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## Session 1: Word List

### boulevard

*n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

*synonym*: avenue, street, road

(1) tree-lined **boulevard**, (2) residential **boulevard**

The new shopping center is on a bustling **boulevard** in the city's heart.

### reroute

*v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something

*synonym*: redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

### observatory

*n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.

(1) space **observatory**, (2) a meteorological **observatory**

That astronomical **observatory** stands at the top of the mountain.

### 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.

## dismay

*n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

*synonym* : distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

## peek

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

*synonym* : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

## seduce

*v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

*synonym* : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

## capricious

*adj.* given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable; governed by a whim or fancy

*synonym* : volatile, unpredictable, whimsical

(1) **capricious** decisions, (2) **capricious** mood

The **capricious** weather made it difficult to plan outdoor activities.

## toroid

*n.* (also "torus") a doughnut-shaped object or form; a geometric shape that resembles a ring or a doughnut

*synonym* : ring, doughnut, loop

(1) magnetic **toroid**, (2) **toroid** transformer

The **toroid-shaped** coil is commonly used in inductors and transformers.

## bagel

*n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

*synonym* : roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese

I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## lamine

*n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

*synonym* : veneer, coating, layer

(1) **lamine** flooring, (2) **lamine** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **lamine** material.

## skylight

*n.* a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above

*synonym* : roof window, light well

(1) **skylight** window, (2) dome **skylight**

The **skylight** in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym* : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym* : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator  
She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## anteroom

*n.* a small room or vestibule leading into a larger or more important room; a waiting area or reception area before entering a main room

*synonym*: vestibule, waiting room, foyer

(1) **anteroom** door, (2) small **anteroom**

He waited in the **anteroom** of the doctor's office, nervously flipping through a magazine.

## perish

*v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate

*synonym*: die, expire, deteriorate

(1) **perish** in a fire, (2) **perish** from hunger

The orchids **perished** without enough sunlight or water.

## flickering

*adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

*synonym*: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## shelve

*v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

*synonym*: defer, postpone, freeze

(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill

Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym* : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## fortress

*n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

*synonym* : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

## scripture

*n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

*synonym* : religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

## pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym* : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and

prayer.

## auditorium

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

*synonym*: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

## sandstone

*n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

*synonym*: arenite

(1) lithic **sandstone**, (2) **sandstone** building

The **sandstone** cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.

## crisscross

*v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's

(1) **crisscross** over the edges of the walls, (2) **crisscross** my heart

The roads **crisscrossed** through the countryside, creating a beautiful scenic drive.

## masonry

*n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

*synonym*: brickwork, stonework, bricklaying

(1) **masonry** wall, (2) **masonry** restoration

The cathedral's **masonry** sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.

## evoke

*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

*synonym*: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

## groundbreaking

*adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques  
*synonym* : innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

## rename

*v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

*synonym* : rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

## 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.

## platter

*n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner

*synonym* : dish, tray, serving plate

(1) party **platter**, (2) cheese **platter**

The waiter brought out a large **platter** of appetizers for us to share.

## triangular

*adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)

*synonym* : three-cornered, trilateral

(1) a **triangular** alliance, (2) **triangular** form

The **triangular** shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym* : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate  
This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## quarry

*n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

*synonym*: stone pit, prey, target

(1) **quarry** operation, (2) **quarry** site

The hunter tracked down his **quarry** in the woods.

## headquarter

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

*synonym*: base, center, command

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

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

## 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.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## peacemaker

*n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

*synonym*: mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the



conflict between the two sides.

## 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.

## whit

*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

*synonym*: bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference

His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.

## optimism

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym*: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## translucent

*adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

*synonym*: semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

## glowing

*adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

*synonym*: burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

## morphology

*n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

*synonym*: structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

## connote

*v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

*synonym*: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

## gratification

*n.* the feeling of being pleased or satisfied as a result of achieving something or having something you want

*synonym*: satisfaction, pleasure, contentment

(1) instant **gratification**, (2) aesthetic **gratification**

The **gratification** of completing a difficult task is a great feeling.

## disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## arrogance

*n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

*synonym*: hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. ar_____ce of power      | <i>n.</i> excessive self-confidence or self-importance                                                                                                   |
| 2. ba__l with cream cheese | <i>n.</i> a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices                 |
| 3. sc_____re study         | <i>n.</i> the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings     |
| 4. feel di___y             | <i>n.</i> a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence          |
| 5. biblical sc_____re      | <i>n.</i> the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings     |
| 6. gl_____g reviews        | <i>adj.</i> highly enthusiastic; greatly praised                                                                                                         |
| 7. qu___y site             | <i>n.</i> a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting                    |
| 8. political op_____sm     | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |

ANSWERS: 1. arrogance, 2. bagel, 3. scripture, 4. dismay, 5. scripture, 6. glowing, 7. quarry, 8. optimism

9. fo\_\_\_\_\_ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
10. aesthetic gra\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the feeling of being pleased or satisfied as a result of achieving something or having something you want
11. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
12. tri\_\_\_\_\_ar form *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
13. cri\_\_\_\_\_ss my heart *v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
14. space obs\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
15. residential bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
16. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
17. se\_\_\_e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 9. fortress, 10. gratification, 11. translucent, 12. triangular, 13. crisscross, 14. observatory, 15. boulevard, 16. disappoint, 17. seduce

18. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
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21. re\_\_\_e the street *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
22. re\_\_\_\_\_e path *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
23. cap\_\_\_\_\_us decisions *adj.* given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable; governed by a whim or fancy
24. sk\_\_\_\_\_ht window *n.* a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
25. ra\_\_\_\_\_e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
26. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
27. to\_\_\_\_d transformer *n.* (also "torus") a doughnut-shaped object or form; a geometric shape that resembles a ring or a doughnut

ANSWERS: 18. headquarter, 19. aft, 20. dismay, 21. rename, 22. reroute, 23. capricious, 24. skylight, 25. radiate, 26. translucent, 27. toroid

28. military fo\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
29. Je\_\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
30. sh\_\_\_\_e a bill *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
31. brazen ar\_\_\_\_ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
32. ra\_\_\_\_e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
33. administrative hea\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
34. ov\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
35. sh\_\_\_\_e a book *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
36. cellular mor\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
37. gl\_\_\_\_g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

ANSWERS: 28. fortress, 29. Jewish, 30. shelve, 31. arrogance, 32. radiate, 33. headquarter, 34. overlook, 35. shelve, 36. morphology, 37. glowing

38. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
39. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
41. paleolithic ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
42. small an\_\_\_\_\_om *n.* a small room or vestibule leading into a larger or more important room; a waiting area or reception area before entering a main room
43. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
44. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
45. la\_\_\_\_\_te table *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
46. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
47. cheese pl\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner

ANSWERS: 38. discotheque, 39. excite, 40. carve, 41. artifact, 42. anteroom, 43. descend, 44. confer, 45. laminate, 46. overlook, 47. platter

48. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
49. ma\_\_\_\_\_y wall *n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials
50. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
51. pea\_\_\_\_\_er effort *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
52. ev\_\_e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
53. re\_\_\_e in plain English *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
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58. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 48. auditorium, 49. masonry, 50. carve, 51. peacemaker, 52. evoke, 53. rename, 54. triangular, 55. morphology, 56. flickering, 57. confer, 58. pilgrim



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64. se\_\_\_e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
65. em\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
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79. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
80. em\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 69. toroid, 70. groundbreaking, 71. groundbreaking, 72. sandstone, 73. aft, 74. excite, 75. peek, 76. observatory, 77. auditorium, 78. gratification, 79. Jewish, 80. embark

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ANSWERS: 81. descend, 82. disappoint, 83. capricious, 84. evoke, 85. pilgrim, 86. boulevard, 87. quarry, 88. masonry, 89. artifact

