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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### upheaval

*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

*synonym* : disturbance, turmoil, convulsion

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

### gobble

*v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey

*synonym* : devour, gulp, swallow

(1) **gobble** down food, (2) **gobble** up the competition

I always **gobble** my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.

### irrevocably

*adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

*synonym* : decisively, permanently, definitely

(1) unconditionally and **irrevocably**, (2) change **irrevocably**  
The evolution of civilization has **irrevocably** improved the quality of human life.

## epicenter

*n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

*synonym*: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

## treble

*n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

*synonym*: soprano, triple, triad

(1) **treble** clef, (2) **treble** booster

The soprano singer hit a piercing **treble** note during the performance.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## staggering

*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

*synonym*: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

## 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**.

## instantaneous

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay;  
taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym*: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message  
The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

## superstorm

*n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

*synonym*: hurricane, cyclone, typhoon

(1) **superstorm** damage, (2) **superstorm** preparation  
The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the **superstorm**.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## 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.

## debunk

*v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless  
*synonym*: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory  
The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

## facto

*adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

*synonym* : actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

## Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym* : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## resign

*v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

*synonym* : quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## nod

*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

*synonym* : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously  
She **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

## rhythmic

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

*synonym*: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace  
The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

## deluge

*n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

*synonym*: flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire  
Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

## scrape

*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

*synonym*: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground  
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

## windy

*adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

*synonym*: airy, gusty, breezy

(1) **windy** hillside, (2) **windy** eloquence  
The weather is too **windy** for us to go on a boat ride.

## krill

*n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

*synonym*: shrimp, plankton, zooplankton

(1) eat **krill**, (2) Antarctic **krill**  
The decline in **krill** populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

## tungsten

*n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications

*synonym* : W, Wolfram

(1) **tungsten** carbide, (2) **tungsten** filament

**Tungsten** electrodes are used in welding applications due to their high melting point and conductivity

## thunderstorm

*n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

*synonym* : tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

## trickery

*n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

*synonym* : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

## flippant

*adj.* not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness

*synonym* : frivolous, careless, disrespectful

(1) **flippant** joke, (2) **flippant** attitude

He made **flippant** remarks during the serious meeting, which angered his colleagues.

## gruesome

*adj.* causing horror or disgust

*synonym* : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

## allegation

*n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

*synonym* : claim, assertion, declaration

(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption

The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.

## brotherhood

*n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

*synonym* : fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

## blasphemy

*n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

*synonym* : desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law

It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

## counter-claim

*n.* a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute

*synonym* : counter-allegation, rebuttal, defense

(1) make a **counter-claim**, (2) respond to a **counter-claim**

The defendant filed a **counter-claim** against the plaintiff.

## railing

*n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

*synonym* : banister, handrail, balustrade

(1) **railing** on the balcony, (2) wooden **railing**

The children held onto the **railing** tightly as they walked up

the steep staircase.

## truthful

*adj.* honest and telling the truth

*synonym* : honest, sincere, accurate

(1) **truthful** statement, (2) **truthful** person

She was **truthful** in her testimony, despite the pressure to lie.

## cubicle

*n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

*synonym* : compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

## sift

*v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

*synonym* : filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand

The search engine helps **sift** information.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym* : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. respond to a cou\_\_\_\_\_aim *n.* a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute
2. commit bl\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
3. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
4. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
5. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
6. s\_\_t the candidates *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
7. wi\_\_y hillside *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
8. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
9. fl\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude *adj.* not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness

ANSWERS: 1. counter-claim, 2. blasphemy, 3. smartphone, 4. instantaneous, 5. numb, 6. sift, 7. windy, 8. instinct, 9. flippant

10. tu\_\_\_\_en filament *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
11. ra\_\_\_\_g on the balcony *n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
12. up\_\_\_\_al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
13. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
14. chemical tr\_\_t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
15. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. fl\_\_\_\_nt joke *adj.* not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness
17. n\_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
18. eat kr\_\_l *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

ANSWERS: 10. tungsten, 11. railing, 12. upheaval, 13. tweet, 14. trait, 15. industrious, 16. flippant, 17. nod, 18. krill

19. severe thu\_\_\_\_\_orms *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
20. sup\_\_\_\_\_rm damage *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
21. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
22. camping cu\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
23. spirit of bro\_\_\_\_\_od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
24. bro\_\_\_\_\_od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
25. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
26. Ar\_\_\_c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
27. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 19. thunderstorm, 20. superstorm, 21. numb, 22. cubicle, 23. brotherhood, 24. brotherhood, 25. visualize, 26. Arabic, 27. tweet

