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## Session 1: Word List

### uneven

*adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

*synonym*: irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

### reverberate

*v.* to be repeated several times as an echo

*synonym*: echo, resonate, resound

(1) **reverberate** through the hall, (2) **reverberate** in my head

The effects might **reverberate** across the oceans in unexpected ways.

### orchid

*n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants

(1) **orchid** garden, (2) **orchid** species

The **orchid** blooms were so delicate and beautiful.

### clientele

*n.* the customers or clients of a particular business, organization, or professional service; the people who regularly use or visit a particular establishment, often

implying a sense of loyalty or repeat business

*synonym* : customers, patrons, buyers

(1) loyal **clientele**, (2) expanding **clientele**

The luxury boutique caters to a wealthy **clientele** who want high-end products.

## 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.

## intricate

*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

*synonym* : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

## 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.

## amplification

*n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

*synonym* : enlargement, expansion, intensification

(1) **amplification** system, (2) sound **amplification**

The political debate was an **amplification** of the candidates' views on key issues.

## cathedral

*n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

*synonym* : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

## flatter

*v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

*synonym*: compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## dissonance

*n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

*synonym*: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

## frill

*n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes

*synonym*: flounce, ruffle, embellishment

(1) decorative **frill**, (2) **frill** dress

The dress had a beautiful **frill** at the hem, adding a feminine touch to the overall design.

## sonata

*n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

*synonym*: composition, piece, work

(1) play a **sonata**, (2) third **sonata**

He's been practicing a new **sonata** for weeks.

**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.

**aria**

*n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment  
*synonym* : song, melody, tune

(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**  
The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

**holler**

*v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message  
*synonym* : shout, yell, bellow

(1) **holler** out his frustration, (2) **holler** for help  
The kids love to **holler** at the echoing mountains during our summer trips.

**encore**

*n.* a performance or piece of music, typically a repetition of the final section of a concert, given in response to an enthusiastic request from the audience; a demand or request for repeated performance or repetition of something  
*synonym* : repeat, curtain call

(1) standing ovation **encore**, (2) musical **encore**  
After their final song, the band was called back on stage for an **encore** performance.

**bombast**

*n.* high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects  
*synonym* : grandiloquence, pompousness, pretentiousness

(1) mere **bombast**, (2) full of **bombast**  
The politician's speeches were filled with **bombast** but lacked

substance.

## prelude

*n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

*synonym*: introduction, opening, prologue

(1) **prelude** music, (2) ominous **prelude**

The book's introductory chapter provided a **prelude** to the rest of the story.

## symphony

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

*synonym*: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym*: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## rhythmic

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

*synonym*: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional

religious practices.

## improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

*synonym*: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

## valentine

n. a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269

*synonym*: lover, sweetheart, beloved

(1) **valentine** gift, (2) **valentine's** bouquet

She wrote a heartfelt message in the **valentine** card for her best friend.

## 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.

## whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

*synonym*: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic  
As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## jukebox

*n.* a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past

*synonym*: music player, nickelodeon

(1) **jukebox** music, (2) digital **jukebox**

The diner had a classic **jukebox** that played all the hits from the 1950s and 60s.

## ballad

*n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

*synonym*: folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

## 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.

## hush

*v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

*synonym*: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case  
Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

## foliage

*n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

*synonym*: leaves, greenery, flora

(1) colorful **foliage**, (2) autumn **foliage**

The vibrant **foliage** on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym*: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

## savannah

*n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

*synonym*: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

## sparrow

*n.* a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call

*synonym*: bird, finch, warbler

(1) **sparrow** species, (2) **sparrow** population

The **sparrow** was a common bird found in most parts of the world.

## scarlet

*n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red

*synonym*: crimson, ruby, vermilion

(1) **scarlet** petals, (2) **scarlet** lipstick

She wore a **scarlet** dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.



