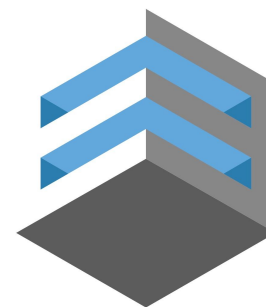


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### piranha

*n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals

(1) swarm of **piranha**, (2) go **piranha** fishing

He thought she was a man-hungry **piranha**.

### dart

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

*synonym* : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

### 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.

### frenzy

*n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

*synonym* : frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

## 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.

## omnivorous

*adj.* consuming or feeding on a wide variety of food, both plants and animals

*synonym*: all-eating, versatile

(1) **omnivorous** diet, (2) **omnivorous** animals

The **omnivorous** habits of raccoons make them adept at scavenging in urban environments.

## crustacean

*n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton

*synonym*: lobster, crab, shrimp

(1) **crustacean** dish, (2) **crustacean** shell

A lobster is a type of **crustacean** found in the ocean.

## scavenge

*v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

*synonym*: search, scrounge, rummage

(1) **scavenge** for food, (2) **scavenge** for iron scraps

The raccoon **scavenged** through the garbage cans in search of food.

## wimple

*n.* a garment worn by women, especially nuns, that covers the head, neck, and chin and often drapes down over the shoulders and chest; a fold of skin or flesh on the neck or chin

*synonym*: veil, head covering, headdress

(1) traditional **wimple**, (2) lace **wimple**

The nun's **wimple** was a simple yet elegant head covering that conveyed her religious devotion.

## predilection

*n.* a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something

*synonym*: inclination, leaning, preference

(1) **predilection** for chocolate, (2) a strong **predilection** for dogs

Her **predilection** for spicy food made her the go-to person for restaurant recommendations.

## specie

*n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules

*synonym*: coinage, mintage

(1) **specie** reserve, (2) ground-state **specie**

The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only **specie**.

## solitary

*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

*synonym*: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

## shoal

*n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

*synonym*: sandbank, sandbar, shallows

(1) **shoal** of fish, (2) reef **shoal**

The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous **shoal** in the shallow waters.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym*: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## rapacious

*adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

*synonym*: greedy, predatory, acquisitive

(1) **rapacious** appetite, (2) **rapacious** behavior

The **rapacious** CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

## 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.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym*: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## thud

*n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance

*synonym*: bang, collision, crash

(1) **thud** of footsteps, (2) a distant **thud**

The loud **thud** of the door closing echoed through the empty

hallway.

## escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## repertoire

*n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

*synonym*: collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

## 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.

## disturb

*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

*synonym*: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## starvation

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

*synonym*: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

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

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

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym* : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## infamy

*n.* the state or quality of being well-known for a negative or shameful act, behavior, or reputation; reputation for disgrace or evil deeds

*synonym* : disgrace, dishonor, shame

(1) **infamy** among his friends, (2) the **infamy** of terrible service

Scholars often regard his reign as a century's pinnacle of **infamy**, marked by deception and tyranny.

## ferocious

*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel

*synonym* : savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

*synonym* : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## devour

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

*synonym* : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

## mislead

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

*synonym* : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy  
Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

## purposeful

*adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

*synonym*: determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace  
She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

## starve

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death  
If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## carcass

*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

*synonym*: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal  
The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym*: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance  
It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep  
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## extravaganza

*n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity

*synonym* : spectacle, pageant, show

(1) holiday **extravaganza**, (2) music **extravaganza**

The fashion show was a lavish, glittering **extravaganza** of style and glamour.

