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Session 1: Word List

highbrow

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

synonym: intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

leviathan

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

synonym: giant, monster, behemoth

(1) **leviathan** of the sea, (2) financial **leviathan**

The company's new CEO was a corporate **leviathan** known for his aggressive business tactics.

behead

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

synonym: decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of

the Republican Party in the United States

synonym : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

abhor

v. to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely

synonym : loathe, detest, despise

(1) **abhor** violence, (2) **abhor** injustice

I **abhor** lying and deceitful behavior.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym : classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

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.

generalize

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

synonym: conclude, derive, extrapolate

(1) **generalize** Kepler's first law, (2) **generalize** sophisticatedly

It's dangerous to **generalize** about people.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

freaky

adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling

synonym: weird, strange, unusual

(1) **freaky** accident, (2) **freaky-deaky**

The **freaky** clown at the haunted house scared the children.

interlocking

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

synonym: connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

untangle

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

synonym: disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem

I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

- imp** *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child
(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**
The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.
- ancestor** *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor
(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**
My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- postmodern** *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
synonym: contemporary, poststructural, relativistic
(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology
The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.
- sill** *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
synonym: windowsill, ledge, threshold
(1) **sill** plate, (2) window **sill**
The door **sill** was painted a bright red to make it more visible.
- aspiration** *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake
(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.
- propulsion** *n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
synonym: propelling, driving, actuation

(1) **propulsion** technology, (2) nuclear **propulsion**

The spacecraft's **propulsion** system helped it travel through space.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

chlorine

n. a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

synonym: element, greenish-yellow gas, bleach

(1) **chlorine** gas, (2) **chlorine** tablet

Some people are sensitive to the smell of **chlorine** and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

admonish

v. to warn or reprimand someone firmly; to scold or criticize someone for their behavior or actions; to advise or urge someone to do something

synonym: reprimand, warn, reprove

(1) **admonish** a child, (2) **admonish** a friend gently

The teacher **admonished** the students for not completing their assignments on time.

nit

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**
Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

throwback

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

synonym: relic, reversion, remainder

(1) **throwback** memories, (2) musical **throwback**

The **throwback** jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

inquisitive

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

synonym: curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

dud

n. any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

synonym: failure, flop, duff

(1) **dud** grenade, (2) **dud** investment

The new product turned out to be a **dud** and could have sold better in the market.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym: silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym

: isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity
We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success
We cannot **envision** her as President.

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.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions
Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**
This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

dissipate

v. to disperse or scatter widely

synonym: scatter, disperse, evaporate

(1) **dissipate** heat, (2) **dissipate** stress
The fog **dissipated**, and the air cleared up.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**
An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall
The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

fiasco

n. a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances

synonym: debacle, failure, disaster

(1) **fiasco** in the project, (2) **fiasco** of a performance
The company's decision to launch a product without proper testing resulted in a marketing **fiasco**.

overheat

v. to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot

synonym: become too hot, heat up too much

(1) **overheat** while charging, (2) starts to **overheat**
The car engine **overheated** and had to be repaired.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym: misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data
He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

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.

asteroid

n. (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

Session 2: Spelling

1. n_t in the dog's fur
n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
2. iv__y carving
n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
3. hi_____ow conversation
adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
4. asp_____on into the lungs
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
5. fi___o in the project
n. a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances
6. she is a little n_t
n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
7. un_____le a situation
v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
8. pro_____on technology
n. the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means

ANSWERS: 1. nit, 2. ivory, 3. highbrow, 4. aspiration, 5. fiasco, 6. nit, 7. untangle, 8. propulsion

9. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
10. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
11. di_____te heat *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
12. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
13. nuclear pro_____on *n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
14. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
15. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
16. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
17. inq_____ve mind *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
18. ad_____sh a friend gently *v.* to warn or reprimand someone firmly; to scold or criticize someone for their behavior or actions; to advise or urge someone to do something
19. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 9. misinformation, 10. sparkle, 11. dissipate, 12. afterward, 13. propulsion, 14. Christ, 15. sparkle, 16. envision, 17. inquisitive, 18. admonish, 19. Christ

20. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
21. un_____le a problem *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
22. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
23. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
24. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
25. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
26. inq_____ve researcher *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
27. musical th_____ck *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
28. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 20. excite, 21. untangle, 22. poke, 23. misinformation, 24. postmodern, 25. parachute, 26. inquisitive, 27. throwback, 28. skyline

29. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
30. fr___y-deaky *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
31. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
32. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
33. mis_____ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
34. window s___l *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
35. fr___y accident *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
36. tower of iv___y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
37. ab___r injustice *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely

ANSWERS: 29. republican, 30. freaky, 31. imbalance, 32. frightening, 33. misinterpret, 34. sill, 35. freaky, 36. ivory, 37. abhor

38. am____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
39. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
40. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
41. ti____r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
42. things at the na_____le *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
43. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
44. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
45. gen_____ze Kepler's first law *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
46. le_____an of the sea *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
47. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 38. amplify, 39. centimeter, 40. imp, 41. tinker, 42. nanoscale, 43. poke, 44. envision, 45. generalize, 46. leviathan, 47. confer

48. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
49. ch_____ne gas *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
50. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
51. be___d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
52. pr_____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
53. int_____ing mechanism *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
54. hi_____ow music *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
55. ti___r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
56. ov_____at while charging *v.* to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot

ANSWERS: 48. republican, 49. chlorine, 50. nanoscale, 51. behead, 52. preside, 53. interlocking, 54. highbrow, 55. tinker, 56. overheat

57. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
58. Ne_____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
59. s__l plate *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
60. in_____te the room from sound *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
61. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
62. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
63. be___d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
64. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
65. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
66. d_d grenade *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

ANSWERS: 57. excite, 58. Newtonian, 59. sill, 60. insulate, 61. postmodern, 62. afterward, 63. behead, 64. confer, 65. ancestor, 66. dud

67. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
68. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
69. di_____te stress *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
70. mis_____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
71. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
72. ad_____sh a child *v.* to warn or reprimand someone firmly; to scold or criticize someone for their behavior or actions; to advise or urge someone to do something
73. ch_____ne tablet *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
74. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
75. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

ANSWERS: 67. imp, 68. steppe, 69. dissipate, 70. misinterpret, 71. frightening, 72. admonish, 73. chlorine, 74. preside, 75. radiate

76. sk_____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
77. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
78. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
79. financial le_____an *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
80. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
81. starts to ov_____at *v.* to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot
82. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
83. in_____te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
84. barren st____e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 76. skyline, 77. centimeter, 78. amplify, 79. leviathan, 80. parachute, 81. overheat, 82. aspiration, 83. insulate, 84. steppe

85. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
86. gen_____ze sophisticatedly *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
87. ab__r violence *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely
88. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
89. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
90. as_____id explorer *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
91. fi___o of a performance *n.* a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances
92. th_____ck memories *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
93. as_____id mining *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
94. int_____ing braid *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
95. d_d investment *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

ANSWERS: 85. ancestor, 86. generalize, 87. abhor, 88. Newtonian, 89. imbalance, 90. asteroid, 91. fiasco, 92. throwback, 93. asteroid, 94. interlocking, 95. dud

96. ra____e in all directions

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

ANSWERS: 96. radiate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ this knot before using this rope piece.
 - v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

2. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.
 - n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

3. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

4. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
 - n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

5. The company's decision to launch a product without proper testing resulted in a marketing _____.
 - n. a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances

6. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
 - n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

7. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.
 - n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 1. untangle, 2. imbalance, 3. excited, 4. aspiration, 5. fiasco, 6. imp, 7. ivory

8. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.
- n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
9. We had our bedroom _____ before winter came.
- v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
10. I _____ lying and deceitful behavior.
- v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely
11. It's dangerous to _____ about people.
- v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
12. We cannot _____ her as President.
- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
13. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
- n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
14. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 8. asteroid, 9. insulated, 10. abhor, 11. generalize, 12. envision, 13. centimeter, 14. steppe

15. You might need to _____ this point.

- v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

16. Careful brushing can remove _____.

- n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

17. The _____ jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

- n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

18. The teacher _____ the students for not completing their assignments on time.

- v. to warn or reprimand someone firmly; to scold or criticize someone for their behavior or actions; to advise or urge someone to do something

19. The king ordered the executioner to _____ the traitor.

- v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

20. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

- v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

21. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

- adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

22. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.

- v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

ANSWERS: 15. amplify, 16. nit, 17. throwback, 18. admonished, 19. behead, 20. poked, 21. postmodern, 22. radiate

23. 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
24. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
25. Some people are sensitive to the smell of _____ and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
26. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the _____ lattice structure of the metal.
- adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
27. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
- n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
28. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
29. The _____ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.
- adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

ANSWERS: 23. misinformation, 24. president, 25. chlorine, 26. nanoscale, 27. skyline, 28. frightening, 29. interlocking

30. The car engine _____ and had to be repaired.

v. to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot

31. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

32. The door _____ was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

33. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

34. The new product turned out to be a _____ and could have sold better in the market.

n. any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

35. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

36. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

37. She only reads _____ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

ANSWERS: 30. overheated, 31. afterward, 32. sill, 33. Newtonian, 34. dud, 35. tinkering, 36. misinterpreted, 37. highbrow

38. The spacecraft's _____ system helped it travel through space.
n. the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
39. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
40. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
41. The _____ clown at the haunted house scared the children.
adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
42. 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
43. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.
n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
44. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
45. The fog _____ and the air cleared up.
v. to disperse or scatter widely

ANSWERS: 38. propulsion, 39. ancestor, 40. Christmas, 41. freaky, 42. confer, 43. parachutes, 44. republican, 45. dissipated,

46. The _____ child asked endless questions about the world around her.

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

47. The company's new CEO was a corporate _____ known for his aggressive business tactics.

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

48. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

ANSWERS: 46. inquisitive, 47. leviathan, 48. sparkled