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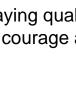
### Advanced Words Only

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## **Session 1: Word List**

| heroic     | <ul> <li>adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities<br/>appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and<br/>daring</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|--|--|
|            | synonym: brave, courageous, daring  |  |  |  |  |
|            | (1) a <b>heroic</b> poem, (2) <b>heroic</b> explorers   |  |  |  |  |
|            | The <b>heroic</b> actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.  |  |  |  |  |
| herculean  | <i>adj.</i> requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules             |  |  |  |  |
|            | synonym: challenging, formidable, strenuous   |  |  |  |  |
|            | (1) herculean effort, (2) make herculean progress   |  |  |  |  |
|            | Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be  |  |  |  |  |
|            | a <b>herculean</b> task.  |  |  |  |  |
| miraculous | <i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected <i>synonym</i> : amazing, astonishing, awesome  |  |  |  |  |
|            | (1) a <b>miraculous</b> encounter, (2) go through a <b>miraculous</b>   |  |  |  |  |
|            | change  |  |  |  |  |
|            | He made a <b>miraculous</b> recovery.   |  |  |  |  |
| Arthurian  | <i>adj.</i> relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him   |  |  |  |  |



|            | <ul><li>(1) the Arthurian cycle, (2) Arthurian romances</li><li>The Arthurian legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.</li></ul>  |
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| hiccup     | <ul> <li><i>n</i>. an involuntary movement of the muscles of the diaphragm and chest that causes a sudden intake of breath with a sound similar to a "hiccup"</li> <li><i>synonym</i>: hiccough</li> </ul>  |
|            | (1) stop my <b>hiccup</b> , (2) the cause of <b>hiccups</b>   |
|            | The <b>hiccups</b> lasted for hours and were driving him crazy.   |
| villain    | <ul> <li>a character in a story, movie, or play which often<br/>opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral,<br/>evil, or cruel</li> </ul>   |
|            | synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist   |
|            | (1) evil <b>villain</b> , (2) authoritarian <b>villain</b>  |
|            | The villain in the movie was a complex character with a   |
|            | tragic backstory.   |
| antagonist | <ul> <li>a person, group, or force that opposes or works against<br/>the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or<br/>drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or<br/>conflict with another person or group</li> <li>synonym: opponent, rival, adversary</li> </ul> |
|            | (1) arch-nemesis <b>antagonist</b> , (2) literary <b>antagonist</b>   |
|            | The <b>antagonist</b> in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.   |
| blacksmith | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil  |
|            | (1) blacksmith welding, (2) blacksmith shop   |
|            | The <b>blacksmith</b> shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.  |
| unwitting  | adj. without purpose or intent  |
| -          | synonym: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended   |
|            | (1) <b>unwitting</b> victims, (2) an <b>unwitting</b> mistake   |
|            | His rudeness was <b>unwitting</b> , not intentional.  |

| brainwash      | <ul> <li>v. to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology<br/>by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda</li> <li>synonym: indoctrinate, manipulate</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
|                | (1) <b>brainwash</b> consumers into buying, (2) <b>brainwash</b> young people into joining  |  |  |  |  |
|                | The cult leader tried to <b>brainwash</b> his followers into believing he was a god.  |  |  |  |  |
| populace       | <ul> <li>n. the general public; the common people of a community<br/>or society; the population at large</li> <li>synonym: public, citizens, community</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |
|                | (1) <b>populace</b> distribution, (2) urban <b>populace</b>   |  |  |  |  |
|                | The politician's speech resonated with the poor <b>populace</b> who felt neglected by the authorities.  |  |  |  |  |
| charisma       | <ul> <li>n. a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire<br/>devotion and admiration from others, often associated<br/>with leadership or celebrity status</li> <li>synonym: magnetism, allure, charm</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
|                | (1) crowd-pulling charisma, (2) natural charisma  |  |  |  |  |
|                | The politician's <b>charisma</b> won over the crowd at the rally.   |  |  |  |  |
| underdeveloped | <i>adj.</i> not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement   |  |  |  |  |
|                | synonym: unadvanced, immature, backward   |  |  |  |  |
|                | (1) an underdeveloped child, (2) remain underdeveloped  |  |  |  |  |
|                | Many people in underdeveloped countries need clean water  |  |  |  |  |
|                | or proper healthcare access.  |  |  |  |  |
| trait          | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature <i>synonym</i> : attribute, feature, quality  |  |  |  |  |
|                | (1) chemical trait, (2) personality traits  |  |  |  |  |
|                | Multiple genes may influence behavioral traits concurrently.  |  |  |  |  |
| inept          | adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy<br>synonym: incompetent, unskilled, clumsy   |  |  |  |  |

