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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### staple

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

*synonym* : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

### carbohydrate

*n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

*synonym* : sugar, starch, cellulose

(1) complex **carbohydrate**, (2) **carbohydrate** metabolism

Foods high in **carbohydrates** include bread, pasta, and rice.

### mainstay

*n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

*synonym* : support, anchor, foundation

(1) the **mainstay** of the community, (2) country's **mainstay**

The company's **mainstay** product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.

### loaf

*n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

*synonym* : bread, boule, brioche

(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day  
On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

## bakery

*n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

*synonym*: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## mythical

*adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

*synonym*: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

## cultivate

*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

*synonym*: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

## mechanize

*v.* to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology

*synonym*: automate, motorize, robotize

(1) **mechanize** operations, (2) **mechanize** agriculture

The factory **mechanized** its production line to increase

efficiency and reduce labor costs.

## envelop

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

*synonym* : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug  
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

## despise

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

*synonym* : hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**  
I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

## plentiful

*adj.* existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability

*synonym* : abundant, ample, copious

(1) **plentiful** resources, (2) **plentiful** harvest

The supermarket offers a **plentiful** selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

## tasteless

*adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety

*synonym* : bland, flavorless, insipid

(1) **tasteless** joke, (2) **tasteless** food

The bright pink flamingos seemed **tasteless** decorations for the traditional wedding ceremony.

## simplistic

*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

*synonym* : basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

## modernize

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

*synonym* : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

## oblivious

*adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

*synonym* : forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

## raisin

*n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient

*synonym* : dried grape, sultana, currant

(1) **raisin** pie, (2) **raisin** oatmeal cookies

The **raisin** bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.

## domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym* : tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## concoction

*n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

*synonym* : mixture, brew, composition

(1) **concoction** recipe, (2) coffee-milk **concoction**

The **concoction** of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

## commuter

*n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public

transportation or car

*synonym* : traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

## cassava

*n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

*synonym* : manioc, yuca

(1) **cassava** flour, (2) **cassava** starch

**Cassava** leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

## modernity

*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

*synonym* : contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

## emu

*n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers

*synonym* : flightless bird, Australian bird, big bird

(1) **emu** egg, (2) **emu** farming

Indigenous Australians use the **emu's** feathers for various decorative and practical purposes.

## campo

*n.* (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside

*synonym* : field, meadow, plain

(1) vast **campo**, (2) rural **campo** landscape

They booked a weekend getaway at a **campo-style** retreat to escape the city's hustle and bustle.

## soybean

*n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

*synonym* : soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

## forebear

*n.* an ancestor or a precursor

*synonym* : ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor

His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

## countermovement

*n.* a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal

*synonym* : opposing action, countermeasure

(1) economic **countermovement**, (2) the **countermovement** against globalization

The **countermovement** in the stock market caused many investors to panic.

## gastronomy

*n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

*synonym* : culinary art, cuisine

(1) **gastronomy** tour, (2) French **gastronomy**

The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of **gastronomy** worldwide.

## fallacy

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

*synonym* : falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

## relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

*synonym*: demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task  
The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

## 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.

## fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

*synonym*: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

## orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

## starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

*synonym*: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

## hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

## horticultural

*adj.* relating to the cultivation or study of plants, especially garden plants

*synonym*: gardening, agricultural

(1) **horticultural** industry, (2) **horticultural** techniques

The **horticultural** society held a workshop on pruning techniques for rose bushes.

## dispassionate

*adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions

*synonym*: impartial, unbiased, neutral

(1) **dispassionate** analysis, (2) **dispassionate** observation

The judge remained **dispassionate** throughout the emotional trial.

## horticulture

*n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation

*synonym*: gardening, cultivation, farming

(1) urban **horticulture**, (2) sustainable **horticulture**

She studied applied **horticulture** to learn more about plant cultivation and landscaping.

## fermentation

*n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat

*synonym*: brewing, culturing, pickling

(1) oxidative **fermentation**, (2) **fermentation** tank

The process of **fermentation** is used to make beer, wine, and many other products.

