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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### matte

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

*synonym* : dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

### 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.

### camouflage

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

*synonym* : guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

### numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym* : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

## aristocracy

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

*synonym* : elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

## secrete

*v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something

*synonym* : excrete, seep, discharge

(1) **secrete** mucus, (2) **secrete** enzymes

The glands in the body **secrete** hormones that regulate various bodily functions.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym* :

neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

## 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.

## gore

*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;  
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

*synonym*: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

## deregulation

*n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

*synonym*: liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

## 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.

## capitol

*n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

*synonym*: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

**quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue  
*synonym* : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

**pathological** *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy  
*synonym* : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

**polarization** *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles  
*synonym* : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

**eradicate** *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad  
*synonym* : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

**polio** *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability  
*synonym* : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

## congressperson

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

*synonym*: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

## bureaucracy

*n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym*: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## Senate

*n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

*synonym*: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

## skepticism

*n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

*synonym*: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

## cynicism

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

*synonym*: distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

## solvable

*adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

*synonym*: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

## homophobia

*n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

*synonym*: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym*: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## republican

*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of

the Republican Party in the United States

*synonym*: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

## hopeless

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

*synonym*: despairing, helpless, futile

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

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

## scramble

*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

*synonym*: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

## pundit

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym*: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## cherish

*v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

*synonym*: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

## wrought

*adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

*synonym*: made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane  
He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought**  
by the war.

## **madam**

*n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

*synonym* : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

**Madam** President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?



## Session 2: Spelling

1. photo with a ma\_\_e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
2. q\_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
3. so\_\_\_\_\_le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
4. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
5. pat\_\_\_\_\_cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
6. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
7. po\_\_o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 1. matte, 2. quo, 3. solvable, 4. numb, 5. pathological, 6. homophobia, 7. polio

8. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. aviation der\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
10. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
12. an env\_\_\_\_\_ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
13. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
14. the nation's ca\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
15. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
16. intellectual cy\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
17. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 8. opportune, 9. deregulation, 10. numb, 11. humming, 12. environmentalist, 13. eradicate, 14. capitol, 15. humming, 16. cynicism, 17. hopeless

18. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. mathematically so\_\_\_\_\_le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
20. 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
21. Se\_\_\_\_e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
22. sports pu\_\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
23. natural ske\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
24. g\_\_e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
25. Ca\_\_\_\_\_l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
26. cy\_\_\_\_\_sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

ANSWERS: 18. opportune, 19. solvable, 20. understate, 21. Senate, 22. pundit, 23. skepticism, 24. gore, 25. capitol, 26. cynicism

27. se\_\_\_\_\_e enzymes                      *v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
28. sc\_\_\_\_\_le for support                      *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
29. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia awareness                      *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
30. member of the ari\_\_\_\_\_cy                      *n.* a group of persons with high social status
31. well-wr\_\_\_\_\_t steel                      *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
32. pat\_\_\_\_\_cal condition                      *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
33. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion                      *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
34. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker                      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. ch\_\_\_\_\_h a stuffed animal                      *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 27. secrete, 28. scramble, 29. homophobia, 30. aristocracy, 31. wrought, 32. pathological, 33. polarization, 34. industrious, 35. cherish

36. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
37. Rep\_\_\_\_\_an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
38. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
39. ma\_\_e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
40. Se\_\_\_e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
41. tragedy wr\_\_\_\_\_t by hurricane *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
42. cam\_\_\_\_\_ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
43. ske\_\_\_\_\_sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 36. congressperson, 37. republican, 38. polarization, 39. matte, 40. Senate, 41. wrought, 42. camouflage, 43. skepticism

44. rep\_\_\_\_\_an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
45. arbitrary bur\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
46. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
47. 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
48. the blue-blooded ari\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
49. work as cam\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
50. po\_\_o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
51. conservative pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

ANSWERS: 44. republican, 45. bureaucracy, 46. eradicate, 47. understate, 48. aristocracy, 49. camouflage, 50. polio, 51. pundit

52. ch\_\_\_\_h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
53. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
54. der\_\_\_\_ion of the economy *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
55. former con\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
56. status q\_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
57. ma\_\_m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
58. bip\_\_\_\_an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
59. government bur\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
60. ho\_\_\_\_ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 52. cherish, 53. industrious, 54. deregulation, 55. congressperson, 56. quo, 57. madam, 58. bipartisan, 59. bureaucracy, 60. hopeless

61. promote bip\_\_\_\_\_an cooperation      *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
62. se\_\_\_\_\_e mucus      *v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
63. g\_\_e scene      *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
64. in\_\_\_\_\_on research      *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
65. dedicated env\_\_\_\_\_ist      *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
66. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
67. dear ma\_\_m      *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
68. sc\_\_\_\_\_le my mind      *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 61. bipartisan, 62. secrete, 63. gore, 64. intuition, 65. environmentalist, 66. intuition, 67. madam, 68. scramble



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company has been successful in maintaining the status \_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
  
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*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
  
3. The glands in the body \_\_\_\_\_ hormones that regulate various bodily functions.  
*v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.  
*n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.  
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6. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite \_\_\_\_\_ with a software update.  
*adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
  
7. The government's \_\_\_\_\_ of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.  
*n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

ANSWERS: 1. quo, 2. eradicate, 3. secrete, 4. capitol, 5. environmentalist, 6. solvable, 7. deregulation

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*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
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10. Local business owners \_\_\_\_\_ to find skilled workers.  
*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
11. The legislation was passed with \_\_\_\_\_ support from both parties.  
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*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
15. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.  
*n.* a group of persons with high social status

ANSWERS: 8. matte, 9. skepticism, 10. scrambled, 11. bipartisan, 12. Senate, 13. cynicism, 14. humming, 15. aristocracy,

16. The bumbling \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.  
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17. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.  
*v.* to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense
18. Many \_\_\_\_\_ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.  
*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
19. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins \_\_\_\_\_ by the war.  
*adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
20. \_\_\_\_\_ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?  
*n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
21. The doctor was concerned that the patient's \_\_\_\_\_ fear of germs impacted their daily life.  
*adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
22. The political \_\_\_\_\_ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.  
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ANSWERS: 16. bureaucracy, 17. understate, 18. republican, 19. wrought, 20. Madam, 21. pathological, 22. pundit

23. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
24. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. She \_\_\_\_\_ the memories of her childhood.
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
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- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
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28. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
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29. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 23. homophobia, 24. opportune, 25. cherished, 26. polarization, 27. gored, 28. intuitions, 29. industrious

30. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.

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

31. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

32. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

33. They utilized branches of trees as \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 30. hopeless, 31. congressperson, 32. numb, 33. camouflage, 34. polio