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95. re\_\_\_\_e traffic      *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
96. pe\_\_\_h from hunger      *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
97. la\_\_\_\_te flooring      *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
98. not a w\_\_t of difference      *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
99. sense of op\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 90. devote, 91. anteroom, 92. discotheque, 93. connote, 94. peacemaker, 95. reroute, 96. perish, 97. laminate, 98. whit, 99. optimism

100. party pl\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner
101. freshly baked ba\_\_l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
102. pe\_\_\_h in a fire *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 100. platter, 101. bagel, 102. perish

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.
  - v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
  
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.
  - v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
  
3. I prefer a toasty \_\_\_\_\_ with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.
  - n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
  
4. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.
  - n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
  
5. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  - v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.
  - n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
  
7. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.
  - v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
  
8. The ancient \_\_\_\_\_ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
  - n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. embarked, 3. bagel, 4. discotheque, 5. excited, 6. morphology, 7. carved, 8. fortress

9. Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the congested roads.
- v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something
10. The orchids \_\_\_\_\_ without enough sunlight or water.
- v. to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
11. She took a quick \_\_\_\_\_ inside the box before closing it again.
- n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
12. The word 'home' \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
13. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.
- v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
14. The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable \_\_\_\_\_ material.
- n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.
- n. a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
16. The new owners \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.
- v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

ANSWERS: 9. reroute, 10. perished, 11. peek, 12. connotes, 13. descended, 14. laminate, 15. skylight, 16. renamed

17. The employees expressed their \_\_\_\_\_ at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.
- n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
18. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
19. The company decided to move its \_\_\_\_\_ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.
- n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
21. The waiter brought out a large \_\_\_\_\_ of appetizers for us to share.
- n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of completing a difficult task is a great feeling.
- n.* the feeling of being pleased or satisfied as a result of achieving something or having something you want
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.
- adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
24. The western sky was \_\_\_\_\_ pink.
- adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

ANSWERS: 17. dismay, 18. overlook, 19. headquarters, 20. sandstone, 21. platter, 22. gratification, 23. triangular, 24. glowing



25. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.  
*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
26. That astronomical \_\_\_\_\_ stands at the top of the mountain.  
*n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
27. Many people find comfort in reading \_\_\_\_\_ during times of hardship.  
*n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
28. The roads \_\_\_\_\_ through the countryside, creating a beautiful scenic drive.  
*v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
29. The hunter tracked down his \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods.  
*n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.  
*adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
31. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her with his charm and good looks.  
*v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
32. He acted with \_\_\_\_\_ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.  
*n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

ANSWERS: 25. Jewish, 26. observatory, 27. scripture, 28. crisscrossed, 29. quarry, 30. flickering, 31. seduce, 32. arrogance

33. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.  
*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
34. He waited in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the doctor's office, nervously flipping through a magazine.  
*n.* a small room or vestibule leading into a larger or more important room; a waiting area or reception area before entering a main room
35. This movie is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ strong emotions in the viewer.  
*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
36. There is considerable \_\_\_\_\_ that the economy will recover soon.  
*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
37. The cathedral's \_\_\_\_\_ sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.  
*n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials
38. He has produced \_\_\_\_\_ research on the subject.  
*adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
39. Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must \_\_\_\_\_ our plans to buy a new house.  
*v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
40. His argument had a \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.  
*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

ANSWERS: 33. pilgrims, 34. anteroom, 35. evoke, 36. optimism, 37. masonry, 38. groundbreaking, 39. shelve, 40. whit

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.  
*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
42. 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
43. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
44. The new shopping center is on a bustling \_\_\_\_\_ in the city's heart.  
*n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ coil is commonly used in inductors and transformers.  
*n.* (also "torus") a doughnut-shaped object or form; a geometric shape that resembles a ring or a doughnut
46. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.  
*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
47. The sunlight shone through the \_\_\_\_\_ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.  
*adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. auditorium, 42. radiate, 43. artifacts, 44. boulevard, 45. toroid-shaped, 46. devoted, 47. translucent, 48. confer

49. 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

50. The dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

*n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather made it difficult to plan outdoor activities.

*adj.* given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable; governed by a whim or fancy

ANSWERS: 49. aft, 50. peacemaker, 51. capricious