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Session 1: Word List

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym : deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

self-respect

n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself

synonym: dignity, pride, self-esteem

(1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**

Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

dice

n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

synonym: cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

trickster

n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

synonym : swindler, cheat, deceiver

(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**

The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who

scammed people out of their money.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

affix

v. to attach or add something to something else

synonym: attach, paste, stick

(1) **affix** a label, (2) **affix** a seal to a document

She **affixed** a stamp to the letter before mailing it.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time

constraints

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

furnace

n. an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures

synonym: incinerator

(1) electrical **furnace**, (2) gas-fired **furnace**
In the **furnace**, the metal gleamed with radiance.

seal v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**
He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

sealed *adj.* closed or secured with
synonym: closed, impenetrable
(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar
We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

craft *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture
His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

pause v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction
The man **paused** before opening the door.

norm *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**
The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

frequent *adj.* happening constantly
synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym: glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably

I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym : abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

remaining

adj. left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition

synonym : residual, leftover, lingering

(1) **remaining** time, (2) **remaining** balance

The **remaining** supplies were quickly distributed among the survivors of the natural disaster.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym : see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

repay

v. to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

synonym: compensate, refund, reimburse

(1) **repay** a kindness, (2) **repay** a debt

I must **repay** my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

Session 2: Spelling

1. av__t disaster v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
2. r__n the plan v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
3. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
4. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
5. a bo___y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
6. pa__e for a reaction v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
7. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
8. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
9. r_t with age v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
10. r__n the reputation v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
11. tr_____er character *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

ANSWERS: 1. avert, 2. ruin, 3. confident, 4. dawn, 5. bounty, 6. pause, 7. frequency, 8. alternate, 9. rot, 10. ruin, 11. trickster

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| 12. playing d__e | <i>n.</i> | a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games |
| 13. be___d the sunrise | <i>v.</i> | to look at and observe with attention |
| 14. cunning tr_____er | <i>n.</i> | a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology |
| 15. pa__e a moment | <i>v.</i> | to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing |
| 16. con_____nt on business activity | <i>n.</i> | a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought |
| 17. lo___e a tumor | <i>v.</i> | to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something |
| 18. d_t blot method | <i>n.</i> | a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed |
| 19. a scanty ha_____t | <i>n.</i> | yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm |
| 20. dis_____te video content | <i>v.</i> | to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something |
| 21. a n__b mind | <i>adj.</i> | unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 22. re_____nt by a diagram | <i>v.</i> | to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 23. the ba_____e of power | <i>n.</i> | a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away |

ANSWERS: 12. dice, 13. behold, 14. trickster, 15. pause, 16. constraint, 17. locate, 18. dot, 19. harvest, 20. distribute, 21. numb, 22. represent, 23. balance

24. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
25. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
26. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
27. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
28. se____d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
29. af__x a label *v.* to attach or add something to something else
30. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
31. half qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
32. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
33. cash bo____y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
34. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 24. curse, 25. frequency, 26. goddess, 27. norm, 28. sealed, 29. affix, 30. forge, 31. quantity, 32. balance, 33. bounty, 34. dot

35. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
36. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
37. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
38. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
39. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
40. residual qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
41. electrical fu_____e *n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
42. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
43. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
44. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
45. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
46. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

ANSWERS: 35. assume, 36. avert, 37. invade, 38. possibility, 39. odds, 40. quantity, 41. furnace, 42. rot, 43. disaster, 44. constraint, 45. roll, 46. seal

47. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
48. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
49. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
50. re__y a kindness *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
51. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
52. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
53. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
54. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
55. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
56. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

ANSWERS: 47. refer, 48. magical, 49. distribute, 50. repay, 51. locate, 52. numb, 53. forge, 54. invade, 55. craft, 56. craft

70. gl___e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
71. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
72. d__e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
73. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
74. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
75. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
76. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
77. re__y a debt *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
78. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
79. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 70. glance, 71. roll, 72. dice, 73. harmony, 74. refer, 75. discovery, 76. glance, 77. repay, 78. alternate, 79. assume

80. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
81. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
82. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
83. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
84. gas-fired fu_____e *n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
85. re_____ng time *adj.* left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition
86. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
87. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
88. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
89. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
90. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
91. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

ANSWERS: 80. incredibly, 81. possibility, 82. similarly, 83. confident, 84. furnace, 85. remaining, 86. magical, 87. odds, 88. dawn, 89. frequent, 90. harvest, 91. harmony

92. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
93. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
94. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
95. a go_____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
96. re_____ng balance *adj.* left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition

ANSWERS: 92. discovery, 93. incredibly, 94. humming, 95. goddess, 96. remaining

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
 - a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
- She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.
 - to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
- The man _____ before opening the door.
 - to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
- The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
 - to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
- The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
 - occurring or existing one after the other regularly
- Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
 - to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
- The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
 - producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
- The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
 - to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

ANSWERS: 1. curse, 2. forge, 3. paused, 4. locate, 5. alternate, 6. rot, 7. humming, 8. avert

9. The _____ supplies were quickly distributed among the survivors of the natural disaster.
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10. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
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11. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.
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v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
13. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
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15. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
16. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 9. remaining, 10. balance, 11. goddess, 12. invade, 13. quantity, 14. frequency, 15. craft, 16. assumes

17. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
v. to look at and observe with attention
18. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.
adj. closed or secured with
19. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
20. In the _____ the metal gleamed with radiance.
n. an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
21. Her failure resulted in a loss of her _____.
n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
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n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
23. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
24. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
25. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 17. behold, 18. sealed, 19. magical, 20. furnace, 21. self-respect, 22. disaster, 23. constraint, 24. rolled, 25. incredibly

26. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
27. He rolled the _____ hoping for a lucky outcome.
n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
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n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
33. What are the _____ that he will survive?
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ANSWERS: 26. dawn, 27. dice, 28. glanced, 29. discovery, 30. represent, 31. repay, 32. bounty, 33. odds

34. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
35. The con artist was known as a notorious _____ who scammed people out of their money.
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adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 34. dots, 35. trickster, 36. distributed, 37. similarly, 38. harvest, 39. harmony, 40. norms, 41. numb

42. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

43. She _____ a stamp to the letter before mailing it.

v. to attach or add something to something else

44. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

45. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

46. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

47. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

48. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 42. possibility, 43. affixed, 44. sealed, 45. frequent, 46. ruined, 47. confident, 48. refer