds different from each other
37. ex___e the past *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
38. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
39. ti___e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
40. music au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
41. ra_____ze the order of the numbers *v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
42. co_____al neurons *adj.* relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain
43. a good au_____ry memory *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
44. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
45. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 35. writ, 36. timbre, 37. exhume, 38. profoundly, 39. tickle, 40. audition, 41. randomize, 42. cortical, 43. auditory, 44. heartbreak, 45. opportune

46. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
48. separatory fu___l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
49. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
50. bu__e at the enterprise *v.* to protrude or extend outward
51. implanted co_____a *n.* a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation
52. the ti___e of her soprano *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
53. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
54. hy_____ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

ANSWERS: 46. opportune, 47. mold, 48. funnel, 49. annoy, 50. bulge, 51. cochlea, 52. timbre, 53. excite, 54. hypnotic

55. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
56. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
57. diplomatic ov_____re *n.* an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
58. mild hy_____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
59. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
60. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
61. hea_____ing letter *adj.* seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure
62. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
63. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 55. medically, 56. siren, 57. overture, 58. hypnotic, 59. phenomenal, 60. excite, 61. heartwarming, 62. owl, 63. entitle

64. ane_____ia for surgery *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
65. de_____l level *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
66. pr_____e music *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
67. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
68. ti____e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
69. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
70. fr_____nt perfume *adj.* having a pleasant or sweet-smelling scent; having an agreeable or strong aroma
71. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
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73. the engineer of ac_____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

ANSWERS: 64. anesthesia, 65. decibel, 66. prelude, 67. unheard, 68. tickle, 69. entitle, 70. fragrant, 71. profoundly, 72. overture, 73. acoustics

74. a hea_____ing tale of love *adj.* seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure
75. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
76. in_____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
77. deliberately und_____te *v.* to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense
78. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
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82. dance au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
83. und_____te the cost *v.* to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense

ANSWERS: 74. heartwarming, 75. distort, 76. infuse, 77. understate, 78. testament, 79. writ, 80. fragrant, 81. eardrum, 82. audition, 83. understate

84. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
85. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
86. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
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92. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

ANSWERS: 84. rehabilitate, 85. stimming, 86. rehabilitate, 87. testament, 88. unheard, 89. moth, 90. imbue, 91. anesthesia, 92. medically

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His voice had a deep _____.
n. the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments
sounds different from each other
2. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
3. The _____ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.
adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
4. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
5. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
6. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
7. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.
v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
8. The loud noise ruptured my _____ and I had to go to the hospital.
n. a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear

ANSWERS: 1. timbre, 2. heartbreak, 3. auditory, 4. excited, 5. medicinal, 6. writ, 7. imbue, 8. eardrum,

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ANSWERS: 9. hardwired, 10. hypnotic, 11. stimming, 12. phenomenal, 13. rehabilitate, 14. pinnacle, 15. understate

16. The book's introductory chapter provided a _____ to the rest of the story.
- n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
17. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
18. The concert reached 100 _____ causing many people to cover their ears.
- n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
19. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.
- n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
20. The singer's range was impressive, covering three _____ with ease.
- n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
21. The _____ aroma of fresh flowers filled the room.
- adj.* having a pleasant or sweet-smelling scent; having an agreeable or strong aroma
22. The MRI showed activity in the _____ region of the patient's brain.
- adj.* relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain
23. The physicist specializes in _____.
- n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

ANSWERS: 16. prelude, 17. contemplated, 18. decibels, 19. anesthesia, 20. octaves, 21. fragrant, 22. cortical, 23. acoustics

24. We enjoyed the _____ hospitality of the host.

adj. seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure

25. The snowy ____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

26. The muscles in his arm _____ as he lifted the heavyweights.

v. to protrude or extend outward

27. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

28. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

29. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

30. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

31. The ____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

32. Damage to the _____ can cause hearing loss or deafness.

n. a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation

ANSWERS: 24. heartwarming, 25. owl, 26. bulged, 27. distort, 28. symphony, 29. annoy, 30. infused, 31. moth, 32. cochlea

33. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.

- n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

35. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

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

36. The authorities had to _____ the body for further investigation into the cause of death.

- v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light

37. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

- n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

38. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.

- n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

39. A decade ago, it was _____ impossible to cure this disease completely.

- adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

40. I heard the _____ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

- n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

ANSWERS: 33. funnel, 34. opportune, 35. profoundly, 36. exhume, 37. testament, 38. audition, 39. medically, 40. siren

41. The study participants were _____ into two groups to control for bias.
- v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
42. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
43. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
- v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
44. The orchestra began its performance with a stunning _____ that set the tone for the rest of the concert.
- n.* an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
45. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
46. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
- adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 41. randomized, 42. mold, 43. tickle, 44. overture, 45. entitled, 46. unheard