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Session 1: Word List

- yell** *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.
- daydreaming** *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination
(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**
I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.
- 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.
- wretchedness** *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
synonym: misery, unhappiness, distress
(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**

The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

stymie

v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

synonym: hinder, obstruct, impede

(1) **stymie** progress, (2) **stymie** plans

The new regulations will **stymie** the growth of small businesses in the area.

impersonal

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

synonym: detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

immature

adj. not fully developed or grown; not fully mature

synonym: young, inexperienced, undeveloped

(1) an **immature** youth, (2) developmentally **immature**

His **immature** behavior often gets him into trouble.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook
When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym : compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor
I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person
Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors
My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

flunk

v. to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard

synonym : fail, bomb, flop

(1) **flunk** an exam, (2) **flunk** a job interview

He was so ill-prepared that he **flunked** the driving test on his first attempt.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

understatement

n. an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is

synonym : minimization, underplay, underrating

(1) with a certain **understatement**, (2) master of **understatement**

It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic **understatement**.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

loathe

v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

synonym : despise, hate, abominate

(1) **loathe** violence, (2) **loathe** broccoli

I absolutely **loathe** spiders and can't stand to be near them.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

adore

v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

synonym : cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair

Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

clatter

v. to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance

synonym : clack, rattle, resonate

(1) **clatter** dishes in the sink, (2) **clatter** across the rooftops

The pots and pans **clattered** loudly as they were dropped into the sink.

slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

synonym : sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

phenomenally

adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

synonym : exceptionally, amazingly, remarkably

(1) **phenomenally** quick, (2) **phenomenally** gifted
He became **phenomenally** successful in the entertainment industry.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests
He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym: shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake
The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

hapless

adj. having no luck; unfortunate

synonym: unfortunate, unlucky, pitiable

(1) her **hapless** fate, (2) **hapless** situation
The **hapless** victim had no way to defend themselves.

dodo

n. a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century

synonym: extinct bird, flightless bird

(1) **dodo** population, (2) extinct **dodo**
The last known sighting of a flightless **dodo** was recorded in the late 17th century.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano
Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat

destruction and other human activities.

eudaimonia

n. a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy

synonym: happiness, well-being, flourishing

(1) the fruit of **eudaimonia**, (2) the path of **eudaimonia**

The concept of **eudaimonia** has been influential in shaping the idea of well-being in Western philosophy.

rump

n. the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party

synonym: butt, rear, posterior

(1) **rump** steak, (2) **rump** roast

The politician's **rump** speech aroused strong emotions among her supporters.

decrepit

adj. weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down

synonym: dilapidated, run-down, rickety

(1) **decrepit** building, (2) **decrepit** furniture

The **decrepit** old house was in desperate need of repair.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

pogrom

n. an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews

synonym: persecution, massacre, violence

(1) the **pogrom** against a minority, (2) ethnic **pogrom**

The Jewish community was the victim of a **pogrom** in the early 20th century.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

mausoleum

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

synonym: tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

bagel

n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

synonym: roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese

I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

cantata

n. a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives

synonym : vocal work, musical composition, song

(1) church **cantata**, (2) **cantata** composer

A choir of fifty voices performed the **cantata**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a w__t of summons | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 2. the mental process of day_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you |
| 3. si__e the edges of a fabric | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 4. the path of eud_____ia | <i>n.</i> a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy |
| 5. fl__k an exam | <i>v.</i> to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard |
| 6. cl_____r dishes in the sink | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance |
| 7. the fruit of eud_____ia | <i>n.</i> a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy |
| 8. cr__k handle | <i>n.</i> a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person |
| 9. r__p roast | <i>n.</i> the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party |

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. daydreaming, 3. singe, 4. eudaimonia, 5. flunk, 6. clatter, 7. eudaimonia, 8. crank, 9. rump

20. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
21. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
22. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
23. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
24. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
25. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
26. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
27. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
28. phe_____lly gifted *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

ANSWERS: 20. moss, 21. quote, 22. amuse, 23. wasp, 24. yell, 25. cape, 26. sew, 27. destine, 28. phenomenally

29. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
30. wh_____al reasons *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
31. Greek-English le_____n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
32. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
33. the po___m against a minority *n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
34. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
35. le_____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
36. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
37. marble ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
38. economic wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
39. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

ANSWERS: 29. confer, 30. whimsical, 31. lexicon, 32. yell, 33. pogrom, 34. moss, 35. lexicon, 36. confer, 37. mausoleum, 38. wretchedness, 39. shack

40. master of und_____ent *n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
41. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
43. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
44. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
45. developmentally im_____re *adj.* not fully developed or grown; not fully mature
46. ba__l with cream cheese *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
47. cl_____r across the rooftops *v.* to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance
48. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
49. church ca_____a *n.* a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives

ANSWERS: 40. understatement, 41. confuse, 42. singe, 43. Alzheimer, 44. wasp, 45. immature, 46. bagel, 47. clatter, 48. paralyze, 49. cantata

50. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
51. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
52. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
53. visit a ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
54. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
55. extinct d__o *n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century
56. ha_____s situation *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
57. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
58. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
59. cr__k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
60. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 50. salesperson, 51. anguish, 52. whimsical, 53. mausoleum, 54. anguish, 55. dodo, 56. hapless, 57. smack, 58. doodle, 59. crank, 60. writ

61. fl__k a job interview v. to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard
62. b__y in the earth v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
63. qu__e a source v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
64. co____se the text v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
65. de____e us to meet again v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
66. ex____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
67. ba__h doubt v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
68. lo___e violence v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
69. lo___e broccoli v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

ANSWERS: 61. flunk, 62. bury, 63. quote, 64. condense, 65. destine, 66. extinct, 67. banish, 68. loathe, 69. loathe

70. ad__e the way she styles her hair *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
71. d__o population *n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century
72. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
73. ti__d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
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75. an im_____re youth *adj.* not fully developed or grown; not fully mature
76. st___e progress *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
77. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
78. imp_____al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 70. adore, 71. dodo, 72. conjure, 73. timid, 74. understatement, 75. immature, 76. stymie, 77. staircase, 78. impersonal

79. imp_____al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
80. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
81. ethnic po___m *n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
82. ca_____a composer *n.* a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives
83. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
84. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
85. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
86. phe_____lly quick *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
87. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
88. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 79. impersonal, 80. cape, 81. pogrom, 82. cantata, 83. condense, 84. bury, 85. doodle, 86. phenomenally, 87. salesperson, 88. sew

89. emotional wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
90. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
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96. su____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
97. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
98. her ha_____s fate *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
99. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

ANSWERS: 89. wretchedness, 90. staircase, 91. smack, 92. decrepit, 93. banish, 94. rump, 95. paralyze, 96. supple, 97. confuse, 98. hapless, 99. paranoid

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
2. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
3. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
4. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.
v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
5. His _____ behavior often gets him into trouble.
adj. not fully developed or grown; not fully mature
6. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
7. This bilingual _____ was essential for his language improvement.
n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
8. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. yelled, 2. anguish, 3. condense, 4. doodle, 5. immature, 6. smacked, 7. lexicon, 8. supple

9. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
10. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
11. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
12. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.
n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
13. He became _____ successful in the entertainment industry.
adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
14. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.
n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
15. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
16. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.
n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

ANSWERS: 9. writ, 10. shack, 11. amused, 12. staircase, 13. phenomenally, 14. Moss, 15. Alzheimer's, 16. crank

17. The thief tried to _____ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.
- v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
18. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
- n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
19. The imperial _____ was built to honor the late king.
- n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
20. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
21. The concept of _____ has been influential in shaping the idea of well-being in Western philosophy.
- n. a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy
22. I absolutely _____ spiders and can't stand to be near them.
- v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
23. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
- v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
24. He was so ill-prepared that he _____ the driving test on his first attempt.
- v. to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard

ANSWERS: 17. slink, 18. cape, 19. mausoleum, 20. quoted, 21. eudaimonia, 22. loathe, 23. conjured, 24. flunked

25. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

26. The _____ old house was in desperate need of repair.

adj. weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down

27. It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic _____.

n. an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is

28. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

29. Children seem to _____ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

30. The _____ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

31. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

32. I prefer a toasty _____ with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

ANSWERS: 25. paralyzed, 26. decrepit, 27. understatement, 28. confused, 29. adore, 30. timid, 31. wasp, 32. bagel

33. The _____ victim had no way to defend themselves.

adj. having no luck; unfortunate

34. The new regulations will _____ the growth of small businesses in the area.

v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

35. The politician's _____ speech aroused strong emotions among her supporters.

n. the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party

36. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

37. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

38. A choir of fifty voices performed the _____.

n. a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives

39. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

40. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 33. hapless, 34. stymie, 35. rump, 36. confer, 37. destined, 38. cantata, 39. whimsical, 40. bury

41. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
42. The last known sighting of a flightless _____ was recorded in the late 17th century.
n. a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century
43. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
44. The Jewish community was the victim of a _____ in the early 20th century.
n. an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
45. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
46. I often waste a lot of time _____.
n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
47. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
48. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 41. salesperson, 42. dodo, 43. sew, 44. pogrom, 45. singed, 46. daydreaming, 47. paranoid, 48. extinct

49. The high-rise office building had an _____ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

50. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

51. The book delves into the _____ and misery of life in a war-torn country.

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

52. The pots and pans _____ loudly as they were dropped into the sink.

v. to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance

ANSWERS: 49. impersonal, 50. banished, 51. wretchedness, 52. clattered