## populate

*v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form,



document, or database with relevant information

*synonym* : inhabit, occupy, dwell

(1) **populate** the countryside, (2) **populate** the spreadsheet

Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily **populate** the forest.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic approach  
*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
2. ob\_\_\_\_\_us to our response  
*adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
3. the ma\_\_\_\_\_ay of the community  
*n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
4. ra\_\_\_\_n pie  
*n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
5. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic design  
*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
6. en\_\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug  
*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
7. he\_\_\_\_\_e land  
*n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
8. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze agriculture  
*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
9. French gas\_\_\_\_\_my  
*n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

ANSWERS: 1. simplistic, 2. oblivious, 3. mainstay, 4. raisin, 5. simplistic, 6. envelop, 7. hectare, 8. modernize, 9. gastronomy

10. spirit of mo\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
11. pl\_\_\_\_\_ul harvest *adj.* existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability
12. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
13. co\_\_\_\_\_er shuttle *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
14. so\_\_\_\_\_n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
15. ca\_\_\_\_\_a starch *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
16. ba\_\_\_\_y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
17. oxidative fer\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat

ANSWERS: 10. modernity, 11. plentiful, 12. electrify, 13. commuter, 14. soybean, 15. cassava, 16. bakery, 17. fermentation

18. l\_\_f around during the day *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
19. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate observation *adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions
20. a fo\_\_\_\_\_ar of one of the tribes *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
21. car\_\_\_\_\_ate metabolism *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
22. crusty l\_\_f *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
23. de\_\_\_\_\_e a particular food *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
24. housing per he\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
25. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate analysis *adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions
26. complex car\_\_\_\_\_ate *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

ANSWERS: 18. loaf, 19. dispassionate, 20. forebear, 21. carbohydrate, 22. loaf, 23. despise, 24. hectare, 25. dispassionate, 26. carbohydrate

27. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
28. run a ba\_\_\_\_y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
29. st\_\_\_e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
30. ta\_\_\_\_\_ss joke *adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety
31. so\_\_\_\_\_n production *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
32. dom\_\_\_\_\_te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
33. vast ca\_\_o *n.* (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside
34. or\_\_\_\_\_an arm *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
35. hor\_\_\_\_\_ral techniques *adj.* relating to the cultivation or study of plants, especially garden plants
36. daily co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
37. ca\_\_\_\_\_a flour *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

ANSWERS: 27. starvation, 28. bakery, 29. staple, 30. tasteless, 31. soybean, 32. domesticate, 33. campo, 34. orangutan, 35. horticultural, 36. commuter, 37. cassava

38. belief in a fa\_\_\_\_y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
39. my\_\_\_\_al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
40. re\_\_\_\_te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
41. gas\_\_\_\_\_my tour *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
42. female or\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
43. cu\_\_\_\_\_te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
44. sustainable hor\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation
45. urban hor\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation
46. po\_\_\_\_te the countryside *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 38. fallacy, 39. mythical, 40. relegate, 41. gastronomy, 42. orangutan, 43. cultivate, 44. horticulture, 45. horticulture, 46. populate

47. pl\_\_\_\_\_ul resources *adj.* existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability
48. country's ma\_\_\_\_\_ay *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
49. ra\_\_\_\_\_n oatmeal cookies *n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
50. re\_\_\_\_\_te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
51. fo\_\_\_\_\_ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
52. 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
53. con\_\_\_\_\_on recipe *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
54. me\_\_\_\_\_ze operations *v.* to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology
55. fa\_\_\_\_\_y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

ANSWERS: 47. plentiful, 48. mainstay, 49. raisin, 50. relegate, 51. forebear, 52. electrify, 53. concoction, 54. mechanize, 55. fallacy

56. e\_u farming *n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers
57. the cou\_\_\_\_\_ent against globalization *n.* a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal
58. e\_u egg *n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers
59. hor\_\_\_\_\_ral industry *adj.* relating to the cultivation or study of plants, especially garden plants
60. ta\_\_\_\_\_ss food *adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety
61. rural ca\_\_o landscape *n.* (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside
62. ob\_\_\_\_\_us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
63. st\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
64. coffee-milk con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
65. me\_\_\_\_\_ze agriculture *v.* to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology

ANSWERS: 56. emu, 57. countermovement, 58. emu, 59. horticultural, 60. tasteless, 61. campo, 62. oblivious, 63. staple, 64. concoction, 65. mechanize



