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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### wonderland

*n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

*synonym*: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

### communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym*: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

### engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym*: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## stud

*n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

*synonym*: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

## scared

*adj.* afraid or frightened

*synonym*: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## unfamiliar

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

*synonym*: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

## conversation

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

*synonym*: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## unfold

*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

*synonym*: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## desperately

*adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

*synonym*: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

## tackle

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

*synonym*: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## interaction

*n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

*synonym* : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment, (2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

## invite

*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

*synonym* : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## engaging

*adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

*synonym* : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

## relevance

*n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

*synonym* : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

### trabecula

*n.* a small, slender rod or beam, particularly one that forms or supports the structure of a cell or organ or forms part of the framework of a bone

*synonym*: beam, rod, strut

(1) **trabecula** bone, (2) **trabecula** network

The **trabeculae** in the lung tissue help support the air sacs.

### mesh

*n.* a material made of a network of wire, plastic, or thread

*synonym*: netting, weave, lattice

(1) a **mesh** fence, (2) the **mesh** of a basket

The **mesh** fabric was breathable and comfortable to wear.

### structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

*synonym*: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

### osteoporosis

*n.* a medical condition characterized by a loss of bone density or mass, resulting in fragile and porous bones that are at increased risk for fractures

(1) **osteoporosis** treatment, (2) **osteoporosis** prevention

As we age, we become more at risk for **osteoporosis**, a condition that weakens the bones in our bodies.

### beware

*v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

*synonym*: heed, caution, alert

(1) **beware** of scams, (2) **beware** of strangers

Please **beware** of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could

fall.

## jargon

*n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

*synonym* : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

## barrier

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

*synonym* : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

## spatial

*adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

*synonym* : dimensional, geographical

(1) **spatial** ability, (2) **spatial** distribution

He carefully determined the **spatial** relations of every piece of the stage set.

## temporal

*adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

*synonym* : transient, fleeting, temporary

(1) a **temporal** restriction, (2) **temporal** history

The **temporal** nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.

## accessible

*adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen

*synonym* : affordable, available, unrestricted

(1) a town **accessible** by rail, (2) **accessible** to pity

He is an **accessible** and genial man.

## dumb

*adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

*synonym*: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

## compromise

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym*: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

## analogy

*n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

*synonym*: metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

## engage

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

*synonym*: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## bullet

*n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

*synonym* : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

## presentation

*n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

*synonym* : exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

## slide

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

*synonym* : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

## boring

*adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

*synonym* : dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

## rely

*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

*synonym* : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym* : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers



Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym*: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## unique

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

*synonym*: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

## tower

*n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

*synonym*: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym*: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## appeal

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

*synonym*: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

## summarize

*v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

*synonym*: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text  
Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

## equation

*n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

## subtract

*v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

*synonym*: deduct, take away, remove

(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total

I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## multiply

*v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

*synonym*: boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

**Multiply** a number by itself twice.

## passion

*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

*synonym*: fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pre\_\_\_\_\_ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
2. an ap\_\_\_\_l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
3. mu\_\_\_\_\_ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
4. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
5. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
6. en\_\_\_\_e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
7. bo\_\_\_\_g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
8. des\_\_\_\_\_ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

ANSWERS: 1. presentation, 2. appeal, 3. multiply, 4. structure, 5. environment, 6. engage, 7. boring, 8. desperately

9. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
10. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
11. permanent br\_\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
12. Alice's won\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
13. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
14. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
15. have no re\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
16. the unf\_\_\_\_\_ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
17. a chemical eq\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

ANSWERS: 9. responsible, 10. excite, 11. brain, 12. wonderland, 13. inspire, 14. conversation, 15. relevance, 16. unfamiliar, 17. equation

18. field of vi\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
19. business ja\_\_\_n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
20. be\_\_\_e of scams *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
21. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
22. am\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
23. vi\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
24. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
25. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
26. sc\_\_\_d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
27. un\_\_\_d the stroller *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
28. pa\_\_\_\_\_n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

ANSWERS: 18. visual, 19. jargon, 20. beware, 21. grand, 22. amaze, 23. visual, 24. conversation, 25. engineer, 26. scared, 27. unfold, 28. passion

29. sc\_\_\_d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
30. en\_\_\_ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
31. help ta\_\_\_e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
32. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
33. mu\_\_\_\_\_ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
34. a bell to\_\_r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
35. historical an\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
36. r\_\_y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
37. draw out your ap\_\_\_l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
38. an en\_\_\_ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
39. sl\_\_e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 29. scared, 30. engaging, 31. tackle, 32. structure, 33. multiply, 34. tower, 35. analogy, 36. rely, 37. appeal, 38. engaging, 39. slide

40. a un\_\_\_e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
41. struck d\_\_b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
42. magical won\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
43. tr\_\_\_\_\_la bone *n.* a small, slender rod or beam, particularly one that forms or supports the structure of a cell or organ or forms part of the framework of a bone
44. ost\_\_\_\_\_sis treatment *n.* a medical condition characterized by a loss of bone density or mass, resulting in fragile and porous bones that are at increased risk for fractures
45. draw an\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
46. acc\_\_\_\_\_le to pity *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
47. di\_\_\_e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
48. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
49. horse s\_\_d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 40. unique, 41. dumb, 42. wonderland, 43. trabecula, 44. osteoporosis, 45. analogy, 46. accessible, 47. divide, 48. divide, 49. stud





60. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers      *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
61. sp\_\_\_\_\_l distribution      *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
62. sl\_\_\_e a card across the table      *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
63. su\_\_\_\_\_ct numbers      *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
64. su\_\_\_\_\_ct one from the total      *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
65. r\_\_\_y on convenience stores      *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
66. sp\_\_\_\_\_l ability      *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
67. a town acc\_\_\_\_\_le by rail      *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
68. bo\_\_\_g work      *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
69. am\_\_\_e everyone      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
70. des\_\_\_\_\_ly ill patient      *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

ANSWERS: 60. overwhelm, 61. spatial, 62. slide, 63. subtract, 64. subtract, 65. rely, 66. spatial, 67. accessible, 68. boring, 69. amaze, 70. desperately

71. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
72. tr\_\_\_\_\_la network *n.* a small, slender rod or beam, particularly one that forms or supports the structure of a cell or organ or forms part of the framework of a bone
73. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
74. int\_\_\_\_\_on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
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81. wall s\_\_d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 71. excite, 72. trabecula, 73. incredible, 74. interaction, 75. interaction, 76. barrier, 77. mesh, 78. beware, 79. dumb, 80. passion, 81. stud



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99. bu\_\_t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
100. re\_\_\_\_\_ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
101. un\_\_\_e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 92. nerd, 93. osteoporosis, 94. brain, 95. presentation, 96. grand, 97. unfamiliar, 98. responsible, 99. bullet, 100. relevance, 101. unique

102. un\_\_\_d the story                      *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
103. cannot com\_\_\_\_\_se anymore                      *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
104. the eq\_\_\_\_\_on of poverty with ignorance                      *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
105. te\_\_\_\_\_al history                      *adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
106. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed                      *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 102. unfold, 103. compromise, 104. equation, 105. temporal, 106. incredible

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.
  - v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
2. Each chapter \_\_\_\_\_ the most critical issues.
  - v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
3. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.
  - v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
4. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
5. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.
  - adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
6. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
  - v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
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  - v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
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ANSWERS: 1. invite, 2. summarizes, 3. amazed, 4. nerd, 5. grand, 6. communicate, 7. rely, 8. engineer

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11. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated \_\_\_\_\_ that confuses consumers.
- n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
12. As we age, we become more at risk for \_\_\_\_\_ a condition that weakens the bones in our bodies.
- n.* a medical condition characterized by a loss of bone density or mass, resulting in fragile and porous bones that are at increased risk for fractures
13. Please \_\_\_\_\_ of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
- v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
14. The stray \_\_\_\_\_ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
15. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 9. relevance, 10. engaged, 11. jargon, 12. osteoporosis, 13. beware, 14. bullet, 15. brain



16. The police placed a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street to halt traffic.  
*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
17. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.  
*adj.* relating to seeing or sight
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ fabric was breathable and comfortable to wear.  
*n.* a material made of a network of wire, plastic, or thread
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.  
*adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
20. \_\_\_\_\_ a number by itself twice.  
*v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
21. She was disbarred for her \_\_\_\_\_ in fraud.  
*adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
22. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?  
*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
23. The lecture was so \_\_\_\_\_ that many people fell asleep.  
*adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
24. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.  
*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 16. barrier, 17. visual, 18. mesh, 19. temporal, 20. Multiply, 21. engaging, 22. divide, 23. boring, 24. inspired

25. Her \_\_\_\_\_ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.  
*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
26. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
27. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.  
*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
28. The colorful garden was a \_\_\_\_\_ of various plants and flowers.  
*n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.  
*n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
30. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
31. Some kinds of machine learning models show an \_\_\_\_\_ to how people learn.  
*n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
32. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.  
*v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

ANSWERS: 25. passion, 26. environment, 27. responsible, 28. wonderland, 29. interaction, 30. equations, 31. analogy, 32. subtract

33. She was \_\_\_\_\_ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

34. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

*adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

35. If necessary, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the front seats forward.

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

36. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

37. 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

38. He is an \_\_\_\_\_ and genial man.

*adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen

39. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of insects.

*adj.* afraid or frightened

40. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

41. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 33. unfamiliar, 34. dumb, 35. slide, 36. unique, 37. unfolded, 38. accessible, 39. scared, 40. conversation, 41. incredible

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the lung tissue help support the air sacs.
- n.* a small, slender rod or beam, particularly one that forms or supports the structure of a cell or organ or forms part of the framework of a bone
43. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.
- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
44. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
45. She gave a fantastic \_\_\_\_\_ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
- n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
46. He bought a new \_\_\_\_\_ to attach the strap to his watch.
- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
47. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
48. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an \_\_\_\_\_ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 42. trabeculae, 43. compromised, 44. overwhelm, 45. presentation, 46. stud, 47. structure, 48. appeal

49. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

50. The baby clung \_\_\_\_\_ to her mother.

*adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

51. He carefully determined the \_\_\_\_\_ relations of every piece of the stage set.

*adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

52. The government is determined to \_\_\_\_\_ sharp inflation.

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

53. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ of strength for our team in trouble.

*n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 49. excited, 50. desperately, 51. spatial, 52. tackle, 53. tower