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## Session 1: Word List

### poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym*: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

### toxin

*n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

*synonym*: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

### contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

*synonym*: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## refuel

*v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.

(1) **refuel** air-to-air, (2) **refuel** bombers in flight

Our plane stopped in the country to **refuel**.

## pigeon

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

## deprogram

*v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing

*synonym*: rehabilitate, unprogram, free

(1) **deprogram** cult members, (2) **deprogram** extremist views

The organization offered resources to help people **deprogram** from addiction.

## drench

*v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

*synonym*: soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer  
The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

### **mascot**

*n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

*synonym*: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

### **tweet**

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

### **decal**

*n.* a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression

*synonym*: sticker, label, transfer

(1) **decal** on my car window, (2) car **decal**

I bought a new laptop and decorated it with a **decal** of my favorite band's logo.

### **awaken**

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym*: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

### **billboard**

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

*synonym*: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular

vacation destination.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief  
The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## headquarter

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym*: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## megaphone

*n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds

*synonym*: loud hailer, bullhorn, amplification system

(1) **megaphone** announcement, (2) **megaphone** protest

The coach used a **megaphone** to communicate with his team during the game.

## satirical

*adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

*synonym*: mocking, ironic, sarcastic

(1) **satirical** article, (2) **satirical** humor

The **satirical** cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.

## pentagon

*n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

*synonym*: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building  
The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

## exposition

*n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

*synonym*: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**  
The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

## aft

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

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

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

## resurgence

*n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

*synonym*: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports  
After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

## farce

*n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

*synonym*: comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

## reintroduce

*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

*synonym*: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital

punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

### outskirt

*n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

*synonym*: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

### antichrist

*n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

(1) self-proclaimed **antichrist**, (2) **antichrist** prophecy

The totalitarian government was often called an **antichrist** power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.

### theorist

*n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

*synonym*: philosopher, academic, scholar

(1) scientific **theorist**, (2) conspiracy **theorist**

The feminist **theorist** criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.

### cadence

*n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

*synonym*: rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

## dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## disdain

v. to look down on

*synonym*: scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

## embolden

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

*synonym*: encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

## condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym*: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## like-minded

*adj.* having the same ideas or interests

*synonym*: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

## misinformation

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

*synonym*: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

### terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

### 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.

### 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**.

### blueprint

*n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

*synonym*: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

### bewilder

*v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

*synonym*: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.



## disinformation

*n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

*synonym*: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

## polarization

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym*: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. co_____n crime                     | <i>v.</i> to express strong disapproval or criticism of something  |
| 2. administrative hea_____er          | <i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed  |
| 3. de_____te a chapter to the subject | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use                                    |
| 4. team ma____t                       | <i>n.</i> a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values                    |
| 5. an international exp_____on        | <i>n.</i> a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display                          |
| 6. po_____us plants                   | <i>adj.</i> containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction |
| 7. em_____y for patients              | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation   |
| 8. the ou_____rt of the forest        | <i>n.</i> the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.   |

ANSWERS: 1. condemn, 2. headquarter, 3. dedicate, 4. mascot, 5. exposition, 6. poisonous, 7. empathy, 8. outskirts

9. full of em\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
10. con\_\_\_\_\_us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
11. sa\_\_\_\_\_al humor *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
12. architect's bl\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
13. scientific th\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
14. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
15. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
16. re\_\_\_l bombers in flight *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
17. rei\_\_\_\_\_ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
18. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 9. empathy, 10. contagious, 11. satirical, 12. blueprint, 13. theorist, 14. tweet, 15. drone, 16. refuel, 17. reintroduce, 18. terrifying

19. dis\_\_\_\_\_ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
20. on the western ou\_\_\_\_\_rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
21. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
22. rei\_\_\_\_\_ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
23. re\_\_\_\_l air-to-air *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
24. co\_\_\_\_\_n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
25. a racing pi\_\_\_\_n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
26. to\_\_n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
27. dis\_\_\_\_\_ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
28. po\_\_\_\_\_us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

ANSWERS: 19. disinformation, 20. outskirts, 21. humming, 22. reintroduce, 23. refuel, 24. condemn, 25. pigeon, 26. toxin, 27. disinformation, 28. poisonous

29. me\_\_\_\_\_ne protest *n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
30. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
31. de\_\_l on my car window *n.* a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression
32. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
33. to\_\_n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
34. em\_\_\_\_\_en a country's leadership *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
35. pi\_\_\_n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
36. res\_\_\_\_\_ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

ANSWERS: 29. megaphone, 30. disguise, 31. decal, 32. polarization, 33. toxin, 34. embolden, 35. pigeon, 36. resurgence

37. corporate ma\_\_\_t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
38. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
39. pe\_\_\_\_\_on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
40. di\_\_\_\_\_n the policemen *v.* to look down on
41. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
42. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
43. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
44. conspiracy th\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
45. theatrical fa\_\_e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

