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Session 1: Word List

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower**

in comic books and movies.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

brethren

n. (plural form of "brother") a group of people who share a common characteristic, belief, or purpose, often within a religious or fraternal context

synonym : brothers, kin, family

(1) **brethren** members, (2) **brethren** in faith

The **brethren** of the church gathered for their annual conference.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

retrovirus

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

(1) **retrovirus** infection, (2) feline **retrovirus**

The patient's condition improved after beginning a

retrovirus-targeted treatment regimen.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

outside

adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

synonym : oversize, huge, massive

(1) **outside** impact, (2) **outside** equipment

The musician's **outside** stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

sporadic

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

synonym : occasional, irregular, unpredictable

(1) **sporadic** outbreaks, (2) **sporadic** attempts

The rain was falling in **sporadic** bursts.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

quack

n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

synonym: charlatan, impostor, fraud

(1) **quack** doctor, (2) **quack** product

The healthcare industry is cracking down on **quack** remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym : follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

emerald

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

synonym : green, verdant, jade

(1) an **emerald** gem, (2) **emerald** ring

The **emerald** green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

averse

adj. feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

synonym : reluctant, disinclined, unwilling

(1) **averse** to change, (2) **averse** to risk

I am **averse** to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym: keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

hyperbole

n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

synonym: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

attest

v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

synonym: verify, confirm, certify

(1) **attest** to the truth, (2) **attest** to the facts

I can **attest** to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym: tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

sunflower

n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

synonym: helianthus

(1) **sunflower** oil, (2) **sunflower** field

The **sunflower** seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym: sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

hazel

n. a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut

synonym: tree, shrub

(1) **hazel** eyes, (2) **hazel** fragrance

The **hazel** tree in our backyard produces nuts that the squirrels love.

expressive

adj. capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness

synonym: meaningful, communicative, eloquent

(1) **expressive** artwork, (2) **expressive** language

Her **expressive** dance moves captivated the audience during the performance.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

anemic

adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

synonym: weak, feeble, fragile

(1) **anemic** appearance, (2) **anemic** economy

The company's website had **anemic** traffic, with very few visitors each month.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym: persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. unwavering per_____nce | <i>n.</i> steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success |
| 2. independence of the ju_____ry | <i>n.</i> persons who administer or enforce justice |
| 3. at___t to the truth | <i>v.</i> to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something |
| 4. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 5. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 6. el_____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 7. re_____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 8. s__m area | <i>n.</i> a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect |
| 9. cat_____hic climate change | <i>adj.</i> extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction |

ANSWERS: 1. perseverance, 2. judiciary, 3. attest, 4. obsess, 5. electrify, 6. electrify, 7. reinvent, 8. slum, 9. catastrophic

10. sm____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
11. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. dogged per____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
13. ra____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
14. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
15. victim of cat____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
16. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
17. ret____us infection *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
18. re____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
19. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 10. smallpox, 11. industrious, 12. perseverance, 13. rampant, 14. obsess, 15. catastrophic, 16. swath, 17. retrovirus, 18. reinvent, 19. opportune

20. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
21. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
22. ou_____e equipment *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
23. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
24. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
25. city dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
26. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
27. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
28. su_____er field *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 20. frightening, 21. swath, 22. outsize, 23. promenade, 24. grandchild, 25. dweller, 26. reckless, 27. laborer, 28. sunflower

29. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. member of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
33. ha__l fragrance *n.* a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut
34. an___c economy *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
35. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
36. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

ANSWERS: 29. industrious, 30. stalk, 31. opportune, 32. judiciary, 33. hazel, 34. anemic, 35. converse, 36. laborer

37. br____en members *n.* (plural form of "brother") a group of people who share a common characteristic, belief, or purpose, often within a religious or fraternal context
38. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
39. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
40. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
41. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
42. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
43. em_____d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
44. an___c appearance *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
45. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
46. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 37. brethren, 38. sentimental, 39. mindset, 40. converse, 41. mindset, 42. aft, 43. emerald, 44. anemic, 45. generosity, 46. optimist

47. an em____d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
48. qu__k product *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
49. avoid hy_____le in writing *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
50. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
51. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
52. sm_____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
53. av___e to change *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
54. exp_____ve language *adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness
55. financial ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

