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Session 1: Word List

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

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.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

Norman

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

synonym : medieval, antique, archaic

(1) **norman** cathedral, (2) **norman** invasion

The **Norman** architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

foolproof

adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

synonym : infallible, fail-safe, unerring

(1) **foolproof** method, (2) **foolproof** plan

This recipe is **foolproof** and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym : tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

improvisation

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

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

philanthropic

adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

synonym : charitable, benevolent, generous

(1) **philanthropic** donation, (2) **philanthropic** mission

The **philanthropic** organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

suffrage

n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

synonym : franchise, vote, enfranchisement

(1) **suffrage** movement, (2) female **suffrage**

The **suffrage** march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym : preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

stockpile

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

synonym : reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

earner

n. an individual who earns money through their work or employment

synonym : breadwinner, provider, supporter

(1) self-employed **earner**, (2) high **earner** tax

As a full-time **earner**, I must work hard to support my family.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

debilitating

adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

synonym : weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect

His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

bioengineering

n. the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products

synonym : biomedical engineering, genetic engineering, biotechnology

(1) **bioengineering** field, (2) **bioengineering** techniques

The **bioengineering** lab has state-of-the-art equipment and software for analyzing biological systems and designing new solutions.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine
An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym: dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime

The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

conjecture

n. an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof

synonym: theory, guess, speculation

(1) **conjecture** theory, (2) scientific **conjecture**

There was much **conjecture** about the cause of the fire, but the investigation is still ongoing.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

germicide

n. a substance or agent that is used to kill or inhibit the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria, and other pathogens

synonym: disinfectant, antimicrobial, sanitizer

(1) **germicide** spray, (2) **germicide** resistance

The hospital uses a powerful **germicide** to disinfect the medical equipment.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym : underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym : fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

warhead

n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

synonym : payload, explosive

(1) **warhead** missile, (2) nuclear **warhead**

The missile launch was successful, and the **warhead** hit its intended target.

nuke

v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

synonym : blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

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.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

blackmail

n. the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

synonym : extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

resign

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

synonym : quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

reiterate

v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again

synonym : repeat, iterate, restate

(1) **reiterate** a point, (2) **reiterate** their commitment
I need to **reiterate** the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle
The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision
The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

grantee

n. a person or entity that receives or is granted something, typically a legal right, property, or privilege, from another person or entity (referred to as the grantor)

synonym: recipient, beneficiary, grant holder

(1) federal **grantee**, (2) the **grantee's** financial statement
The **grantee** of the scholarship will receive financial assistance for their studies.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy
Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

Session 2: Spelling

1. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
2. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
3. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
4. nuclear wa_____d *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
5. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
6. a hor_____us crime *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
7. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
8. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
9. n__e a city *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 1. endowment, 2. aft, 3. eradicate, 4. warhead, 5. audacious, 6. horrendous, 7. doom, 8. quadruple, 9. nuke

10. ge_____de resistance *n.* a substance or agent that is used to kill or inhibit the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria, and other pathogens
11. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
12. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
13. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
14. con_____re theory *n.* an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof
15. religious m___e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
16. become increasingly fr_____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
17. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
18. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
19. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 10. germicide, 11. miraculous, 12. famine, 13. cofounder, 14. conjecture, 15. meme, 16. fraught, 17. pandemic, 18. humming, 19. confuse

20. re_____te a point
v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
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adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
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adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
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adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
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adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
26. mi_____le amount
adj. extremely small; tiny
27. cor_____us bankruptcy
n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
28. ter_____ng experience
adj. very frightening or intimidating
29. so_____le problem
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 20. reiterate, 21. debilitating, 22. brilliantly, 23. cofounder, 24. geothermal, 25. philanthropic, 26. minuscule, 27. coronavirus, 28. terrifying, 29. solvable

30. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
31. sm____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
32. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
33. private phi____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
34. funny an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
35. rec____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
36. ge____de spray *n.* a substance or agent that is used to kill or inhibit the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria, and other pathogens
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ANSWERS: 30. brink, 31. smallpox, 32. pandemic, 33. philanthropy, 34. anecdote, 35. reconstruct, 36. germicide, 37. sew, 38. smallpox, 39. excite, 40. miraculous, 41.