|               | (1) inept government, (2) socially inept  |
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|               | He was <b>inept</b> at handling the situation.  |
| unfold        | <ul> <li>v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or<br/>rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was<br/>previously hidden or unknown</li> <li>synonym: open, spread out, expose</li> </ul>                       |
|               | (1) <b>unfold</b> the story, (2) <b>unfold</b> the stroller   |
|               | The mystery <b>unfolded</b> as the detectives gathered more clues.  |
| accepting     | <i>adj.</i> willing to receive or to take something offered <i>synonym</i> : tolerant, open-minded, receptive   |
|               | <ul> <li>(1) accepting attitude, (2) accepting of diversity</li> <li>He was an accepting person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.</li> </ul>   |
| unquestioning | <ul> <li>adj. accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or<br/>doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge<br/>or question authority or beliefs</li> <li>synonym: uncritical, obedient, compliant</li> </ul> |
|               | (1) unquestioning acceptance, (2) unquestioning loyalty   |
|               | Her <b>unquestioning</b> obedience to her parents' rules sometimes led to trouble.  |
| outsider      | <ul> <li>a person who is not part of a particular group,<br/>community, or society; someone who is considered to<br/>be on the periphery or outside of established social<br/>circles</li> </ul>                                      |
|               | synonym: stranger, foreigner, alien   |
|               | (1) outsider perspective, (2) outsider artist   |
|               | Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an <b>outsider</b> at times.   |
| unwise        | <i>adj.</i> not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense  |

|             | <ul> <li>synonym: absurd, ill-advised, imprudent</li> <li>(1) unwise decision, (2) unwise strategy</li> <li>Ignoring warning signs of a potential health issue is unwise and can harm your health.</li> </ul>                                  |
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| oppress     | <ul> <li>v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way,<br/>especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights,<br/>etc. as other people</li> <li>synonym: antagonize, distress, burden</li> </ul>                                     |
|             | (1) <b>oppress</b> the minority, (2) <b>oppress</b> the people with force<br>Historically, many countries have often <b>oppressed</b> certain<br>religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.                              |
| oppressive  | <i>adj.</i> treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way <i>synonym</i> : stifling, overwhelming, depressing   |
|             | (1) the atmosphere was <b>oppressive</b> , (2) <b>oppressive</b>   |
|             | governments  |
|             | The political situation has become increasingly <b>oppressive</b> .  |
| impersonal  | <ul> <li>adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by<br/>personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to<br/>an object or concept rather than a specific person</li> <li>synonym: detached, unemotional</li> </ul> |
|             | (1) impersonal communication, (2) impersonal treatment   |
|             | The high-rise office building had an <b>impersonal</b> atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.  |
| resourceful | <ul> <li>adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems</li> <li>synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever</li> </ul>   |
|             | (1) resourceful thinker, (2) resourceful cook in town  |
|             | She was <b>resourceful</b> and found a solution to the problem on  |
|             | her own.   |
| outwit      | <ul> <li>v. to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by<br/>outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than<br/>someone else</li> </ul>   |

synonym: outsmart, outmaneuver, outfox (1) **outwit** a problem, (2) **outwit** his competitors He could **outwit** his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy. to surpass or exceed in terms of firepower, strength, or outgun v. resources; to overpower or outmatch in a competition or conflict synonym: outmatch, outsmart, outdo (1) **outgun** competitors, (2) **outgun** the enemy The powerful neighboring nation **outgunned** the small country. the act or art of narrating or writing stories storytelling n. synonym: narrating, relating, recounting (1) storytelling performance, (2) courtroom storytelling She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather ancestor n. synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor (1) ancestor language, (2) earliest human ancestor My remote ancestor immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s. *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or powerless affect change *synonym*: helpless, impotent, feeble (1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain. haunted *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