ANSWERS: 47. emerald, 48. quack, 49. hyperbole, 50. medicinal, 51. superpower, 52. smallpox, 53. averse, 54. expressive, 55. acumen

56. the tw____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
57. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
58. su_____er oil *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
59. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
60. ou_____e impact *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
61. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
62. ha__l eyes *n.* a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut
63. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
64. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 56. twinkle, 57. grandchild, 58. sunflower, 59. generosity, 60. outsize, 61. medicinal, 62. hazel, 63. slum, 64. stalk

65. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
66. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
67. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
68. escalate the hy_____le *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
69. av_____e to risk *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
70. tw_____e like a star *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
71. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
72. critical ac_____n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
73. feline ret_____us *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

ANSWERS: 65. innovate, 66. rampant, 67. optimist, 68. hyperbole, 69. averse, 70. twinkle, 71. eradicate, 72. acumen, 73. retrovirus

74. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
75. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
76. rural dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
77. exp_____ve artwork *adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness
78. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
79. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
80. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
81. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
82. sp_____ic outbreaks *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

ANSWERS: 74. frightening, 75. drip, 76. dweller, 77. expressive, 78. sentimental, 79. drip, 80. innovate, 81. superpower, 82. sporadic

83. in a re____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
84. sp____ic attempts *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
85. at____t to the facts *v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
86. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
87. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
88. qu__k doctor *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
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91. br_____en in faith *n.* (plural form of "brother") a group of people who share a common characteristic, belief, or purpose, often within a religious or fraternal context

ANSWERS: 83. reckless, 84. sporadic, 85. attest, 86. lifesaving, 87. eradicate, 88. quack, 89. promenade, 90. aft, 91. brethren

92. lif_____ng device

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 92. lifesaving

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His eyes _____ with mischief.
 - v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

2. The _____ seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.
 - n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

3. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.
 - n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

4. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
 - n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

5. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
 - v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

6. I am _____ to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.
 - adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

ANSWERS: 1. twinkled, 2. sunflower, 3. perseverance, 4. slums, 5. electrify, 6. averse

7. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
8. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
9. The _____ tree in our backyard produces nuts that the squirrels love.
n. a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut
10. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be _____.
adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
11. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.
n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
12. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
13. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 7. dweller, 8. aft, 9. hazel, 10. rampant, 11. smallpox, 12. stalked, 13. frightening

14. The _____ of the church gathered for their annual conference.
- n.* (plural form of "brother") a group of people who share a common characteristic, belief, or purpose, often within a religious or fraternal context
15. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
- v.* to talk informally
16. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
17. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
- n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
18. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
19. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
20. The company's website had _____ traffic, with very few visitors each month.
- adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
21. Her _____ dance moves captivated the audience during the performance.
- adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness

ANSWERS: 14. brethren, 15. converse, 16. superpower, 17. laborers, 18. grandchild, 19. obsessed, 20. anemic, 21. expressive

22. His business _____ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.
- n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
23. _____ youth makes rueful age.
- adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
24. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
25. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
- n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
26. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
- n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
27. The patient's condition improved after beginning a _____ treatment regimen.
- n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
28. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. The musician's _____ stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.
- adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

ANSWERS: 22. acumen, 23. Reckless, 24. eradicate, 25. lifesaving, 26. swath, 27. retrovirus-targeted, 28. industrious, 29. outsize

30. The _____ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

31. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

32. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

33. I can _____ to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.

v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

34. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

35. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

36. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

37. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

ANSWERS: 30. emerald, 31. opportune, 32. sentimental, 33. attest, 34. promenade, 35. innovate, 36. optimist, 37. judiciary

38. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

39. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

40. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

41. The rain was falling in _____ bursts.

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

42. The healthcare industry is cracking down on _____ remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

43. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

44. Water is _____ from the faucet.

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

45. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

ANSWERS: 38. generosity, 39. medicinal, 40. reinvent, 41. sporadic, 42. quack, 43. mindset, 44. dripping, 45. catastrophic

46. The marketing campaign relied heavily on _____ to sell the product.
- n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

ANSWERS: 46. hyperbole