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Session 1: Word List

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

sloth

n. laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America

synonym: laziness, indolence, idleness

(1) lazy **sloth**, (2) overcome **sloth**

The **sloth's** slow movements are a product of their physiology.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

deplete

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

synonym: exhaust, consume, use up

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

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

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

buyer

n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor

synonym: purchaser, shopper, customer

(1) potential **buyer**, (2) house **buyer**

The online marketplace connects **buyers** with sellers all over the world.

cub *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym : young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

harvest *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

doll *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

paw *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym : mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

barely *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

synonym : scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

bash

v. to strike or hit hard, often with a blunt object or a fist; to criticize harshly or with force; to hold a social gathering or party, often involving loud music or revelry; (noun) a lively, informal party or gathering, often characterized by loud music, dancing, and socializing

synonym : strike, hit, pound

(1) **bash** the door, (2) beach **bash**

I accidentally **bashed** my elbow on the door frame while walking through.

metal

n. a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

synonym : alloy, metalloid

(1) **metal** fabrication, (2) precious **metal**

The construction worker used a **metal** saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

rod

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

synonym : stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym : thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

muzzle

n. a device, typically made of metal or leather, that is designed to cover or restrain an animal's mouth to prevent biting or eating; a device or covering used to restrict or silence a person's speech

synonym : restraint, gag

(1) animal **muzzle**, (2) remove the **muzzle**

The aggressive dog was fitted with a tight **muzzle** to prevent potential harm.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym : alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

unsure

adj. not certain or having doubts

synonym: skeptical, uncertain, doubtful

(1) **unsure** how to deal with, (2) feel **unsure** of me

He was **unsure** if the recent economic turmoil affected his company's sales decline.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym: yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

sanctuary

n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

synonym: refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

booth

n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

synonym : kiosk, stand, cubicle

(1) **booth** cost, (2) phone **booth**

She set up a **booth** at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

fodder

n. feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else

synonym : forage, feed, provender

(1) **fodder** shortage, (2) **fodder** options

The farmer bundled the hay into **fodder** stacks for the livestock to eat.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym : seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by

cycle

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

rickshaw

n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

synonym : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

vocational

adj. of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job

synonym : occupational, technical, specialized

(1) **vocational** training, (2) **vocational** school

The in-house system provided traineeships in **vocational** rehabilitation.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

veterinary

adj. related to or involved in the practice of caring for animals, particularly in a medical or health-related context

synonym : animal, zoological

(1) **veterinary** services, (2) **veterinary** medicine

The **veterinary** clinic specializes in treating exotic animals.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym : save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke
The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

barbarous

adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

synonym : barbaric, savage, cruel

(1) **barbarous** behavior, (2) **barbarous** language

Human rights groups condemned the **barbarous** treatment of prisoners.

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.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me__l fabrication *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
2. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
3. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
4. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
5. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
6. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
7. p_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
8. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
9. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
10. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 1. metal, 2. cycle, 3. margin, 4. jail, 5. announce, 6. illegal, 7. paw, 8. obvious, 9. livelihood, 10. deplete

11. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. bo__h cost *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
13. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
14. fo___r options *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
15. lazy sl__h *n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
16. fo___r shortage *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
17. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
18. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
19. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 11. communal, 12. booth, 13. practical, 14. fodder, 15. sloth, 16. fodder, 17. seed, 18. rescue, 19. economy

20. ca___e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
21. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
22. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
23. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
24. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
25. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
26. curtain r_d *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
27. a cell phone with an internet
fa____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

ANSWERS: 20. cattle, 21. cattle, 22. margin, 23. economy, 24. needle, 25. needle, 26. rod, 27. facility

28. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
29. ba_____us behavior *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
30. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
31. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
32. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
33. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
34. remove the mu_____e *n.* a device, typically made of metal or leather, that is designed to cover or restrain an animal's mouth to prevent biting or eating; a device or covering used to restrict or silence a person's speech
35. vet_____ry services *adj.* related to or involved in the practice of caring for animals, particularly in a medical or health-related context
36. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 28. investigate, 29. barbarous, 30. highway, 31. surrender, 32. convert, 33. communal, 34. muzzle, 35. veterinary, 36. pretension

37. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
38. potential bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
39. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
40. a tiger c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
41. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
42. ride a ri_____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
43. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
44. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
45. r_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

ANSWERS: 37. pretension, 38. buyer, 39. peaceful, 40. cub, 41. peaceful, 42. rickshaw, 43. livelihood, 44. grain, 45. rod

46. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
47. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
48. voc_____al school *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
49. animal mu___e *n.* a device, typically made of metal or leather, that is designed to cover or restrain an animal's mouth to prevent biting or eating; a device or covering used to restrict or silence a person's speech
50. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
51. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
52. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
53. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
54. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
55. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
56. violate a sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