|             | <ul><li>(1) haunted house, (2) haunted by memories</li><li>The old mansion was known to be haunted, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.</li></ul>   |
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| campfire    | <ul> <li><i>n</i>. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire</li> <li><i>synonym</i>: bonfire, blaze, fire pit</li> </ul> |
|             | (1) <b>campfire</b> story, (2) roast marshmallows around the <b>campfire</b>  |
|             | We sat around the <b>campfire</b> and told stories late into the night.   |
| jealousy    | <ul> <li><i>n</i>. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire</li> <li><i>synonym</i>: envy, covetousness, resentment</li> </ul>                                     |
|             | <ol> <li>jealousy feeling towards another person, (2) burn with jealousy</li> </ol>   |
|             | His <b>jealousy</b> of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.   |
| self-doubt  | <i>n.</i> lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself <i>synonym</i> : insecurity, uncertainty, diffident  |
|             | (1) overcome <b>self-doubt</b> , (2) spiral of <b>self-doubt</b>  |
|             | I was filled with <b>self-doubt</b> .   |
| ineffectual | <i>adj.</i> lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose   |
|             | synonym: ineffective, futile, powerless   |
|             | (1) ineffectual attempt, (2) ineffectual policy   |
|             | The manager's <b>ineffectual</b> leadership led to decreased employee morale and productivity.  |
|             |   |

## **Session 2: Spelling**

| 1. | stop my hip       | n.   | an involuntary movement of the<br>muscles of the diaphragm and chest<br>that causes a sudden intake of breath<br>with a sound similar to a "hiccup"                          |
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| 2. | ouer artist       | n.   | a person who is not part of a particular<br>group, community, or society; someone<br>who is considered to be on the<br>periphery or outside of established<br>social circles |
| 3. | unqing acceptance | adj. | accepting, believing, or obeying without<br>hesitation or doubt; uncritical or<br>unthinking; not inclined to challenge or<br>question authority or beliefs                  |
| 4. | unqing loyalty    | adj. | accepting, believing, or obeying without<br>hesitation or doubt; uncritical or<br>unthinking; not inclined to challenge or<br>question authority or beliefs                  |
| 5. | ops the minority  | v.   | to treat people in a cruel and<br>authoritarian way, especially by denying<br>them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as<br>other people  |
| 6. | poce distribution | n.   | the general public; the common people<br>of a community or society; the<br>population at large   |
| 7. | an undped child   | adj. | not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement  |
| 8. | a hec poem        | adj. | courageous and daring; having or<br>displaying qualities appropriate for<br>legendary figures that is courage and<br>daring  |

ANSWERS: 1. hiccup, 2. outsider, 3. unquestioning, 4. unquestioning, 5. oppress, 6. populace, 7. underdeveloped, 8. heroic

| 9.  | une decision              | adj. | not sensible or prudent; likely to cause<br>harm or negative consequences;<br>lacking in good judgment or common<br>sense               |
|-----|---------------------------|------|---|
| 10. | ops the people with force | ν.   | to treat people in a cruel and<br>authoritarian way, especially by denying<br>them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as<br>other people   |
| 11. | urban poce                | n.   | the general public; the common people<br>of a community or society; the<br>population at large  |
| 12. | hean effort               | adj. | requiring great strength, effort, or<br>endurance; of or relating to the<br>legendary strength of the ancient Greek<br>hero Hercules    |
| 13. | socially int              | adj. | lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy   |
| 14. | ineal attempt             | adj. | lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose                 |
| 15. | int government            | adj. | lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy   |
| 16. | stoing performance        | n.   | the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |
| 17. | spiral of selbt           | n.   | lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself  |
| 18. | had by memories           | adj. | inhabited, visited, or frequented by<br>ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled<br>by persistent or disturbing memories or<br>emotions |

ANSWERS: 9. unwise, 10. oppress, 11. populace, 12. herculean, 13. inept, 14. ineffectual, 15. inept, 16. storytelling, 17. self-doubt, 18. haunted

| 19. overcome selbt                      | n.   | lack of confidence in one's abilities or<br>oneself  |
|---|------|--|
| 20. out his competitors                 | v.   | to defeat or overcome someone cleverly<br>or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be<br>more clever or cunning than someone<br>else                         |
| 21. had house                           | adj. | inhabited, visited, or frequented by<br>ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled<br>by persistent or disturbing memories or<br>emotions                  |
| 22. jesy feeling towards another person | n.   | a feeling of resentment or bitterness<br>towards someone because they have<br>something that you desire  |
| 23. crowd-pulling chma                  | n.   | a compelling charm or attractiveness<br>that can inspire devotion and admiration<br>from others, often associated with<br>leadership or celebrity status |
| 24. blath shop                          | n.   | a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil   |
| 25. burn with jesy                      | n.   | a feeling of resentment or bitterness<br>towards someone because they have<br>something that you desire  |
| 26. care story                          | n.   | an outdoor fire used for cooking,<br>warmth, or light, often made by camping<br>or in rural areas; a gathering or social<br>event around such a fire     |
| 27. resul cook in town                  | adj. | showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems   |

