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## Session 1: Word List

### disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me  
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

### disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

*synonym*: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality  
She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

### youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

*synonym*: child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**  
The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

## alumni

*n.* (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program

*synonym* : graduates, former students, alum

(1) **alumni** network, (2) **alumni** relations

Many **alumni** of our college have become successful in their chosen fields.

## materialistic

*adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

*synonym* : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

## aspire

*v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

*synonym* : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

## prestige

*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

*synonym* : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

## broth

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

*synonym* : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

## recess

*n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

*synonym* : break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

## engrossed

*adj.* completely absorbed or focused on something; fully occupied or immersed

*synonym* : absorbed, observant, immersed

(1) **engrossed** in a project, (2) **engrossed** in conversation

She was so **engrossed** in her book that she didn't hear the phone ring.

## kneel

*v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees

*synonym* : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

## dabble

*v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

*synonym* : toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

## 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.

**statesman**

*n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

*synonym* : solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

**mend**

*v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

*synonym* : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

**lifeblood**

*n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

*synonym* : essence, vitality, sustenance

(1) the **lifeblood** of every organization, (2) the **lifeblood** of the economy

The company's reputation is its **lifeblood**.

**wherein**

*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

**stumble**

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym* : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

**Christ**

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## 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.

## chancellor

*n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany

*synonym* : official, administrator, head

(1) **Chancellor** of the Exchequer, (2) associate **chancellor**

The **chancellor** of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.

## denim

*n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

*synonym* : jeans, dungarees, chambray

(1) **denim** shorts, (2) **denim** jacket

She loved the feel of her new **denim** jeans against her skin.

## turtleneck

*n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar

*synonym* : polo-neck

(1) a **turtleneck** sweater, (2) **turtleneck** undershirts

I want to buy a new **turtleneck** tomorrow.

## stickler

*n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something

*synonym* : perfectionist, nitpicker, pedant

(1) **stickler** for details, (2) **stickler** for cleanliness

He was a **stickler** for punctuality and would not tolerate anyone being late.

**profanity**

*n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things

*synonym* : cuss, expletive, crudeness

(1) give a **profanity**, (2) shout **profanity**

We do not tolerate any **profanity** or abusive language.

**pitiful**

*adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor

*synonym* : miserable, contemptible, sorry

(1) a **pitiful** fate, (2) cast **pitiful** eyes

We heard their **pitiful** laments throughout the night.

**gracious**

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

*synonym* : cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

**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.

**apex**

*n.* the highest point or tip of something

*synonym* : summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

**impatience**

*n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

*synonym* : restlessness, irritability, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

## revolve

*v.* to rotate around a central point

*synonym*: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis  
The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

## umpire

*n.* a person, particularly in sports, who arbitrates or referee's a game, match, or competition; an impartial mediator or judge in a dispute or conflict

*synonym*: arbiter, referee, judge

(1) **umpire** decision, (2) fair **umpire**

The cricket **umpire** signaled a boundary by raising his arms.

## perceptive

*adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments

*synonym*: insightful, observant, discerning

(1) **perceptive** comment, (2) **perceptive** reader

Her **perceptive** eye caught on to the subtle details in the artwork that others had missed.

## denounce

*v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

*synonym*: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

## grit

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

*synonym*: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## whine

*v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

*synonym*: complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather  
The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

## byproduct

*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

*synonym*: side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology  
The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

## unselfish

*adj.* showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic

*synonym*: selfless, altruistic, generous

(1) **unselfish** sacrifice, (2) **unselfish** motive  
Her **unselfish** actions earned her the admiration of many.

## rebound

*v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

*synonym*: spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth  
The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

## varsity

*n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players

*synonym*: team, squad, first-string

(1) a **varsity** player, (2) **varsity** sport



Jane made the **varsity** team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.