66. sta\_\_\_\_\_on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
67. fer\_\_\_\_\_ion tank *n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat
68. cu\_\_\_\_\_te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
69. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
70. fe\_\_\_\_\_ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
71. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
72. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze infrastructure *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
73. economic cou\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal
74. en\_\_\_\_\_p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
75. secretly de\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

ANSWERS: 66. starvation, 67. fermentation, 68. cultivate, 69. ancestor, 70. fertilize, 71. ancestor, 72. modernize, 73. countermovement, 74. envelop, 75. despise

76. my\_\_\_\_\_al world      *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
77. po\_\_\_\_\_te the spreadsheet      *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information
78. easy to dom\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
79. path toward mo\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
80. fe\_\_\_\_\_ze the soil      *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

ANSWERS: 76. mythical, 77. populate, 78. domesticate, 79. modernity, 80. fertilize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.
  - v. to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information
  
2. The factory \_\_\_\_\_ its production line to increase efficiency and reduce labor costs.
  - v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology
  
3. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.
  - v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
  
4. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to \_\_\_\_\_ a wife.
  - v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
  
5. Indigenous Australians use the \_\_\_\_\_ feathers for various decorative and practical purposes.
  - n. a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers
  
6. She was so engrossed in her work that she was \_\_\_\_\_ to her surroundings.
  - adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

ANSWERS: 1. populate, 2. mechanized, 3. modernize, 4. fertilize, 5. emu's, 6. oblivious

7. The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide.
- n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
8. Foods high in \_\_\_\_\_ include bread, pasta, and rice.
- n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
9. Many cultures have their \_\_\_\_\_ creatures and legends.
- adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
10. He worked at the \_\_\_\_\_ as a baker.
- n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
11. \_\_\_\_\_ leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.
- n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.
- n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
13. University is a great place to \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and expertise.
- v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
14. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.
- v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 7. gastronomy, 8. carbohydrates, 9. mythical, 10. bakery, 11. Cassava, 12. commuter, 13. cultivate, 14. domesticate

15. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.  
*n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
16. The supermarket offers a \_\_\_\_\_ selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.  
*adj.* existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability
17. The farmer harvested his \_\_\_\_\_ crop and took it to market.  
*n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
18. The researcher found new species of \_\_\_\_\_ on the island.  
*n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the stock market caused many investors to panic.  
*n.* a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal
20. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
21. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
22. The judge remained \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the emotional trial.  
*adj.* not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions

ANSWERS: 15. mainstay, 16. plentiful, 17. soybean, 18. orangutan, 19. countermovement, 20. ancestor, 21. modernity, 22. dispassionate

23. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

24. Many people cling to the \_\_\_\_\_ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

25. She studied applied \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about plant cultivation and landscaping.

*n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation

26. The bright pink flamingos seemed \_\_\_\_\_ decorations for the traditional wedding ceremony.

*adj.* lacking flavor, bland, or insipid; lacking in aesthetic or artistic merit; lacking sensitivity or propriety

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.

*n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient

28. 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

29. The underperforming team was \_\_\_\_\_ to a lower division.

*v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

ANSWERS: 23. staple, 24. fallacy, 25. horticulture, 26. tasteless, 27. raisin, 28. electrify, 29. relegated

30. They booked a weekend getaway at a \_\_\_\_\_ retreat to escape the city's hustle and bustle.
- n.* (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside
31. The farm spans over 100 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.
- n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
32. The politician's solution to the problem was too \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the underlying issue.
- adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
33. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ is used to make beer, wine, and many other products.
- n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat
34. His \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the first settlers in the area.
- n.* an ancestor or a precursor
35. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ the city, making it difficult to see.
- v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
36. On my way home from work, I picked up a \_\_\_\_\_ of bread from the bakery.
- n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
37. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
- n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 30. campo-style, 31. hectares, 32. simplistic, 33. fermentation, 34. forebear, 35. enveloped, 36. loaf, 37. starvation

38. I \_\_\_\_\_ injustice and those who perpetrate it.

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

*n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ society held a workshop on pruning techniques for rose bushes.

*adj.* relating to the cultivation or study of plants, especially garden plants

ANSWERS: 38. despise, 39. concoction, 40. horticultural