ANSWERS: 19. self-doubt, 20. outwit, 21. haunted, 22. jealousy, 23. charisma, 24. blacksmith, 25. jealousy, 26. campfire, 27. resourceful

| 28. acng attitude              | adj. | willing to receive or to take something offered  |
|--------------------------------|------|--|
| 29. hec explorers              | adj. | courageous and daring; having or<br>displaying qualities appropriate for<br>legendary figures that is courage and<br>daring  |
| 30. une strategy               | adj. | not sensible or prudent; likely to cause<br>harm or negative consequences;<br>lacking in good judgment or common<br>sense  |
| 31. personality trts           | n.   | a particular feature of your nature  |
| 32. resul thinker              | adj. | showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems   |
| 33. ouer perspective           | n.   | a person who is not part of a particular<br>group, community, or society; someone<br>who is considered to be on the<br>periphery or outside of established<br>social circles |
| 34. oun competitors            | v.   | to surpass or exceed in terms of<br>firepower, strength, or resources; to<br>overpower or outmatch in a competition<br>or conflict   |
| 35. brsh consumers into buying | v.   | to indoctrinate someone into a belief<br>system or ideology by means of<br>sustained persuasion or propaganda  |
| 36. Aran romances              | adj. | relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him  |
| 37. und the story              | v.   | to open up or spread out something that<br>is folded or rolled up; to reveal or<br>disclose something that was previously<br>hidden or unknown                               |

ANSWERS: 28. accepting, 29. heroic, 30. unwise, 31. trait, 32. resourceful, 33. outsider, 34. outgun, 35. brainwash, 36. Arthurian, 37. unfold

| 38. go through a mirus change      | adj. | very effective or lucky, or completely<br>unexpected  |
|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 39. und the stroller               | v.   | to open up or spread out something that<br>is folded or rolled up; to reveal or<br>disclose something that was previously<br>hidden or unknown  |
| 40. brsh young people into joining | v.   | to indoctrinate someone into a belief<br>system or ideology by means of<br>sustained persuasion or propaganda   |
| 41. blath welding                  | n.   | a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil  |
| 42. the Aran cycle                 | adj. | relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him   |
| 43. evil vin                       | n.   | a character in a story, movie, or play<br>which often opposes the hero, typically<br>characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel   |
| 44. unng victims                   | adj. | without purpose or intent   |
| 45. poss in the organization       | adj. | lacking power, strength, or authority;<br>unable to act or affect change  |
| 46. ineal policy                   | adj. | lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose   |
| 47. arch-nemesis antst             | n.   | a person, group, or force that opposes<br>or works against the protagonist, or the<br>main character, in a story or drama; a<br>person or thing that is in direct<br>opposition or conflict with another<br>person or group |
| 48. authoritarian vin              | n.   | a character in a story, movie, or play<br>which often opposes the hero, typically<br>characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel   |

ANSWERS: 38. miraculous, 39. unfold, 40. brainwash, 41. blacksmith, 42. Arthurian, 43. villain, 44. unwitting, 45. powerless, 46. ineffectual, 47. antagonist, 48. villain

| 49. out a problem            | v.   | to defeat or overcome someone cleverly<br>or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be<br>more clever or cunning than someone<br>else  |
|------------------------------|------|---|
| 50. the atmosphere was oppve | adj. | treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way  |
| 51. oppve governments        | adj. | treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way  |
| 52. anor language            | n.   | a person from whom one is descended;<br>a forefather  |
| 53. the cause of hips        | n.   | an involuntary movement of the<br>muscles of the diaphragm and chest<br>that causes a sudden intake of breath<br>with a sound similar to a "hiccup"                               |
| 54. an unng mistake          | adj. | without purpose or intent   |
| 55. impal treatment          | adj. | lacking personal warmth or feeling; not<br>influenced by personal feelings or<br>individual characteristics; relating to an<br>object or concept rather than a specific<br>person |
| 56. earliest human anor      | n.   | a person from whom one is descended;<br>a forefather  |
| 57. impal communication      | adj. | lacking personal warmth or feeling; not<br>influenced by personal feelings or<br>individual characteristics; relating to an<br>object or concept rather than a specific<br>person |
| 58. acng of diversity        | adj. | willing to receive or to take something offered   |

