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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### whistleblower

*n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

*synonym* : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

#### **whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

### encrypt

*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym* : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

### enact

*v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

*synonym* : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

## dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym* : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

## grail

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

*synonym* : chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

## albatross

*n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

*synonym* : seabird, gull, petrel

(1) **albatross** on the par-5 hole, (2) **albatross** migration

The researcher spotted a majestic **albatross** gliding effortlessly over the ocean.

## bushmaster

*n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head

*synonym* : pit viper, tropical viper, American viper

(1) **bushmaster** snake, (2) **bushmaster** habitat

The **bushmaster's** venom is highly potent and can cause respiratory failure.

## fir

*n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

*synonym* : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

## outrage

*n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

*synonym*: indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

## disparity

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym*: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## cannon

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

*synonym*: artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

## insurgent

*adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

*synonym*: subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

## allege

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

*synonym* : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

## diplomat

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

*synonym* : envoy, ambassador, representative

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

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

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## classify

*v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

*synonym* : categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders

I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

## conceal

*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

*synonym* : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

## unintended

*adj.* not planned or meant

*synonym* : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

## immunization

*n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

*synonym* : vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

## inhuman

*adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

*synonym* : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

## secrecy

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

*synonym* : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

## dissident

*n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

*synonym* : dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

## compel

*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym*: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## troublemaker

*n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

*synonym*: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

## blowout

*n.* an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance

*synonym*: explosion, rupture, eruption

(1) **blowout** sale, (2) **blowout** victory

The car had a **blowout** on the highway, causing a sudden loss of tire pressure.

## gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym*: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## reengineer

*v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.

*synonym* : redesign, remodel, revamp

(1) **reengineer** work processes, (2) **reengineer** the organizational structure

As technology evolves, we need to **reengineer** our work styles.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym* : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## 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.

## caliber

*n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

*synonym* : ability, competence, quality

(1) high- **caliber** executive, (2) the **caliber** of a vein

The students' **caliber** has improved from mediocre to above-average.

## bottleneck

*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

*synonym* : blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

## restructure

*v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

*synonym* : reorganize, revamp, reconstruct

(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts

The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.

## paranoia

*n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

*synonym* : suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

## prosecute

*v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

*synonym* : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

## mafia

*n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

*synonym* : syndicate, gang

(1) organized crime **mafia**, (2) **mafia** activities

The boss of the **mafia** was finally caught after years on the run.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* :



cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## perpetrator

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

*synonym*: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

## injunction

*n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

*synonym*: order, command, directive

(1) legal **injunction**, (2) court **injunction**

The union requested an **injunction** to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

## publicize

*v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

*synonym*: advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym*: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **pas**se fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

### **exert**

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

*synonym*: apply, use, maintain

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

### **harmonize**

v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

*synonym*: reconcile, balance, match

(1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ree_____er the organizational structure | v. | to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.  |
| 2. en__t the smoking ban                   | v. | to make a law; to put something into practice   |
| 3. 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  |
| 4. performance bot_____ck                  | n. | a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry  |
| 5. co___l a person to submission           | v. | to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way  |
| 6. public ou_____e                         | n. | an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices   |
| 7. al___e abuse                            | v. | to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence   |
| 8. al_____ss migration                     | n. | a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par |

ANSWERS: 1. reengineer, 2. enact, 3. overwhelm, 4. bottleneck, 5. compel, 6.

outrage, 7. allege, 8. albatross

9. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
10. in\_\_\_\_\_n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
11. ha\_\_\_\_\_ze with others *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
12. en\_\_\_\_\_t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
13. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
14. res\_\_\_\_\_re my debts *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
15. suffering from pa\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
16. in\_\_\_\_\_n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
17. income di\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

ANSWERS: 9. phenomenal, 10. inhuman, 11. harmonize, 12. encrypt, 13. skeptical, 14. restructure, 15. paranoia, 16. inhuman, 17. disparity

18. ex\_\_t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
19. government se\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
20. allied di\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
21. bus\_\_\_\_er habitat *n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head
22. di\_\_\_\_nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
23. per\_\_\_\_or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
24. he was ov\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
25. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
26. ou\_\_\_\_e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