## wade

*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

*synonym* : paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

## dentition

*n.* the arrangement, number, and types of teeth in an organism, including both the deciduous (= baby) teeth and permanent teeth

*synonym* : tooth arrangement, odontiasis

(1) eruption of **dentition**, (2) adult **dentition**

The **dentition** pattern of mammals can provide clues about their dietary habits and evolutionary lineage.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. a strong pre\_\_\_\_\_ion for dogs *n.* a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something
2. in\_\_\_e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
3. use of so\_\_\_\_\_ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
4. in\_\_\_y among his friends *n.* the state or quality of being well-known for a negative or shameful act, behavior, or reputation; reputation for disgrace or evil deeds
5. ca\_\_\_\_\_s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
6. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
7. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
8. omn\_\_\_\_\_us diet *adj.* consuming or feeding on a wide variety of food, both plants and animals
9. ground-state sp\_\_\_e *n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
10. eruption of de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the arrangement, number, and types of teeth in an organism, including both the deciduous (= baby) teeth and permanent teeth

ANSWERS: 1. predilection, 2. incite, 3. solitary, 4. infamy, 5. carcass, 6. starvation, 7. posit, 8. omnivorous, 9. specie, 10. dentition

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|---------------------------|---|
| 11. int_____ing mechanism | <i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole   |
| 12. de___r my way         | <i>v.</i> to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly  |
| 13. de___r a meal         | <i>v.</i> to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly  |
| 14. ru___r mill           | <i>n.</i> a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth   |
| 15. economic d___m        | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided   |
| 16. ra_____us behavior    | <i>adj.</i> aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature  |
| 17. sp___e reserve        | <i>n.</i> coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules                      |
| 18. di_____t sleep        | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 19. di_____b the peace    | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.   |
| 20. mi_____d the enemy    | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to believe something that is not true  |
| 21. swarm of pi_____a     | <i>n.</i> a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals   |

ANSWERS: 11. interlocking, 12. devour, 13. devour, 14. rumor, 15. doom, 16. rapacious, 17. specie, 18. disrupt, 19. disturb, 20. mislead, 21. piranha

22. int\_\_\_\_\_ing braid *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
23. a distant t\_\_d *n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
24. musical rep\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
25. di\_\_\_\_\_b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
26. st\_\_\_e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
27. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
28. a false ru\_\_r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
29. omn\_\_\_\_\_us animals *adj.* consuming or feeding on a wide variety of food, both plants and animals
30. adult de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the arrangement, number, and types of teeth in an organism, including both the deciduous (= baby) teeth and permanent teeth

ANSWERS: 22. interlocking, 23. thud, 24. repertoire, 25. disturb, 26. starve, 27. escalate, 28. rumor, 29. omnivorous, 30. dentition

31. sc\_\_\_\_ge for iron scraps      *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
32. blow d\_\_t      *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
33. prophet of d\_\_m      *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
34. w\_\_e through paperwork      *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
35. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media      *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
36. buying fr\_\_\_y      *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
37. sc\_\_\_\_ge for food      *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
38. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. fe\_\_\_\_\_us beast      *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
40. a so\_\_\_\_\_ry traveler      *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

ANSWERS: 31. scavenge, 32. dart, 33. doom, 34. wade, 35. misinformation, 36. frenzy, 37. scavenge, 38. opportune, 39. ferocious, 40. solitary

41. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine      *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
42. ra\_\_\_\_\_us appetite      *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
43. the in\_\_\_\_y of terrible service      *n.* the state or quality of being well-known for a negative or shameful act, behavior, or reputation; reputation for disgrace or evil deeds
44. sta\_\_\_\_\_on wages      *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
45. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. t\_\_d of footsteps      *n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
47. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
48. music ext\_\_\_\_\_nza      *n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity
49. sexual pr\_\_\_\_\_ors      *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 41. misinformation, 42. rapacious, 43. infamy, 44. starvation, 45. opportune, 46. thud, 47. disrupt, 48. extravaganza, 49. predator

50. at a pur\_\_\_\_\_ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
51. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
52. in\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
53. fe\_\_\_\_\_us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
54. reef sh\_\_\_l *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
55. pre\_\_\_\_\_ion for chocolate *n.* a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something
56. mi\_\_\_\_\_d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
57. d\_\_\_t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
58. fr\_\_\_y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
59. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 50. purposeful, 51. depict, 52. incite, 53. ferocious, 54. shoal, 55. predilection, 56. mislead, 57. dart, 58. frenzy, 59. humming

60. w\_\_e down a street      *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
61. de\_\_t a scene      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
62. apex pr\_\_\_\_or      *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
63. cooking rep\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
64. pur\_\_\_\_\_ul series of actions      *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
65. cru\_\_\_\_\_an dish      *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
66. sh\_\_l of fish      *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
67. cru\_\_\_\_\_an shell      *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton

ANSWERS: 60. wade, 61. depict, 62. predator, 63. repertoire, 64. purposeful, 65. crustacean, 66. shoal, 67. crustacean

68. traditional wi\_\_\_e      *n.* a garment worn by women, especially nuns, that covers the head, neck, and chin and often drapes down over the shoulders and chest; a fold of skin or flesh on the neck or chin
69. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound      *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
70. lace wi\_\_\_e      *n.* a garment worn by women, especially nuns, that covers the head, neck, and chin and often drapes down over the shoulders and chest; a fold of skin or flesh on the neck or chin
71. st\_\_\_e for a victory      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
72. to es\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
73. holiday ext\_\_\_\_\_nza      *n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity
74. examine a ca\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
75. go pi\_\_\_\_\_a fishing      *n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals
76. gu\_\_y performance      *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 68. wimple, 69. humming, 70. wimple, 71. starve, 72. escalate, 73. extravaganza, 74. carcass, 75. piranha, 76. gutsy



77. po\_\_t the existence of life after death

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

78. gu\_\_y move

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 77. posit, 78. gutsy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The shoppers were \_\_\_\_\_ to get the best deals on Black Friday.  
*n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
2. The chef's \_\_\_\_\_ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.  
*n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. The loud \_\_\_\_\_ of the door closing echoed through the empty hallway.  
*n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
5. Scholars often regard his reign as a century's pinnacle of \_\_\_\_\_ marked by deception and tyranny.  
*n.* the state or quality of being well-known for a negative or shameful act, behavior, or reputation; reputation for disgrace or evil deeds
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
7. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.  
*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 1. frenzy, 2. repertoire, 3. opportune, 4. thud, 5. infamy, 6. devoured, 7. posit

8. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.  
*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
9. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.  
*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ habits of raccoons make them adept at scavenging in urban environments.  
*adj.* consuming or feeding on a wide variety of food, both plants and animals
11. The lion's \_\_\_\_\_ roar could be heard from miles away.  
*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
13. The politician's speech seemed designed to \_\_\_\_\_ anger and unrest among the crowd.  
*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
14. The animal's \_\_\_\_\_ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.  
*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
15. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.  
*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

ANSWERS: 8. starvation, 9. depicted, 10. omnivorous, 11. ferocious, 12. interlocking, 13. incite, 14. carcass, 15. wade

16. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to quit her job and start her own business.

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

17. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

18. A lobster is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ found in the ocean.

*n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton

19. The fashion show was a lavish, glittering \_\_\_\_\_ of style and glamour.

*n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity

20. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

21. 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

22. The raccoon \_\_\_\_\_ through the garbage cans in search of food.

*v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

23. There was a baseless \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was going bankrupt.

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

ANSWERS: 16. gutsy, 17. escalated, 18. crustacean, 19. extravaganza, 20. disrupt, 21. misinformation, 22. scavenged, 23. rumor

24. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.  
*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
25. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ look and was determined to complete the task.  
*adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
26. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.  
*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
27. He never uttered a \_\_\_\_\_ word.  
*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
28. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
29. He thought she was a man-hungry \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ pattern of mammals can provide clues about their dietary habits and evolutionary lineage.  
*n.* the arrangement, number, and types of teeth in an organism, including both the deciduous (= baby) teeth and permanent teeth
31. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 24. doom, 25. purposeful, 26. dart, 27. solitary, 28. predator's, 29. piranha, 30. dentition, 31. starve

32. The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ in the shallow waters.
- n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
33. The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
34. Tourists frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.
- adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
36. The nun's \_\_\_\_\_ was a simple yet elegant head covering that conveyed her religious devotion.
- n.* a garment worn by women, especially nuns, that covers the head, neck, and chin and often drapes down over the shoulders and chest; a fold of skin or flesh on the neck or chin
37. Her \_\_\_\_\_ for spicy food made her the go-to person for restaurant recommendations.
- n.* a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something
38. 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

ANSWERS: 32. shoal, 33. specie, 34. disturb, 35. rapacious, 36. wimple, 37. predilection, 38. humming

39. Our troops pulled back to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

ANSWERS: 39. mislead