ANSWERS: 49. outwit, 50. oppressive, 51. oppressive, 52. ancestor, 53. hiccup, 54. unwitting, 55. impersonal, 56. ancestor, 57. impersonal, 58. accepting

| 59. | oun the enemy                      | v.   | to surpass or exceed in terms of<br>firepower, strength, or resources; to<br>overpower or outmatch in a competition<br>or conflict  |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 60. | natural chma                       | n.   | a compelling charm or attractiveness<br>that can inspire devotion and admiration<br>from others, often associated with<br>leadership or celebrity status  |
| 61. | make hean progress                 | adj. | requiring great strength, effort, or<br>endurance; of or relating to the<br>legendary strength of the ancient Greek<br>hero Hercules  |
| 62. | roast marshmallows around the care | n.   | an outdoor fire used for cooking,<br>warmth, or light, often made by camping<br>or in rural areas; a gathering or social<br>event around such a fire  |
| 63. | poss position                      | adj. | lacking power, strength, or authority;<br>unable to act or affect change  |
| 64. | a mirus encounter                  | adj. | very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected   |
| 65. | chemical trt                       | n.   | a particular feature of your nature   |
| 66. | literary antst                     | n.   | a person, group, or force that opposes<br>or works against the protagonist, or the<br>main character, in a story or drama; a<br>person or thing that is in direct<br>opposition or conflict with another<br>person or group |
| 67. | remain undped                      | adj. | not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement   |

ANSWERS: 59. outgun, 60. charisma, 61. herculean, 62. campfire, 63. powerless, 64. miraculous, 65. trait, 66. antagonist, 67. underdeveloped

68. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_ing

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 68. storytelling

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
- 2. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.
- *n.* a particular feature of your nature
- 3. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.
- adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
- 4. Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a \_\_\_\_\_\_ task.
- *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
- 5. During the hurricane, we felt \_\_\_\_\_\_ against the winds and rain.
- adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
- 6. Many people in \_\_\_\_\_ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.
- *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
- 7. He was an \_\_\_\_\_\_ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
- *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
- 8. His rudeness was \_\_\_\_\_ not intentional.
- *adj.* without purpose or intent
- 9. The cult leader tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_ his followers into believing he was a god.
  - *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda

ANSWERS: 1. blacksmith, 2. traits, 3. miraculous, 4. herculean, 5. powerless, 6. underdeveloped, 7. accepting, 8. unwitting, 9. brainwash

- 10. The politician's speech resonated with the poor \_\_\_\_\_ who felt neglected by the authorities.
- *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
- 11. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an \_\_\_\_\_ at times.
- *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
- 12. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
- 13. The manager's \_\_\_\_\_\_ leadership led to decreased employee morale and productivity.
- *adj.* lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose
- 14. The powerful neighboring nation \_\_\_\_\_\_ the small country.
- *v.* to surpass or exceed in terms of firepower, strength, or resources; to overpower or outmatch in a competition or conflict
- 15. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ won over the crowd at the rally.
- *n.* a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status
- 16. His \_\_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 10. populace, 11. outsider, 12. storytelling, 13. ineffectual, 14. outgunned, 15. charisma, 16. jealousy

- 17. Her \_\_\_\_\_\_ obedience to her parents' rules sometimes led to trouble.
- *adj.* accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs
- 18. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
- *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
- 19. She was \_\_\_\_\_\_ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
- *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
- 20. The \_\_\_\_\_ lasted for hours and were driving him crazy.
- *n.* an involuntary movement of the muscles of the diaphragm and chest that causes a sudden intake of breath with a sound similar to a "hiccup"
- 21. He was \_\_\_\_\_ at handling the situation.
- adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
- 22. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
  - *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
- 23. He could \_\_\_\_\_\_ his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy.
- v. to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else
- 24. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.
- *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

ANSWERS: 17. unquestioning, 18. Arthurian, 19. resourceful, 20. hiccups, 21. inept, 22. oppressed, 23. outwit, 24. antagonist

- 25. The political situation has become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.
- *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
- 26. The high-rise office building had an \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.
- *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
- 27. Ignoring warning signs of a potential health issue is \_\_\_\_\_ and can harm your health.
  - *adj.* not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense
- 28. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
- *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
- 29. My remote \_\_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
- 30. I was filled with \_\_\_\_\_.
- *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
- 31. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
- 32. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 25. oppressive, 26. impersonal, 27. unwise, 28. villain, 29. ancestor, 30. self-doubt, 31. unfolded, 32. heroic

- 33. The old mansion was known to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
  - *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
- 34. We sat around the \_\_\_\_\_ and told stories late into the night.
- *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

ANSWERS: 33. haunted, 34. campfire