coronavirus

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47. hormonal con_____ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
48. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
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ANSWERS: 42. improvisation, 43. nuke, 44. fraught, 45. brilliantly, 46. reconstruct, 47. contraceptive, 48. polio, 49. contraceptive, 50. Norman

51. fo_____of method *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
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97. re_____te their commitment *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
98. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
99. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

ANSWERS: 92. endowment, 93. malnutrition, 94. quadruple, 95. geothermal, 96. warhead, 97. reiterate, 98. rainwater, 99. malnutrition

100. ext_____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
101. bio_____ing techniques *n.* the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products
102. re____n all hopes *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
103. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
104. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
105. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
106. scientific con_____re *n.* an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof
107. bl_____il scheme *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
108. rise nearly hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much

ANSWERS: 100. extravagant, 101. bioengineering, 102. resign, 103. deplete, 104. polio, 105. deplete, 106. conjecture, 107. blackmail, 108. hundredfold

109. re___n to fate

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily;
to accept something unpleasant or
undesirable as inevitable

110. deb_____ing virus

adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss
of strength, energy, or success

ANSWERS: 109. resign, 110. debilitating

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

2. I need to _____ the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.
v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again

3. The missile launch was successful, and the _____ hit its intended target.
n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

4. He made a _____ recovery.
adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

5. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

6. The _____ architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.
adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

ANSWERS: 1. meme, 2. reiterate, 3. warhead, 4. miraculous, 5. polio, 6. Norman

7. 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
8. The _____ march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.
n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
9. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
10. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
11. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
12. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
13. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
14. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
15. This recipe is _____ and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.
adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

ANSWERS: 7. humming, 8. suffrage, 9. famine, 10. audacious, 11. cofounder, 12. doom, 13. reconstruct, 14. sew, 15. foolproof

16. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
17. He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as _____.
- n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
18. There was much _____ about the cause of the fire, but the investigation is still ongoing.
- n.* an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof
19. He played the piano _____ at the concert.
- adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
20. The government threatened to _____ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.
- v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
21. The hospital uses a powerful _____ to disinfect the medical equipment.
- n.* a substance or agent that is used to kill or inhibit the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria, and other pathogens
22. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
- n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
23. His _____ illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.
- adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

ANSWERS: 16. philanthropy, 17. blackmail, 18. conjecture, 19. brilliantly, 20. nuke, 21. germicide, 22. rainwater, 23. debilitating

24. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

25. As a full-time _____ I must work hard to support my family.

n. an individual who earns money through their work or employment

26. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

27. The _____ lab has state-of-the-art equipment and software for analyzing biological systems and designing new solutions.

n. the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products

28. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

29. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

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

30. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

31. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

ANSWERS: 24. solvable, 25. earner, 26. emits, 27. bioengineering, 28. eradicate, 29. improvisation, 30. airborne, 31. smallpox

32. The _____ organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.
adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
33. The development team reported two _____ increases in performance.
adj. a hundred times as great or as much
34. The wedding was an _____ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.
adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
35. The wealthy benefactor's _____ helped the university build a new library.
n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
36. This ore emits _____ quantities of radiation
adj. extremely small; tiny
37. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to _____ from her position.
v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
38. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.
adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
39. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 32. philanthropic, 33. hundredfold, 34. extravagant, 35. endowment, 36. minuscule, 37. resign, 38. horrendous, 39. anecdotes

40. 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
41. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid _____.
n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
43. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
44. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
45. His stock earnings _____.
v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
46. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
47. The farmer had a huge _____ of hay for the winter.
n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

ANSWERS: 40. aft, 41. confused, 42. malnutrition, 43. deplete, 44. brink, 45. quadrupled, 46. confer, 47. stockpile

48. The town is exploring using _____ energy to power its homes and buildings.

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

49. The _____ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

50. The _____ of the scholarship will receive financial assistance for their studies.

n. a person or entity that receives or is granted something, typically a legal right, property, or privilege, from another person or entity (referred to as the grantor)

51. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

52. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

53. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

54. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 48. geothermal, 49. contraceptive, 50. grantee, 51. fraught, 52. terrifying, 53. excited, 54. coronavirus,

55. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 55. pandemic