## outpouring

*n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

*synonym*: outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

## inject

*v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym*: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## instinctively

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

*synonym*: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. co____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand   |
| 2. y__l as loud as we can       | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way   |
| 3. issue a w__t                 | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command  |
| 4. sc____t lipstick             | <i>n.</i> a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red   |
| 5. dis_____ue scene             | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance  |
| 6. amp_____ion system           | <i>n.</i> the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea   |
| 7. h__h for a while             | <i>v.</i> to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential |
| 8. colorful fo____e             | <i>n.</i> the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes            |
| 9. ca_____al choir              | <i>n.</i> the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area   |
| 10. sound amp_____ion           | <i>n.</i> the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea   |

ANSWERS: 1. confuse, 2. yell, 3. writ, 4. scarlet, 5. discotheque, 6. amplification, 7. hush, 8. foliage, 9. cathedral, 10. amplification

11. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_\_r      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
12. in a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic pace      *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
13. or\_\_\_\_d garden      *n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
14. sa\_\_\_\_\_ah region      *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
15. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
16. mere bo\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects
17. sp\_\_\_\_\_w species      *n.* a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call
18. in\_\_\_\_\_te details      *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
19. artistic out\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
20. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 11. whisper, 12. rhythmic, 13. orchid, 14. savannah, 15. confuse, 16. bombast, 17. sparrow, 18. intricate, 19. outpouring, 20. improvisation



29. tropical sa\_\_\_\_ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
30. loyal cl\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the customers or clients of a particular business, organization, or professional service; the people who regularly use or visit a particular establishment, often implying a sense of loyalty or repeat business
31. expanding cl\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the customers or clients of a particular business, organization, or professional service; the people who regularly use or visit a particular establishment, often implying a sense of loyalty or repeat business
32. in\_\_\_\_\_te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
33. pr\_\_\_\_\_e music *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
34. musical en\_\_\_e *n.* a performance or piece of music, typically a repetition of the final section of a concert, given in response to an enthusiastic request from the audience; a demand or request for repeated performance or repetition of something
35. ominous pr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

ANSWERS: 29. savannah, 30. clientele, 31. clientele, 32. intricate, 33. prelude, 34. encore, 35. prelude

36. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
37. emotional out\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
38. y\_\_l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
39. full of bo\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects
40. third so\_\_\_a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
41. fl\_\_\_\_\_r the host *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
42. un\_\_\_n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
43. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
44. fl\_\_\_\_\_r his superiors *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
45. sc\_\_\_\_\_t petals *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red

ANSWERS: 36. writ, 37. outpouring, 38. yell, 39. bombast, 40. sonata, 41. flatter, 42. uneven, 43. distort, 44. flatter, 45. scarlet

46. un\_\_\_n numbers *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
47. h\_\_h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
48. sp\_\_\_\_w population *n.* a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call
49. ca\_\_\_\_\_al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
50. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
51. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
52. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
53. im\_\_\_\_\_se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
54. play a so\_\_\_a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
55. a sy\_\_\_\_\_ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 46. uneven, 47. hush, 48. sparrow, 49. cathedral, 50. improvisation, 51. distort, 52. drown, 53. improvise, 54. sonata, 55. symphony

56. ho\_\_\_r for help *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
57. musical dis\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
58. fr\_\_l dress *n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
59. Irish ba\_\_\_d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
60. di\_\_\_\_\_e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
61. decorative fr\_\_l *n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
62. a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
63. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
64. or\_\_\_d species *n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants

ANSWERS: 56. holler, 57. dissonance, 58. frill, 59. ballad, 60. diverge, 61. frill, 62. rhythmic, 63. drown, 64. orchid



65. ju\_\_\_\_x music *n.* a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past
66. autumn fo\_\_\_\_e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
67. di\_\_\_\_e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
68. rev\_\_\_\_te through the hall *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
69. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
70. cognitive dis\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
71. va\_\_\_\_ne gift *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
72. 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

ANSWERS: 65. jukebox, 66. foliage, 67. diverge, 68. reverberate, 69. singe, 70. dissonance, 71. valentine, 72. Christ