ANSWERS: 37. mascot, 38. aft, 39. pentagon, 40. disdain, 41. polarization, 42. terrifying, 43. drone, 44. theorist, 45. farce

46. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief      *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
47. find a lik\_\_\_\_\_ed friend      *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
48. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings      *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
49. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
50. con\_\_\_\_\_us virus      *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
51. de\_\_\_\_\_am extremist views      *v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing
52. em\_\_\_\_\_en the opposition      *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
53. a chick's tw\_\_t      *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
54. aw\_\_\_n a child      *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
55. car de\_\_l      *n.* a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression

ANSWERS: 46. intimidate, 47. like-minded, 48. disguise, 49. numb, 50. contagious, 51. deprogram, 52. embolden, 53. tweet, 54. awaken, 55. decal

56. di\_\_\_\_n the offer of a bribe                      *v.* to look down on
57. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_\_er                      *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
58. aw\_\_\_\_n at daybreak                      *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
59. n\_\_b with cold                      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
60. equilateral pe\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
61. de\_\_\_\_\_am cult members                      *v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing
62. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media                      *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
63. bi\_\_\_\_\_rd advertising                      *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
64. a\_t cabin                      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
65. ca\_\_\_\_\_e of footsteps                      *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 56. disdain, 57. headquarter, 58. awaken, 59. numb, 60. pentagon, 61. deprogram, 62. misinformation, 63. billboard, 64. aft, 65. cadence



66. res\_\_\_\_\_ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
67. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
68. digital bi\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
69. ant\_\_\_\_\_st prophecy *n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him
70. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
71. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
72. dr\_\_\_\_h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
73. bl\_\_\_\_\_nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
74. me\_\_\_\_\_ne announcement *n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds

ANSWERS: 66. resurgence, 67. humming, 68. billboard, 69. antichrist, 70. dedicate, 71. intimidate, 72. drench, 73. blueprint, 74. megaphone

75. regular ca\_\_\_\_e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
76. be\_\_\_\_er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
77. be\_\_\_\_er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
78. dr\_\_\_\_h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
79. sports fa\_\_e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
80. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
81. lik\_\_\_\_\_ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
82. rational exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
83. self-proclaimed ant\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

ANSWERS: 75. cadence, 76. bewilder, 77. bewilder, 78. drench, 79. farce, 80. misinformation, 81. like-minded, 82. exposition, 83. antichrist

84. sa\_\_\_\_\_al article

*adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

ANSWERS: 84. satirical

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company decided to move its \_\_\_\_\_ to New York City.  
*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
2. The political scandal was like a \_\_\_\_\_ straight out of a TV sitcom.  
*n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
3. Some species of \_\_\_\_\_ can be deadly to humans if bitten.  
*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
5. I bought a new laptop and decorated it with a \_\_\_\_\_ of my favorite band's logo.  
*n.* a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression
6. Even in the Middle Ages, people \_\_\_\_\_ forced labor.  
*v.* to look down on
7. The totalitarian government was often called an \_\_\_\_\_ power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.  
*n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

ANSWERS: 1. headquarters, 2. farce, 3. poisonous snakes, 4. aft, 5. decal, 6. disdained, 7. antichrist

8. The storm last night \_\_\_\_\_ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.
- v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
9. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.
- v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
- n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
14. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.
- v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

ANSWERS: 8. drenched, 9. disguised, 10. dedicated, 11. polarization, 12. exposition, 13. Empathy, 14. emboldened

15. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
16. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
- n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
17. The feminist \_\_\_\_\_ criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.
- n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
18. Our plane stopped in the country to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
19. The government is being criticized for spreading \_\_\_\_\_ about the pandemic.
- n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
20. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet \_\_\_\_\_ most students.
- v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
21. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.
- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

ANSWERS: 15. drone, 16. mascot, 17. theorist, 18. refuel, 19. disinformation, 20. bewilder, 21. contagious

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
23. A business plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ for your success.
- n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
24. The new \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.
- n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
25. They formed a group of \_\_\_\_\_ individuals who shared a common goal.
- adj.* having the same ideas or interests
26. The organization offered resources to help people \_\_\_\_\_ from addiction.
- v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing
27. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific \_\_\_\_\_ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
28. The government was \_\_\_\_\_ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
29. Mold exposure can release dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ into the air.
- n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 22. outskirts, 23. blueprint, 24. billboard, 25. like-minded, 26. deprogram, 27. misinformation, 28. condemned, 29. toxins

30. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

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

31. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

32. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

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

34. The government is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

35. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.

*adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

37. The singer's voice had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

*n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 30. numb, 31. pentagon, 32. terrifying, 33. humming, 34. reintroduce, 35. tweet, 36. satirical, 37. cadence,



38. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ in economic growth.
- n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
40. The coach used a \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate with his team during the game.
- n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
41. The friend's death \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
42. The boss tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his subordinate with threats.
- v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 38. resurgence, 39. pigeon, 40. megaphone, 41. awakens, 42. intimidate