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Session 1: Word List

elitist

adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

synonym : exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

snobbish

adj. characterized by an attitude of superiority or snobbery (= the behavior or attitude of people who think they are better than other people); disdainful or contemptuous toward those considered inferior in social status, wealth, or taste

synonym : arrogant, pretentious, elitist

(1) **snobbish** attitude, (2) **snobbish** materialism

The **snobbish** behavior of the guests at the party was off-putting and made others feel inferior.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

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**.

educe

v. to bring out or develop something, especially information or ideas, from a source

synonym: extract, deduce, derive

(1) **educe** information, (2) **educe** meaning

Through careful analysis, the detective could **educe** the truth from the witness.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym : bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

disqualify

v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something

synonym : disbar, invalidate, exclude

(1) **disqualify** a candidate, (2) **disqualify** from the election

The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to **disqualify** him from the competition.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

mumbo

n. a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask

synonym: nonsense, gibberish, hocus-pocus

(1) **mumbo-jumbo** mystery, (2) science **mumbo** jumbo

The politician's speech was **mumbo** jumbo and needed to be clearer to the audience.

jumbo

n. an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

synonym: elephantine, mammoth, giant

(1) **jumbo** jet, (2) **jumbo** shrimp

I need to buy a **jumbo-sized** bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

aspersion

n. a damaging or derogatory remark or criticism; the act of slandering or casting doubt on someone's reputation or integrity

synonym: slander, defamation

(1) make **aspersions** about his ability, (2) derogatory **aspersion**

He cast **aspersions** on my character without any evidence to support his claims.

jaggery

n. a type of unrefined sugar made from the sap of palm trees or sugarcane, often used in traditional cooking and sweets

synonym: unrefined sugar, palm sugar, cane sugar

(1) organic **jaggery**, (2) raw **jaggery**

She added some **jaggery** to the recipe to enhance the sweetness and flavor.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

shin

n. the front part of the leg below the knee

synonym : tibia, lower leg, front leg

(1) **shin** guard, (2) **shin** injury

The pain in his **shin** made it hard for him to walk.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

fabricate

v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

synonym : manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

parabola

n. a symmetrical curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side; (of mathematics) a curve described by a quadratic equation (a type of polynomial equation of the second degree denoted as $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$)

synonym : curve, arch

(1) **parabola** shape, (2) **parabola** equation

The trajectory of the cannonball followed a **parabola** in the air.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym : deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym : puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym : agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

telegraph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

swagger

v. to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way

synonym: strut, flaunt, boast

(1) **swagger** onto the field, (2) **swagger** down the street

He **swaggered** into the room as if he owned the place.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ba____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
2. dis____fy from the election *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
3. dr____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
4. ed__e information *v.* to bring out or develop something, especially information or ideas, from a source
5. sw____r onto the field *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
6. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
7. te____ph wires *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
8. computer-ill____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
9. make a con____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

ANSWERS: 1. barefoot, 2. disqualify, 3. dropout, 4. educe, 5. swagger, 6. summon, 7. telegraph, 8. illiterate, 9. concession

10. com_____ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
11. pa_____la shape *n.* a symmetrical curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side; (of mathematics) a curve described by a quadratic equation (a type of polynomial equation of the second degree denoted as $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$)
12. fa_____te an excuse *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
13. pu____t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
14. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
15. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 10. compulsive, 11. parabola, 12. fabricate, 13. puppet, 14. concession, 15. starvation

16. dis_____fy a candidate *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
17. ed__e meaning *v.* to bring out or develop something, especially information or ideas, from a source
18. a re_____ss person *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
19. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
20. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
21. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
22. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
23. s__n guard *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
24. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
25. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
26. 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

ANSWERS: 16. disqualify, 17. educe, 18. restless, 19. famine, 20. illiterate, 21. mast, 22. blueprint, 23. shin, 24. puppet, 25. mystification, 26. coma

27. serve as mi____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
28. professional mi____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
29. el____t mentality *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
30. built-up m__t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
31. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
32. ba____r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
33. ra____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
34. fa____te a chemical *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
35. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 27. midwife, 28. midwife, 29. elitist, 30. mast, 31. germ, 32. batter, 33. rainwater, 34. fabricate, 35. redefine

36. sq___h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
37. sw_____r down the street *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
38. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
39. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
40. ju__o shrimp *n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"
41. 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
42. ju__o jet *n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"
43. mu__o-jumbo mystery *n.* a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask

ANSWERS: 36. squash, 37. swagger, 38. electrify, 39. rainwater, 40. jumbo, 41. coma, 42. jumbo, 43. mumbo