## **ramble**

v. to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction

*synonym*: wander, meander, stroll

(1) **ramble** down the road, (2) **ramble** through the woods  
I like to **ramble** through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. dis_____nt the audience           | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad   |
| 2. remains of br__h                  | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews   |
| 3. wh_____n he is mistaken           | <i>adv.</i> in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that  |
| 4. teenage yo_____er                 | <i>n.</i> a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development  |
| 5. per_____ve reader                 | <i>adj.</i> having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments |
| 6. ind_____us student                | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |
| 7. 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                             |
| 8. m__d my ways                      | <i>v.</i> to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged   |
| 9. ra___e through the woods          | <i>v.</i> to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction               |

ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. broth, 3. wherein, 4. youngster, 5. perceptive, 6. industrious, 7. electrify, 8. mend, 9. ramble

10. a\_\_x predator *n.* the highest point or tip of something
11. by\_\_\_\_\_ct of technology *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
12. wh\_\_e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
13. per\_\_\_\_\_ve comment *adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments
14. associate cha\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
15. kn\_\_l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
16. mat\_\_\_\_\_tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
17. mat\_\_\_\_\_tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

ANSWERS: 10. apex, 11. byproduct, 12. whine, 13. perceptive, 14. chancellor, 15. kneel, 16. materialistic, 17. materialistic

18. cast pi\_\_\_\_l eyes *adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
19. business imp\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
20. a pi\_\_\_\_l fate *adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
21. in a gr\_\_\_\_us manner *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
22. st\_\_\_\_\_er for details *n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something
23. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
24. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
25. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
26. a\_\_x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
27. re\_\_\_\_\_e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
28. kn\_\_l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
29. the li\_\_\_\_\_od of the economy *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

ANSWERS: 18. pitiful, 19. impatience, 20. pitiful, 21. gracious, 22. stickler, 23. stumble, 24. prestige, 25. Christ, 26. apex, 27. revolve, 28. kneel, 29. lifeblood

30. tur\_\_\_\_\_ck undershirts *n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar
31. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
32. al\_\_\_\_i relations *n.* (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program
33. 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
34. toxic by\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
35. yo\_\_\_\_\_er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
36. m\_\_d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
37. a va\_\_\_\_\_y player *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
38. da\_\_\_\_e in a hobby *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
39. national pr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 30. turtleneck, 31. Christ, 32. alumni, 33. laborer, 34. byproduct, 35. youngster, 36. mend, 37. varsity, 38. dabble, 39. prestige

40. un\_\_\_\_\_sh motive *adj.* showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic
41. chicken br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
42. re\_\_\_\_\_d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
43. as\_\_\_e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
44. wh\_\_e about homework *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
45. 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
46. g\_\_t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
47. ra\_\_\_e down the road *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
48. shout pr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things

ANSWERS: 40. unselfish, 41. broth, 42. rebound, 43. aspire, 44. whine, 45. laborer, 46. grit, 47. ramble, 48. profanity

49. serial qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
50. al\_\_\_\_i network *n.* (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program
51. g\_\_t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
52. during noon re\_\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
53. en\_\_\_\_ed in conversation *adj.* completely absorbed or focused on something; fully occupied or immersed
54. give a pr\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things
55. de\_\_m jacket *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
56. da\_\_\_\_e at French *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
57. de\_\_\_\_ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
58. re\_\_\_\_d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

ANSWERS: 49. quitter, 50. alumni, 51. grit, 52. recess, 53. engrossed, 54. profanity, 55. denim, 56. dabble, 57. denounce, 58. rebound

59. va\_\_\_\_y sport *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
60. imp\_\_\_\_\_ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
61. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
62. en\_\_\_\_\_ed in a project *adj.* completely absorbed or focused on something; fully occupied or immersed
63. de\_\_\_\_\_ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
64. de\_\_m shorts *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
65. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
66. dis\_\_\_\_\_on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
67. un\_\_\_\_\_sh sacrifice *adj.* showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic
68. st\_\_\_\_\_er for cleanliness *n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something

ANSWERS: 59. varsity, 60. impatience, 61. electrify, 62. engrossed, 63. denounce, 64. denim, 65. disappoint, 66. disillusion, 67. unselfish, 68. stickler



69. um\_\_\_e decision *n.* a person, particularly in sports, who arbitrates or referee's a game, match, or competition; an impartial mediator or judge in a dispute or conflict
70. fair um\_\_\_e *n.* a person, particularly in sports, who arbitrates or referee's a game, match, or competition; an impartial mediator or judge in a dispute or conflict
71. a woman st\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
72. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
73. a court re\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
74. international st\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
75. easy qu\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
76. progress to a level wh\_\_\_\_\_n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
77. st\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
78. gr\_\_\_us hospitality *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