28. make a cou\_\_\_\_\_aim                    *n.* a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute
29. all\_\_\_\_\_on of corruption            *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
30. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct                *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
31. tr\_\_\_\_\_ul statement                *adj.* honest and telling the truth
32. gr\_\_\_\_\_me accident                *adj.* causing horror or disgust
33. the big up\_\_\_\_\_al of my life        *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
34. wooden ra\_\_\_\_\_g                    *n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
35. go\_\_\_\_\_e up the competition        *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
36. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data                      *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
37. Antarctic kr\_\_\_l                        *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

ANSWERS: 28. counter-claim, 29. allegation, 30. instinct, 31. truthful, 32. gruesome, 33. upheaval, 34. railing, 35. gobble, 36. visualize, 37. krill

38. a de fa\_\_o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
39. cunning tr\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
40. sup\_\_\_\_rm preparation *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
41. re\_\_\_n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
42. get caught in the de\_\_\_e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
43. cu\_\_\_\_e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
44. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
45. a sta\_\_\_\_ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
46. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
47. tr\_\_\_e booster *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

ANSWERS: 38. facto, 39. trickery, 40. superstorm, 41. resign, 42. deluge, 43. cubicle, 44. aft, 45. staggering, 46. trait, 47. treble

48. baseless all\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
49. the ep\_\_\_\_\_er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
50. tu\_\_\_\_\_en carbide *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
51. go\_\_\_e down food *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
52. ep\_\_\_\_\_er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
53. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
54. bl\_\_\_\_\_my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
55. unconditionally and irr\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
56. wi\_\_y eloquence *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

ANSWERS: 48. allegation, 49. epicenter, 50. tungsten, 51. gobble, 52. epicenter, 53. industrious, 54. blasphemy, 55. irrevocably, 56. windy

57. ex post fa\_\_o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
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62. sc\_\_\_e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
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64. thu\_\_\_\_\_orm advisory *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
65. in a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
66. hear gr\_\_\_\_\_me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
67. Ar\_\_\_c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 57. facto, 58. resign, 59. truthful, 60. treble, 61. debunk, 62. scrape, 63. trickery, 64. thunderstorm, 65. rhythmic, 66. gruesome, 67. Arabic

68. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
69. sc\_\_\_e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
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74. a de\_\_\_e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
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ANSWERS: 68. smartphone, 69. scrape, 70. aft, 71. staggering, 72. instantaneous, 73. irrevocably, 74. deluge, 75. sift, 76. debunk, 77. nod, 78. rhythmic



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.  
*n.* a particular feature of your nature
  
2. The search engine helps \_\_\_\_\_ information.  
*v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
  
3. I worked in an office \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.  
*n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
  
4. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
  
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ quietly in response to the question.  
*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
  
6. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.  
*v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
  
7. The amount of money required was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
  
8. He made \_\_\_\_\_ remarks during the serious meeting, which angered his colleagues.  
*adj.* not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness

ANSWERS: 1. traits, 2. sift, 3. cubicle, 4. smartphones, 5. nodded, 6. gobble, 7. staggering, 8. flippant

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.  
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10. The soprano singer hit a piercing \_\_\_\_\_ note during the performance.  
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ANSWERS: 9. gruesome, 10. treble, 11. blasphemy, 12. superstorm, 13. facto, 14. upheaval, 15. deluge, 16. aft

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22. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.  
*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.  
*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
24. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in her testimony, despite the pressure to lie.  
*adj.* honest and telling the truth

ANSWERS: 17. trickery, 18. krill, 19. epicenter, 20. thunderstorms, 21. windy, 22. visualize, 23. rhythmic, 24. truthful

25. The myth was \_\_\_\_\_ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.  
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*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.  
*n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 25. debunked, 26. instantaneous, 27. counter-claim, 28. industrious, 29. Tungsten, 30. scraped, 31. brotherhood

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
- n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
33. I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
34. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
35. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
36. The children held onto the \_\_\_\_\_ tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.
- n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
37. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
38. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ from her position.
- v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

ANSWERS: 32. allegation, 33. Arabic, 34. instinct, 35. numb, 36. railing, 37. tweet, 38. resign

39. The evolution of civilization has \_\_\_\_\_ improved the quality of human life.  
*adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

ANSWERS: 39. irrevocably