44. make as _____ ons about his ability *n.* a damaging or derogatory remark or criticism; the act of slandering or casting doubt on someone's reputation or integrity
45. re _____ e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
46. pa _____ la equation *n.* a symmetrical curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side; (of mathematics) a curve described by a quadratic equation (a type of polynomial equation of the second degree denoted as $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$)
47. the ba _____ r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
48. science mu ____ o jumbo *n.* a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask
49. da _____ e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
50. livid br _____ e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
51. s ____ n injury *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
52. da _____ e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 44. aspersion, 45. recycle, 46. parabola, 47. batter, 48. mumbo, 49. dazzle, 50. bruise, 51. shin, 52. dazzle

53. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
54. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
55. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
56. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
57. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
58. el_____t mindset *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
59. derogatory as_____on *n.* a damaging or derogatory remark or criticism; the act of slandering or casting doubt on someone's reputation or integrity
60. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
61. ch__e list *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

ANSWERS: 53. electrify, 54. starvation, 55. compulsive, 56. dropout, 57. recycle, 58. elitist, 59. aspersion, 60. diplomat, 61. chore

62. organic ja____y *n.* a type of unrefined sugar made from the sap of palm trees or sugarcane, often used in traditional cooking and sweets
63. su____n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
64. ba____ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
65. sn____sh materialism *adj.* characterized by an attitude of superiority or snobbery (= the behavior or attitude of people who think they are better than other people); disdainful or contemptuous toward those considered inferior in social status, wealth, or taste
66. architect's bl____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
67. dec____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
68. re____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
69. ina____ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
70. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 62. jaggery, 63. summon, 64. barefoot, 65. snobbish, 66. blueprint, 67. decentralize, 68. redefine, 69. inaccessible, 70. germ

71. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
72. ina_____ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
73. sn_____sh attitude *adj.* characterized by an attitude of superiority or snobbery (= the behavior or attitude of people who think they are better than other people); disdainful or contemptuous toward those considered inferior in social status, wealth, or taste
74. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
75. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
76. earlier emotional br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
77. raw ja_____y *n.* a type of unrefined sugar made from the sap of palm trees or sugarcane, often used in traditional cooking and sweets
78. re_____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
79. sq___h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
80. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

ANSWERS: 71. mystification, 72. inaccessible, 73. snobbish, 74. famine, 75. diplomat, 76. bruise, 77. jaggery, 78. restless, 79. squash, 80. decentralize

81. answer by te_____ph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

82. household ch__es

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

ANSWERS: 81. telegraph, 82. chore

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.
adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

2. Through careful analysis, the detective could d_____ the truth from the witness.
v. to bring out or develop something, especially information or ideas, from a source

3. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
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4. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

5. I need to buy a _____ bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.
n. an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

6. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 1. compulsive, 2. educe, 3. diplomat, 4. puppet, 5. jumbo-sized, 6. recycle

7. The trajectory of the cannonball followed a _____ in the air.
- n.* a symmetrical curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side; (of mathematics) a curve described by a quadratic equation (a type of polynomial equation of the second degree denoted as $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$)
8. Unfortunately, the accident left him in a deep _____.
- 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
9. His _____ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.
- adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
10. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
11. She added some _____ to the recipe to enhance the sweetness and flavor.
- n.* a type of unrefined sugar made from the sap of palm trees or sugarcane, often used in traditional cooking and sweets
12. He felt _____ and constantly changed his postures.
- adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
13. The audience was _____ by her realistic acting.
- v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 7. parabola, 8. coma, 9. elitist, 10. redefined, 11. jaggery, 12. restless, 13. dazzled

14. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
- n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
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- n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
18. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
- n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
19. The politician's speech was _____ jumbo and needed to be clearer to the audience.
- n.* a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask
20. He _____ into the room as if he owned the place.
- v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
21. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 14. midwife, 15. telegraph, 16. decentralize, 17. concession, 18. dropout, 19. mumbo, 20. swaggered, 21. electrify

22. The _____ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.
adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
23. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
24. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
25. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.
v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
26. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.
adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available
27. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
28. The detective discovered that the witness had _____ her story about the crime.
v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
29. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

ANSWERS: 22. barefoot, 23. germ, 24. summoning, 25. battered, 26. inaccessible, 27. mast, 28. fabricated, 29. rainwater

30. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
31. He cast _____ on my character without any evidence to support his claims.
n. a damaging or derogatory remark or criticism; the act of slandering or casting doubt on someone's reputation or integrity
32. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
33. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.
v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
34. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
35. The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to _____ him from the competition.
v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
36. The pain in his _____ made it hard for him to walk.
n. the front part of the leg below the knee
37. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

ANSWERS: 30. bruise, 31. aspersions, 32. mystification, 33. squash, 34. famine, 35. disqualify, 36. shin, 37. blueprint

38. The _____ behavior of the guests at the party was off-putting and made others feel inferior.

adj. characterized by an attitude of superiority or snobbery (= the behavior or attitude of people who think they are better than other people); disdainful or contemptuous toward those considered inferior in social status, wealth, or taste

39. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

40. Cleaning the house is a _____ that only some enjoy.

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

41. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 38. snobbish, 39. starvation, 40. chore, 41. illiterate