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Session 1: Word List

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym : dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

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.

firstborn

adj. the first child born to a mother

synonym : eldest, older, primary

(1) **firstborn** female child, (2) **firstborn** grandchild

The **firstborn** child is often the parents' favorite.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym : male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

earner

n. an individual who earns money through their work or employment

synonym : breadwinner, provider, supporter

(1) self-employed **earner**, (2) high **earner** tax

As a full-time **earner**, I must work hard to support my family.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

stagnate

v. to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement

synonym : stall, halt, idle

(1) **stagnate** economy, (2) **stagnate** due to problems

If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may **stagnate**.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
synonym: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

steelwork

n. the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products

synonym: steel mill, foundry, ironworks

(1) rusted **steelwork**, (2) **steelwork** production

The bridge's **steelwork** had to be reinforced to withstand the high winds in the area.

retool

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

synonym: revamp, remodel, adapt

(1) **retool** a strategy, (2) **retool** a business

We need to **retool** our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

- 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.
- recess** *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
synonym: break, interval, pause
(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**
The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.
- rosin** *n.* a solid form of resin that is obtained from conifers and is used to make varnishes, adhesives, and other products; a sticky substance used on the bows of stringed instruments to improve the grip on the strings
synonym: resin, sap, pitch
(1) **rosin** paper, (2) **rosin** flux
A bit of **rosin** on the bow hair helps produce a smooth and clear sound on the cello.
- sting** *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
synonym: bite, prick, poke
(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face
Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- instruct** *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
synonym: train, coach, guide
(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym: discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

shudder

v. to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking

synonym: tremble, shake, quiver

(1) **shudder** at the thought, (2) **shudder** with fear

I couldn't help but **shudder** when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

enshrine

v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

synonym: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and

catch up with the West.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

omega

n. the last (24th) letter of the Greek alphabet; the ending of a series or sequence

(1) **omega-3** fat, (2) from alpha to **omega**

Omega-3 fatty acids are a type of polyunsaturated fat that is important for heart health.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

misanthrope

n. a person who dislikes or distrusts humankind, typically showing a general hatred or disdain for human society or social interaction

synonym: cynic, hermit, recluse

(1) cynical **misanthrope**, (2) reclusive **misanthrope**

The novel paints the protagonist as a maladjusted **misanthrope**, unable to fit into society or connect meaningfully with others.

- bud** *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
synonym: shoot, sprout, germ
(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting
The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
- antagonistic** *adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
synonym: hostile, opposing, conflicting
(1) an **antagonistic** contradiction, (2) **antagonistic** relationship
His **antagonistic** behavior was causing trouble in the workplace.
- devious** *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
synonym: cunning, deceitful, tricky
(1) **devious** plot, (2) use **devious** methods
The **devious** plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.
- trickster** *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
synonym: swindler, cheat, deceiver
(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**
The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who scammed people out of their money.
- shatter** *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
synonym: break, crash, destroy
(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record
Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.
- terrifying** *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
2. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
3. ant_____tic relationship *adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
4. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
5. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
6. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
7. st_____te economy *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
8. reclusive mis_____pe *n.* a person who dislikes or distrusts humankind, typically showing a general hatred or disdain for human society or social interaction
9. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

ANSWERS: 1. enshrine, 2. exaggerate, 3. antagonistic, 4. shatter, 5. entrepreneurship, 6. betray, 7. stagnate, 8. misanthrope, 9. exhilarating

10. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
11. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
12. pat_____al society *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
13. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
14. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
15. self-employed ea____r *n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment
16. re____l a business *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
17. de_____s plot *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
18. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

ANSWERS: 10. instruct, 11. stereotype, 12. patriarchal, 13. exhilarating, 14. sting, 15. earner, 16. retool, 17. devious, 18. indifferent

19. pat_____al government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
20. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
21. en_____ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
22. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
23. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
24. ca_____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
25. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
26. re____l a strategy *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
27. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 19. patriarchal, 20. intrigue, 21. enshrine, 22. bud, 23. terrifying, 24. cascade, 25. betray, 26. retool, 27. sneak

28. an ant_____tic contradiction *adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
29. st_____rk production *n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products
30. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
31. pa____y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
32. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
33. use de_____s methods *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
34. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
35. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
36. om__a-3 fat *n.* the last (24th) letter of the Greek alphabet; the ending of a series or sequence

ANSWERS: 28. antagonistic, 29. steelwork, 30. entrepreneurship, 31. parody, 32. superhero, 33. devious, 34. perpetual, 35. industrialize, 36. omega

37. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
38. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
39. fi_____rn female child *adj.* the first child born to a mother
40. dis_____en employees *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
41. ro__n flux *n.* a solid form of resin that is obtained from conifers and is used to make varnishes, adhesives, and other products; a sticky substance used on the bows of stringed instruments to improve the grip on the strings
42. fi_____rn grandchild *adj.* the first child born to a mother
43. cunning tr_____er *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
44. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
45. emotionally ind_____nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
46. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

ANSWERS: 37. recession, 38. ingrained, 39. firstborn, 40. dishearten, 41. rosin, 42. firstborn, 43. trickster, 44. ingrained, 45. indifferent, 46. cascade

47. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
48. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
49. need a trustworthy bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
50. during noon re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
51. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
52. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
53. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
54. investment ba____r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
55. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 47. moth, 48. recession, 49. babysitter, 50. recess, 51. instruct, 52. disturb, 53. sneak, 54. banker, 55. writ

56. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
57. in____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
58. cynical mis____pe *n.* a person who dislikes or distrusts humankind, typically showing a general hatred or disdain for human society or social interaction
59. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
60. high ea____r tax *n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment
61. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
62. from alpha to om__a *n.* the last (24th) letter of the Greek alphabet; the ending of a series or sequence
63. pol____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
64. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
65. ter____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 56. bud, 57. intrigue, 58. misanthrope, 59. disturb, 60. earner, 61. moth, 62. omega, 63. polarization, 64. sting, 65. terrifying

66. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
67. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
68. st_____te due to problems *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
69. tr_____er character *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
70. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
71. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
72. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
73. a court re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
74. rusted st_____rk *n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products

ANSWERS: 66. polarization, 67. perpetual, 68. stagnate, 69. trickster, 70. superhero,

71. stereotype, 72. exaggerate, 73. recess, 74. steelwork

75. sh____r at the thought *v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
76. sh____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
77. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
78. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
79. ro__n paper *n.* a solid form of resin that is obtained from conifers and is used to make varnishes, adhesives, and other products; a sticky substance used on the bows of stringed instruments to improve the grip on the strings
80. comedic pa____y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
81. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
82. central ba____rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
83. sh____r with fear *v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
84. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 75. shudder, 76. shatter, 77. writ, 78. dishearten, 79. rosin, 80. parody, 81. industrialize, 82. banker, 83. shudder, 84. babysitter

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The con artist was known as a notorious _____ who scammed people out of their money.
n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
2. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
3. The bridge's _____ had to be reinforced to withstand the high winds in the area.
n. the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products
4. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
5. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
6. The Constitution _____ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
7. His _____ behavior was causing trouble in the workplace.
adj. characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude

ANSWERS: 1. trickster, 2. terrifying, 3. steelwork, 4. intrigues, 5. perpetual, 6. enshrines, 7. antagonistic

8. The novel paints the protagonist as a maladjusted _____ unable to fit into society or connect meaningfully with others.
n. a person who dislikes or distrusts humankind, typically showing a general hatred or disdain for human society or social interaction
9. The _____ plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.
adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
10. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
11. The team's loss in the semifinals did not _____ their determination to return stronger next season.
v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
12. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
13. The _____ child is often the parents' favorite.
adj. the first child born to a mother
14. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
15. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.
adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

ANSWERS: 8. misanthrope, 9. devious, 10. exaggerated, 11. dishearten, 12. instructed, 13. firstborn, 14. betrayed, 15. ingrained

16. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
17. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
18. The _____ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.
adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
19. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.
n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
20. A bit of _____ on the bow hair helps produce a smooth and clear sound on the cello.
n. a solid form of resin that is obtained from conifers and is used to make varnishes, adhesives, and other products; a sticky substance used on the bows of stringed instruments to improve the grip on the strings
21. Bungee jumping was an _____ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.
adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
22. As a full-time _____ I must work hard to support my family.
n. an individual who earns money through their work or employment

ANSWERS: 16. recession, 17. disturb, 18. patriarchal, 19. cascade, 20. rosin, 21. exhilarating, 22. earner,

23. If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may _____.
- v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
24. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
25. Despite the good news, she remained _____ to the situation.
- adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
26. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
27. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
28. We need to _____ our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.
- v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
29. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
30. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 23. stagnate, 24. writ, 25. indifferent, 26. industrialize, 27. sting, 28. retool, 29. sneak, 30. stereotypes

31. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
32. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
33. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.
n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
34. I couldn't help but _____ when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.
v. to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
35. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
36. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
37. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 31. Bankers, 32. entrepreneurship, 33. babysitter, 34. shudder, 35. shattered, 36. bud, 37. moth

38. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
39. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.
- n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
40. _____ fatty acids are a type of polyunsaturated fat that is important for heart health.
- n.* the last (24th) letter of the Greek alphabet; the ending of a series or sequence
41. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
42. 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

ANSWERS: 38. polarization, 39. recess, 40. Omega-3, 41. superhero, 42. parody