73. dramatic a\_\_a *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
74. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
75. standing ovation en\_\_\_e *n.* a performance or piece of music, typically a repetition of the final section of a concert, given in response to an enthusiastic request from the audience; a demand or request for repeated performance or repetition of something
76. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
77. in\_\_\_t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
78. a\_\_a singer *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
79. the wh\_\_\_\_r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
80. in\_\_\_t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 73. aria, 74. instinctively, 75. encore, 76. sect, 77. inject, 78. aria, 79. whisper, 80. inject

81. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely grabbed the knife      *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
82. 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
83. ho\_\_\_r out his frustration      *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
84. s\_\_t beliefs      *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 81. instinctively, 82. Christ, 83. holler, 84. sect

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As tectonic plates \_\_\_\_\_ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.
  - v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
  
2. Some researchers claim that even humans can \_\_\_\_\_ sense earthquakes.
  - adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.
  - n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
  
4. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.
  - n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
  
5. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.
  - v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
  
6. The road was \_\_\_\_\_ causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.
  - adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
  
7. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.
  - n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 1. diverge, 2. instinctively, 3. outpouring, 4. scarlet, 5. distort, 6. uneven, 7. symphony

8. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.  
*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.  
*n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.  
*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
11. The politician's speeches were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ but lacked substance.  
*n.* high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects
12. She wrote a heartfelt message in the \_\_\_\_\_ card for her best friend.  
*n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a common bird found in most parts of the world.  
*n.* a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call
14. The effects might \_\_\_\_\_ across the oceans in unexpected ways.  
*v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
15. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.  
*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 8. whispered, 9. dissonance, 10. rhythmic, 11. bombast, 12. valentine, 13. sparrow, 14. reverberate, 15. discotheque

16. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. \_\_\_\_\_ 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
18. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
19. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.
- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
20. The dress had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ at the hem, adding a feminine touch to the overall design.
- n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
21. The birds live in tropical forests, \_\_\_\_\_ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
22. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
23. She managed to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss into giving her a promotion.
- v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

ANSWERS: 16. improvisation, 17. Christmas, 18. writ, 19. singed, 20. frill, 21. savannahs, 22. drown, 23. flatter

24. The singer's \_\_\_\_\_ brought the audience to tears.
- n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
25. The luxury boutique caters to a wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ who want high-end products.
- n.* the customers or clients of a particular business, organization, or professional service; the people who regularly use or visit a particular establishment, often implying a sense of loyalty or repeat business
26. The book's introductory chapter provided a \_\_\_\_\_ to the rest of the story.
- n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
27. After their final song, the band was called back on stage for an \_\_\_\_\_ performance.
- n.* a performance or piece of music, typically a repetition of the final section of a concert, given in response to an enthusiastic request from the audience; a demand or request for repeated performance or repetition of something
28. The politician managed to deal with that \_\_\_\_\_ issue.
- adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
29. The political debate was an \_\_\_\_\_ of the candidates' views on key issues.
- n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
30. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 24. ballad, 25. clientele, 26. prelude, 27. encore, 28. intricate, 29. amplification, 30. confused

31. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
32. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ blooms were so delicate and beautiful.
- n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
34. The kids love to \_\_\_\_\_ at the echoing mountains during our summer trips.
- v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
35. He's been practicing a new \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks.
- n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
36. The vibrant \_\_\_\_\_ on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.
- n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
37. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and \_\_\_\_\_ at me.
- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
38. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

ANSWERS: 31. sect, 32. inject, 33. orchid, 34. holler, 35. sonata, 36. foliage, 37. yelled, 38. hush



39. The diner had a classic \_\_\_\_\_ that played all the hits from the 1950s and 60s.
- n.* a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
41. The soprano performed an emotional \_\_\_\_\_ that brought the audience to tears.
- n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
42. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
- v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

ANSWERS: 39. jukebox, 40. cathedral's, 41. aria, 42. improvise