ANSWERS: 46. cruel, 47. humming, 48. vocational, 49. muzzle, 50. mainstream, 51. experiment, 52. jail, 53. highway, 54. facility, 55. rescue, 56. sanctuary

57. voc_____al training *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
58. phone bo__h *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
59. house bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
60. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
61. ba_____us language *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
62. b__h the door *v.* to strike or hit hard, often with a blunt object or a fist; to criticize harshly or with force; to hold a social gathering or party, often involving loud music or revelry; (noun) a lively, informal party or gathering, often characterized by loud music, dancing, and socializing
63. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
64. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
65. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 57. vocational, 58. booth, 59. buyer, 60. witness, 61. barbarous, 62. bash, 63. cycle, 64. sponsor, 65. weave

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75. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
76. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

ANSWERS: 66. doll, 67. deplete, 68. harvest, 69. cub, 70. humming, 71. illegal, 72. surrender, 73. appalling, 74. veterinary, 75. separate, 76. witness

77. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
78. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
79. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
80. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
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ANSWERS: 77. practical, 78. sponsor, 79. announce, 80. harvest, 81. sanctuary, 82. barely, 83. unsure, 84. separate, 85. convert, 86. obvious, 87. cruel, 88. unsure, 89. unacceptably, 90. paw

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- adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

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102. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
103. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
104. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
105. ba___y noticeable *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
106. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
107. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
108. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 98. experiment, 99. grain, 100. convince, 101. weave, 102. sustainable, 103. sustainable, 104. seed, 105. barely, 106. convince, 107. appalling, 108. doll

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
2. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
3. In some cities, you can ride a _____ for a unique experience.
n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
4. The cat batted at the toy with its _____.
n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
5. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
6. The aggressive dog was fitted with a tight _____ to prevent potential harm.
n. a device, typically made of metal or leather, that is designed to cover or restrain an animal's mouth to prevent biting or eating; a device or covering used to restrict or silence a person's speech
7. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.
adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

ANSWERS: 1. grains, 2. facility, 3. rickshaw, 4. paw, 5. convince, 6. muzzle, 7. unacceptably

8. The _____ slow movements are a product of their physiology.
- n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
9. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
- n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
10. The in-house system provided traineeships in _____ rehabilitation.
- adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
11. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
12. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.
- n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
13. The farmer bundled the hay into _____ stacks for the livestock to eat.
- n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
14. She set up a _____ at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.
- n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
15. I accidentally _____ my elbow on the door frame while walking through.
- v.* to strike or hit hard, often with a blunt object or a fist; to criticize harshly or with force; to hold a social gathering or party, often involving loud music or revelry; (noun) a lively, informal party or gathering, often characterized by loud music, dancing, and socializing

ANSWERS: 8. sloth's, 9. witnessing, 10. vocational, 11. cycle, 12. seed, 13. fodder, 14. booth, 15. bashed

16. 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

17. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

18. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

19. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

20. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

21. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

22. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

23. The construction worker used a _____ saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

n. a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 16. humming, 17. obvious, 18. weaves, 19. jail, 20. peaceful, 21. convert, 22. practical, 23. metal

24. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
25. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
26. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
27. I _____ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.
- adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
28. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
29. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
30. The online marketplace connects _____ with sellers all over the world.
- n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor

ANSWERS: 24. pretensions, 25. sponsors, 26. announced, 27. barely, 28. separate, 29. economy, 30. buyers

31. The condition of that old house was _____.
- adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
32. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
33. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
- adj.* not allowed by law
34. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
35. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
36. He used a fishing _____ to catch the biggest fish of the day.
- n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
37. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
38. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 31. appalling, 32. experiments, 33. illegal, 34. harvest, 35. doll, 36. rod, 37. investigated, 38. needles

39. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
40. The ____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.
n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
41. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
42. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
43. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
44. Human rights groups condemned the _____ treatment of prisoners.
adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
45. He was _____ if the recent economic turmoil affected his company's sales decline.
adj. not certain or having doubts
46. The church offered _____ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.
n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

ANSWERS: 39. Communal, 40. cub, 41. deplete, 42. livelihood, 43. rescue, 44. barbarous, 45. unsure, 46. sanctuary

47. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.
n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
48. The _____ clinic specializes in treating exotic animals.
adj. related to or involved in the practice of caring for animals, particularly in a medical or health-related context
49. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
50. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.
v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
51. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
52. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
53. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
54. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 47. cattle, 48. veterinary, 49. mainstream, 50. surrender, 51. cruel, 52. highway, 53. sustainable, 54. margin