ANSWERS: 18. exert, 19. secrecy, 20. diplomat, 21. bushmaster, 22. dissident, 23. perpetrator, 24. overwhelm, 25. rev, 26. outrage

27. co\_\_\_l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
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30. imm\_\_\_\_\_ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
31. pr\_\_\_\_\_te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
32. in\_\_\_\_\_nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
33. high-ca\_\_\_\_r executive *n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
34. a di\_\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
35. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
36. al\_\_\_\_\_ss on the par-5 hole *n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

ANSWERS: 27. compel, 28. exert, 29. caliber, 30. immunization, 31. prosecute, 32. insurgent, 33. caliber, 34. dictator, 35. unintended, 36. albatross



37. court inj\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
38. ultimate gr\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
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40. bl\_\_\_\_\_t victory *n.* an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance
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ANSWERS: 80. determinant, 81. restructure, 82. publicize, 83. conceal, 84. troublemaker, 85. blowout, 86. perpetrator, 87. insurgent

88. ma\_\_a activities

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ANSWERS: 88. mafia

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. The search for the \_\_\_\_\_ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.
  - n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
4. The students' \_\_\_\_\_ has improved from mediocre to above-average.
  - n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
5. The researcher spotted a majestic \_\_\_\_\_ gliding effortlessly over the ocean.
  - n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par
6. The musicians attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ their voices for the chorus.
  - v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

ANSWERS: 1. mafia, 2. rev, 3. grail, 4. caliber, 5. albatross, 6. harmonize



7. The government forces fought brutally against the \_\_\_\_\_ rebels in the remote region.  
*adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
8. There was widespread \_\_\_\_\_ over the government's handling of the situation.  
*n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
9. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. Due to the success of \_\_\_\_\_ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.  
*n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
11. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
12. The prosecution \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.  
*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
13. The police have not yet caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.  
*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 7. insurgent, 8. outrage, 9. determinant, 10. immunization, 11. skeptical, 12. alleged, 13. perpetrator

14. Prisoners were subjected to \_\_\_\_\_ treatment in an overcrowded jail.  
*adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
15. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.  
*adj.* not planned or meant
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ venom is highly potent and can cause respiratory failure.  
*n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head
17. The government has laws in place to protect \_\_\_\_\_ from retaliation.  
*n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
18. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ these documents for the upcoming audit.  
*v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
19. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ performance broke all previous records.  
*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
20. The economic downturn made it necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ the business.  
*v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
21. 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

ANSWERS: 14. inhuman, 15. unintended, 16. bushmaster's, 17. whistleblowers, 18. classify, 19. phenomenal, 20. restructure, 21. overwhelm

22. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
23. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.
- v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
24. As technology evolves, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ our work styles.
- v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.
25. The government's security forces constantly monitored the \_\_\_\_\_ politician.
- n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
26. The teacher had to reprimand the \_\_\_\_\_ in class constantly.
- n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
27. The smell of fresh \_\_\_\_ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
28. The government \_\_\_\_\_ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
29. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she \_\_\_\_\_ her anger well.
- v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

ANSWERS: 22. dictator, 23. encrypt, 24. reengineer, 25. dissident, 26. troublemaker, 27. fir, 28. enacted, 29. concealed

30. The strict deadlines will \_\_\_\_\_ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
31. The car had a \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway, causing a sudden loss of tire pressure.
- n.* an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance
32. Memory bandwidth is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in this computational simulation.
- n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
33. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
34. The senior \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
36. The company hired a PR firm to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product.
- v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

ANSWERS: 30. compel, 31. blowout, 32. bottleneck, 33. passe, 34. diplomat, 35. Gulf, 36. publicize

37. His \_\_\_\_\_ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
- n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
38. The attorney decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect for stealing from the store.
- v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
39. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
40. There is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in pay between men and women in the company.
- n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
41. The union requested an \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.
- n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
42. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.
- n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
43. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to lift the heavyweight.
- v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

ANSWERS: 37. paranoia, 38. prosecute, 39. cannon, 40. disparity, 41. injunction, 42. secrecy, 43. exerted

44. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.

- v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 44. nurture