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Session 1: Word List

coma

n. a state of prolonged unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness, during which a person is unresponsive and lacks awareness of their surroundings

synonym: unconsciousness, stupor, sleep

(1) medical **coma**, (2) medically-induced **coma**

Unfortunately, the accident left him in a deep **coma**.

idiopathy

n. a disease or medical condition that arises spontaneously or for which the cause is unknown; a condition or disorder that is peculiar to an individual or small group of individuals

synonym: disease, disorder, ailment

(1) the patient's case of **idiopathy**, (2) the **idiopathy** of her condition

As a medical researcher, he dedicated his career to understanding the causes of **idiopathy** in autoimmune diseases.

physic

n. a medicine or drug used to treat or alleviate illnesses; the practice of medicine or healing

synonym: medicine, remedy, treatment

(1) herbal **physic**, (2) **physic** garden

The doctor suggested a dose of **physic** to help with his

digestive issues.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

aria

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

synonym: song, melody, tune

(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**

The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

emphatic

adj. expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis

synonym: forceful, assertive, definite

(1) **emphatic** victory, (2) **emphatic** tone

The coach was **emphatic** in his instructions to the players before the big game.

obituary

n. a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death

synonym: death notice, memorial, necrology

(1) **obituary** notice, (2) **obituary** column

The man's **obituary** was published in the local newspaper.

passee

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym : beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym : crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

adoring

adj. showing great love, adoration, or admiration

synonym : affectionate, loving, fond

(1) **adoring** fans, (2) **adoring** smile

She looked at her husband with **adoring** eyes.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

conservatory

n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts

synonym: greenhouse, nursery, school

(1) **conservatory** of music, (2) **conservatory** plant

The **conservatory** program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.

vegan

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

sildenafil

n. a medication primarily used to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension sold under the brand name Viagra, which works by relaxing muscles and increasing blood flow to specific areas of the body

(1) **sildenafil** citrate, (2) **sildenafil** dosage

Some studies have explored **sildenafil** therapy as a potential treatment for certain heart conditions in addition to its use for erectile dysfunction.

catheter

n. a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure

synonym: tube, drainage tube, pipe

(1) insert **catheter**, (2) urinary **catheter**

After the surgery, the patient was required to wear a **catheter** for several days.

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.

godsend

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

synonym : blessing, gift, windfall

(1) **godsend** opportunity, (2) a **godsend** for farmers

The extra funding for the project was a **godsend** and allowed us to complete it on time.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

girdle

n. a belt or a band worn around the waist, often used for support or to shape or define the figure; a surrounding or enclosing structure or area

synonym : belt, strap, band

(1) decorative **girdle**, (2) exercise **girdle**

She wore a beautiful dress that cinched at the waist with a **girdle**.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

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

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

precipitate

v. to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process

synonym : hasten, accelerate, expedite

(1) **precipitate** a reaction, (2) **precipitate** a global energy crisis

The sudden rainstorm will **precipitate** flooding in low-lying areas.

aft

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

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

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

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

enthusiastically

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

synonym : fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss **enthusiastically**

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator
The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym: Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

edema

n. the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body's tissues, causing swelling and often resulting from an underlying medical condition or injury

synonym: swelling, hydrops, dropsy

(1) **edema** swelling, (2) pulmonary **edema**

The patient was diagnosed with peripheral **edema**, a tissue fluid build-up.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

flatline

v. to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

synonym : die, expire, pass away

(1) **flatline** over the past few quarters, (2) before the patient's heart **flatline**

The patient's heart rate suddenly **flatlined**, requiring immediate resuscitation.

quart

n. a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount

synonym : pint, liter, gallon

(1) **quart** bottle, (2) chilled **quart**

We must buy a **quart** of milk from the store before closing.

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.

oversize

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

synonym : large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain
A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

negate

v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

synonym : refuse, nullify, annul

(1) **negate** the possibility, (2) **negate** the existing system

Drinking may **negate** the beneficial effects of the drug.

preoccupied

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

synonym : absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**
My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

Session 2: Spelling

1. con_____ory plant *n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
2. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
3. dramatic a__a *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
4. pre_____ed with other things *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
5. herbal ph___c *n.* a medicine or drug used to treat or alleviate illnesses; the practice of medicine or healing
6. play with her ni___e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
7. ne___e the existing system *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
8. fl_____ne over the past few quarters *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
9. sil_____il citrate *n.* a medication primarily used to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension sold under the brand name Viagra, which works by relaxing muscles and increasing blood flow to specific areas of the body

ANSWERS: 1. conservatory, 2. infuse, 3. aria, 4. preoccupied, 5. physic, 6. niece, 7. negate, 8. flatline, 9. sildenafil

10. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
11. qu__t bottle *n.* a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount
12. ed__a swelling *n.* the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body's tissues, causing swelling and often resulting from an underlying medical condition or injury
13. ad____g fans *adj.* showing great love, adoration, or admiration
14. medically-induced c__a *n.* a state of prolonged unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness, during which a person is unresponsive and lacks awareness of their surroundings
15. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
16. have apo____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
17. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
18. tr____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

ANSWERS: 10. hive, 11. quart, 12. edema, 13. adoring, 14. coma, 15. agon, 16. apocalyptic, 17. broth, 18. trade-off

19. ne___e the possibility *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
20. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
21. urinary ca_____er *n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure
22. medical c__a *n.* a state of prolonged unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness, during which a person is unresponsive and lacks awareness of their surroundings
23. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
24. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
25. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
26. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
27. pre_____te a global energy crisis *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process

ANSWERS: 19. negate, 20. hunch, 21. catheter, 22. coma, 23. broth, 24. catastrophic, 25. passe, 26. thigh, 27. precipitate

28. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
29. Co_____an rites *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
30. ov_____ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
31. a__a singer *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
32. Co_____an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
33. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
34. exercise gi____e *n.* a belt or a band worn around the waist, often used for support or to shape or define the figure; a surrounding or enclosing structure or area
35. insert ca_____er *n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure
36. in____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
37. ov_____ze tire *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
38. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 28. catastrophic, 29. Confucian, 30. oversize, 31. aria, 32. Confucian, 33. perseverance, 34. girdle, 35. catheter, 36. infuse, 37. oversize, 38. commute

39. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
40. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
41. pre_____te a reaction *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
42. go_____d opportunity *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
43. the patient's case of id_____hy *n.* a disease or medical condition that arises spontaneously or for which the cause is unknown; a condition or disorder that is peculiar to an individual or small group of individuals
44. ob_____ry column *n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
45. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
46. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
47. honeybees in h__es *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

ANSWERS: 39. swoop, 40. medicinal, 41. precipitate, 42. godsend, 43. idiopathy, 44. obituary, 45. grit, 46. niece, 47. hive

48. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
49. the id_____hy of her condition *n.* a disease or medical condition that arises spontaneously or for which the cause is unknown; a condition or disorder that is peculiar to an individual or small group of individuals
50. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
51. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
52. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
53. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
54. decorative gi___e *n.* a belt or a band worn around the waist, often used for support or to shape or define the figure; a surrounding or enclosing structure or area
55. pre_____ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
56. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 48. agon, 49. idiopathy, 50. passe, 51. exacerbate, 52. deteriorate, 53. grit, 54. girdle, 55. preoccupied, 56. aft

57. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
58. con_____ory of music *n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
59. chilled qu__t *n.* a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount
60. em_____ic victory *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
61. ob_____ry notice *n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
62. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
63. discuss ent_____lly *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
64. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
65. ra___e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
66. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

ANSWERS: 57. singe, 58. conservatory, 59. quart, 60. emphatic, 61. obituary, 62. transcendent, 63. enthusiastically, 64. trade-off, 65. ravage, 66. singe

67. ent_____lly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
68. before the patient's heart fl_____ne *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
69. sil_____il dosage *n.* a medication primarily used to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension sold under the brand name Viagra, which works by relaxing muscles and increasing blood flow to specific areas of the body
70. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
71. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
72. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
73. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
74. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
75. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 67. enthusiastically, 68. flatline, 69. sildenafil, 70. deteriorate, 71. transcendent, 72. apocalyptic, 73. nephew, 74. thigh, 75. swoop

76. ph___c garden *n.* a medicine or drug used to treat or alleviate illnesses; the practice of medicine or healing
77. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
78. ra___e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
79. a go_____d for farmers *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
80. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
81. dogged per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
82. raw food ve__n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
83. pulmonary ed__a *n.* the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body's tissues, causing swelling and often resulting from an underlying medical condition or injury
84. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
85. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 76. physic, 77. medicinal, 78. ravage, 79. godsend, 80. hunch, 81. perseverance, 82. vegan, 83. edema, 84. exacerbate, 85. commute

86. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
87. nieces and ne___ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
88. ad_____g smile *adj.* showing great love, adoration, or admiration
89. em_____ic tone *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
90. ve__n lifestyle *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

ANSWERS: 86. aft, 87. nephew, 88. adoring, 89. emphatic, 90. vegan

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The study participants _____ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.
adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
2. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.
adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
3. The _____ program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.
n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
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ANSWERS: 1. enthusiastically, 2. transcendent, 3. conservatory, 4. ravaged, 5. sildenafil, 6. commute

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11. The doctor suggested a dose of _____ to help with his digestive issues.
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12. The patient's heart rate suddenly _____ requiring immediate resuscitation.
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- n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 7. precipitate, 8. girdle, 9. singed, 10. godsend, 11. physic, 12. flatlined, 13. grit

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v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
15. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
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17. He was _____ with work and didn't notice me.
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21. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

ANSWERS: 14. exacerbated, 15. niece, 16. adoring, 17. preoccupied, 18. idiopathy, 19. aft, 20. coma, 21. apocalyptic

22. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
- v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
23. The _____ jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.
- adj. larger than the normal or standard size
24. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
- v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
25. _____ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.
- adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
26. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
- v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
27. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
28. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 22. hunch, 23. oversize, 24. swooped, 25. Confucian, 26. deteriorated, 27. passe, 28. broth

29. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.
- n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
30. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
31. Drinking may _____ the beneficial effects of the drug.
- v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
32. After the surgery, the patient was required to wear a _____ for several days.
- n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure
33. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her _____ at the 20th mile.
- n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
34. The coach was _____ in his instructions to the players before the big game.
- adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
35. The soprano performed an emotional _____ that brought the audience to tears.
- n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
36. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
- v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

ANSWERS: 29. vegan, 30. agon, 31. negate, 32. catheter, 33. thigh, 34. emphatic, 35. aria, 36. infused

37. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
38. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n. a son of your brother or sister
39. The patient was diagnosed with peripheral _____ a tissue fluid build-up.
n. the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body's tissues, causing swelling and often resulting from an underlying medical condition or injury
40. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
41. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
42. The man's _____ was published in the local newspaper.
n. a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
43. We must buy a _____ of milk from the store before closing.
n. a unit of capacity or volume equal to two pints or approximately 0.946 liters; a container that holds such a specified amount
44. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.
n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

ANSWERS: 37. catastrophic, 38. nephew, 39. edema, 40. trade-off, 41. medicinal, 42. obituary, 43. quart, 44. perseverance

45. Bees were buzzing around the _____

- n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

ANSWERS: 45. hive