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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### trend

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

*synonym* : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

### professional

*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

*synonym* : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

### viral

*adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

### celebrity

*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

*synonym* : figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

## comedy

*n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

*synonym*: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

## creative

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

*synonym*: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

## upload

*v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

*synonym*: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

## percentage

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

*synonym*: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European

countries.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## chart

*n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

*synonym*: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

## rainbow

*n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

*synonym*: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

## tweet

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

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

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

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

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## propel

*v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

*synonym* : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## 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.

## sprout

*v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

*synonym* : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

## nowhere

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**  
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

## spike

*n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

*synonym* : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym* : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## mystery

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

*synonym* : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym* : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## accelerate

*v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

*synonym* : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## parody

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

*synonym* : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

## entertainment

*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

*synonym* : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

## phenomenon

*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

*synonym* : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

## loop

*n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

*synonym* : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

## animation

*n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

*synonym* : motion, movement, liveliness

(1) **animation** studio, (2) **animation** film

The **animation** of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.

## weird

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

*synonym* : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## 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.

## techie

*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

*synonym* : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

## geeky

*adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

*synonym* : nerdy, dorky

(1) **geeky** gadgets, (2) **geeky** interests

He had a **geeky** sense of humor and loved to make puns.

## remix

*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

*synonym* : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## script

*n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

*synonym* : writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

## 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.

## protest

*n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

*synonym* : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.



- fin** *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance  
*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer  
(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane  
The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- rid** *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person  
*synonym* : do away with, free, clear  
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products  
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- lane** *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver  
*synonym* : roadway, street, artery  
(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**  
We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.
- obstruction** *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress  
*synonym* : barrier, obstacle, hindrance  
(1) airway **obstruction**, (2) **obstruction** of justice  
The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an **obstruction** for pedestrians.
- prop** *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something  
*synonym* : support, buttress, column  
(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick  
We have finally lost our last **prop**.
- humorous** *adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth  
*synonym* : funny, comical, amusing

(1) **humorous** remark, (2) **humorous** movie

Her **humorous** anecdotes always left us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

## characteristic

*n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

*synonym*: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

## define

*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## popularity

*n.* the state of being widely accepted, admired, or appreciated by many people

*synonym*: acclaim, fame, reputation

(1) win **popularity**, (2) **popularity** in the market

The **popularity** of the band has skyrocketed since their first album was released.

## mention

*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

*synonym*: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

## green-light

*v.* to give approval or authorization for something to proceed or to start; to authorize or grant permission;  
(noun) an approval or permission that has been given for a particular action or project

*synonym*: authorize, approve, permit

(1) **green-light** a project, (2) **green-light** a film

The project manager **green-lighted** the new initiative to begin next week.

## ownership

*n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

*synonym* : possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

## barely

*adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

*synonym* : scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr___l growth                 | <i>v.</i> to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force   |
| 2. co____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use  |
| 3. baseball ce_____ty            | <i>n.</i> someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry  |
| 4. my friend's cha_____tic laugh | <i>n.</i> a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody  |
| 5. some une_____ed events        | <i>adj.</i> not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen  |
| 6. co___y series                 | <i>n.</i> a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment |
| 7. l__e change                   | <i>n.</i> a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver   |
| 8. romantic co___y               | <i>n.</i> a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment |

ANSWERS: 1. propel, 2. communal, 3. celebrity, 4. characteristic, 5. unexpected, 6. comedy, 7. lane, 8. comedy

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90. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
91. the state of being we\_\_d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
92. share ow\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
93. unsolved my\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
94. hold a pr\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
95. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 87. mention, 88. inspire, 89. green-light, 90. unexpected, 91. weird, 92. ownership, 93. mystery, 94. protest, 95. creative

96. un\_\_\_e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
97. fight vi\_\_l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
98. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
99. gre\_\_\_\_\_ht a project *v.* to give approval or authorization for something to proceed or to start; to authorize or grant permission; (noun) an approval or permission that has been given for a particular action or project
100. detect a vi\_\_l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
101. sp\_\_\_t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
102. hu\_\_\_\_\_us movie *adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth
103. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
104. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
105. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 96. unique, 97. viral, 98. predict, 99. green-light, 100. viral, 101. sprout, 102. humorous, 103. conversation, 104. introduction, 105. process

106. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit      *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
107. ge\_\_y interests      *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
108. positive feedback l\_\_p      *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 106. creative, 107. geeky, 108. loop



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The project manager \_\_\_\_\_ the new initiative to begin next week.  
*v.* to give approval or authorization for something to proceed or to start; to authorize or grant permission; (noun) an approval or permission that has been given for a particular action or project
2. The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an \_\_\_\_\_ for pedestrians.  
*n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
3. Our company hired a \_\_\_\_\_ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.  
*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
4. This device can more accurately detect \_\_\_\_\_ pathogens.  
*adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
5. The flowers in the garden began to \_\_\_\_\_ after the first rain of the season.  
*v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
6. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.  
*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
7. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.  
*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 1. green-lighted, 2. obstruction, 3. techie, 4. viral, 5. sprout, 6. professional, 7. unique,

8. Many people in this city use the \_\_\_\_\_ railway for transportation.  
*n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
9. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
10. 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
11. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
12. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
13. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the band has skyrocketed since their first album was released.  
*n.* the state of being widely accepted, admired, or appreciated by many people
15. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.  
*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 8. loop, 9. creative, 10. inspired, 11. trend, 12. writ, 13. individual, 14. popularity, 15. define

16. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
17. The government tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the commercialization of this development.  
*v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
18. Bananas have their \_\_\_\_\_ taste and odor.  
*n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.  
*n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
20. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.  
*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.  
*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
22. The popularity of the show made her an instant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
23. A rainbow is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 16. Communal, 17. accelerate, 18. characteristic, 19. animation, 20. weird, 21. process, 22. celebrity, 23. phenomenon

24. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

25. We have finally lost our last \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

26. Her \_\_\_\_\_ anecdotes always left us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

*adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth

27. An increase in employment helps \_\_\_\_\_ economic growth.

*v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

28. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ these pictures to my computer to edit them.

*v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

30. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor and loved to make puns.

*adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

31. We walked along a muddy \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the farm.

*n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 24. nowhere, 25. prop, 26. humorous, 27. propel, 28. upload, 29. nation, 30. geeky, 31. lane

32. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.  
*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
33. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
34. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.  
*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
35. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.  
*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
36. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.  
*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
37. The movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ of classic horror films.  
*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
38. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.  
*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
39. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ has changed hands several times in the past few years.  
*n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

ANSWERS: 32. entertainment, 33. eventually, 34. conversation, 35. predict, 36. fins, 37. parody, 38. tweet, 39. ownership

40. I \_\_\_\_\_ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

*adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

42. He left the party in \_\_\_\_\_ at its radical political stance.

*n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

43. She was mesmerized by the \_\_\_\_\_ colors.

*n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

44. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

45. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

46. I love going to see live \_\_\_\_\_ shows with my friends.

*n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

47. He \_\_\_\_\_ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

ANSWERS: 40. barely, 41. introduction, 42. protest, 43. rainbow's, 44. mentioned, 45. percentage, 46. comedy, 47. remixed

48. The recent \_\_\_\_\_ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

*n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

49. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ on a stone monument.

*n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

50. This pie \_\_\_\_\_ represents our market share.

*n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

52. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.

*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

54. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

*v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 48. spike, 49. script, 50. chart, 51. unexpected, 52. rid, 53. mystery, 54. participated