ANSWERS: 69. umpire, 70. umpire, 71. statesman, 72. industrious, 73. recess, 74. statesman, 75. quitter, 76. wherein, 77. stumble, 78. gracious

79. dis\_\_\_\_\_on him about reality      *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
80. as\_\_\_e after perfection      *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
81. re\_\_\_\_\_e around a central axis      *v.* to rotate around a central point
82. Cha\_\_\_\_\_or of the Exchequer      *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
83. the li\_\_\_\_\_od of every organization      *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
84. a tur\_\_\_\_\_ck sweater      *n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar

ANSWERS: 79. disillusion, 80. aspire, 81. revolve, 82. chancellor, 83. lifeblood, 84. turtleneck

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ eye caught on to the subtle details in the artwork that others had missed.  
*adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments
2. Her \_\_\_\_\_ actions earned her the admiration of many.  
*adj.* showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic
3. This statue honors a distinguished \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
4. Jane made the \_\_\_\_\_ team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.  
*n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
5. The little \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.  
*n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
6. She has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and determination to succeed.  
*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
7. Many \_\_\_\_\_ of our college have become successful in their chosen fields.  
*n.* (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program

ANSWERS: 1. perceptive, 2. unselfish, 3. statesman, 4. varsity, 5. youngster, 6. grit, 7. alumni

8. We do not tolerate any \_\_\_\_\_ or abusive language.
- n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things
9. The doctor advised him to manage his \_\_\_\_\_ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.
- n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
10. She loved the feel of her new \_\_\_\_\_ jeans against her skin.
- n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
11. I want to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
- n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar
12. The basketball bounced off the rim and \_\_\_\_\_ to the player.
- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
13. 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
14. The company decided to take a \_\_\_\_\_ and reconvene the meeting later that day.
- n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
15. They often \_\_\_\_\_ in new business ventures but only commit partially.
- v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

ANSWERS: 8. profanity, 9. impatience, 10. denim, 11. turtleneck, 12. rebounded, 13. laborers, 14. recess, 15. dabble

16. She was so \_\_\_\_\_ in her book that she didn't hear the phone ring.  
*adj.* completely absorbed or focused on something; fully occupied or immersed
17. The players are \_\_\_\_\_ during the national anthem.  
*v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
18. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
19. The company's reputation is its \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
20. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
21. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
22. The staff is always helpful and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
23. She \_\_\_\_\_ to become a successful businesswoman.  
*v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
24. The university has great \_\_\_\_\_ in the academic community.  
*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 16. engrossed, 17. kneeling, 18. quitter, 19. lifeblood, 20. Christmas, 21. stumbled, 22. gracious, 23. aspired, 24. prestige

25. The cricket \_\_\_\_\_ signaled a boundary by raising his arms.
- n.* a person, particularly in sports, who arbitrates or referee's a game, match, or competition; an impartial mediator or judge in a dispute or conflict
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.
- n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.
- n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
28. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ for punctuality and would not tolerate anyone being late.
- n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something
29. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.
- v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
31. 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

ANSWERS: 25. umpire, 26. byproduct, 27. chancellor, 28. stickler, 29. industrious, 30. ramble, 31. electrify

32. The child began to \_\_\_\_\_ when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.  
*v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
33. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
34. I always add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ to my soup to give it more flavor.  
*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ the actions of the corrupt official.  
*v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
36. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_ they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.  
*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
37. We heard their \_\_\_\_\_ laments throughout the night.  
*adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
38. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ with the management and decided to leave.  
*v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
39. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ goal.  
*adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

ANSWERS: 32. whine, 33. disappoint, 34. broth, 35. denounced, 36. wherein, 37. pitiful, 38. disillusioned, 39. materialistic

40. The company reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of success in the market.

*n.* the highest point or tip of something

41. The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

*v.* to rotate around a central point

42. He \_\_\_\_\_ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

*v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 40. apex, 41. revolves, 42. mended