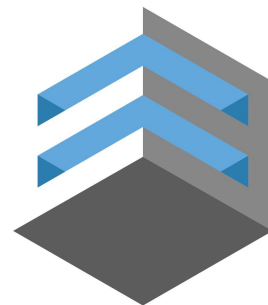


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Session 1: Word List

scrotum

n. the external pouch of skin and muscle that contains the testicles in males; part of the male reproductive system

synonym: scrotal sac, testicles, balls

(1) **scrotum** swelling, (2) **scrotum** itch

The doctor performed surgery to repair a tear in the **scrotum**.

seminary

n. an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

synonym: school, academy, college

(1) theological **seminary**, (2) college **seminary**

He enrolled in the **seminary** to study theology and become a minister.

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.

divinity

n. the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices

synonym : godhead, deity, divineness

(1) an indwelling **divinity**, (2) **divinity** degree

The ancient civilization revered the **divinity** of the god.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym : homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

synonym : groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym : think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving

school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

predicament

n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

synonym: situation, quandary, plight

(1) tragic **predicament**, (2) **predicament** decision

He was in a **predicament** and didn't know how to escape it.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an

electrical impulse.

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

preoccupied

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

synonym: absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

cataract

n. a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall

synonym: clouding, blurriness, waterfall

(1) the thunder of a **cataract**, (2) **cataract** lens

The older man had a **cataract** removed from his eye, which improved his vision significantly.

altruistic

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

synonym : selfless, benevolent, philanthropic

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym : catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym : reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

sociopath

n. a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"

synonym: psychopath, antisocial

(1) psychopathic **sociopath**, (2) narcissistic **sociopath**

The psychiatrist recognized signs of **sociopathy** in his patient's behavior.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

coed

n. (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students

(1) **coed** dormitory, (2) **coed** sports team

I joined a **coed** soccer league to meet new people and improve my skills.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

consumerism

n. a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions

synonym : consumer culture, materialism

(1) anti- **consumerism** movement, (2) global **consumerism**

The rise of **consumerism** has led to an increase in wastefulness and environmental damage.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym : unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

emit

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

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

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

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

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym : forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

polo

n. a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

(1) **polo** shirt, (2) **polo** championship

I watched a thrilling **polo** match at the club over the weekend.

groundwater

n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

synonym : aquifer, well water, underground water

(1) **groundwater** supply, (2) contaminated **groundwater**

The town's main source of water is natural **groundwater**.

barcode

n. a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price

synonym : scan, QR code

(1) **barcode** reader, (2) product **barcode**

The cashier scanned the **barcode** on the packaging to ring up the price.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym : stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym : edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

slump

- v. to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

synonym: drop, sink, sag

(1) **slump** against pillows, (2) economic **slump**

Sales of the product **slumped** after the negative reviews were published.

steppe

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

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

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

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

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. c__d sports team *n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
3. pre_____nt decision *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
4. psychopathic so_____th *n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
5. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
6. college se_____ry *n.* an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. coed, 3. predicament, 4. sociopath, 5. determinant, 6. seminary

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| 7. pa____e story | <i>n.</i> a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson |
| 8. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 9. pu____d by the question | <i>adj.</i> confused or uncertain because you do not understand something |
| 10. ne____n cell body | <i>n.</i> a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body |
| 11. cognitive ne_____gy | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system |
| 12. around the pe_____ry | <i>n.</i> the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people |
| 13. person of gra_____nt age | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 14. ba____e reader | <i>n.</i> a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price |
| 15. theological se_____ry | <i>n.</i> an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning |
| 16. di____ty degree | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices |

ANSWERS: 7. parable, 8. neuroscience, 9. puzzled, 10. neuron, 11. neurology, 12. periphery, 13. grandparent, 14. barcode, 15. seminary, 16. divinity

17. excite the ne___ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
18. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
19. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
20. p__o championship *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
21. sc_____m itch *n.* the external pouch of skin and muscle that contains the testicles in males; part of the male reproductive system
22. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
23. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
24. ne_____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
25. pu_____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
26. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 17. neuron, 18. oblivious, 19. unwitting, 20. polo, 21. scrotum, 22. narcissist, 23. sect, 24. neurology, 25. puzzled, 26. sect

37. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
38. anti-con_____sm movement *n.* a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
39. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
40. su__i bar *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
41. narcissistic so_____th *n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
42. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
43. product ba_____e *n.* a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price

ANSWERS: 37. daydreaming, 38. consumerism, 39. steppe, 40. sushi, 41. sociopath, 42. neuroscience, 43. barcode

44. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
45. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
46. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
47. ep____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
48. pe_____ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
49. alt_____ic instincts in social animals *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
50. ca_____ct lens *n.* a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall
51. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
52. su__i roll *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

ANSWERS: 44. passe, 45. emit, 46. steppe, 47. epiphany, 48. periphery, 49. altruistic, 50. cataract, 51. empathy, 52. sushi

53. p__o shirt *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
54. contaminated gro____er *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
55. gro____er supply *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
56. lengthy se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
57. biblical pa____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
58. the mental process of day____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
59. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
60. alt____ic behavior *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
61. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
62. con____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 53. polo, 54. groundwater, 55. groundwater, 56. sermon, 57. parable, 58. daydreaming, 59. empathy, 60. altruistic, 61. moan, 62. contemplate

63. meditative tr___e
- n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
64. ob_____us of his promise
- adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
65. sl__p against pillows
- v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
66. economic sl__p
- v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
67. st_____le economic growth
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
68. tr___e state
- n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

ANSWERS: 63. trance, 64. oblivious, 65. slump, 66. slump, 67. strangle, 68. trance

69. global con_____sm *n.* a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
70. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
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. c__d dormitory *n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
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74. accidentally ov_____ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
75. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
76. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
77. un_____ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent

ANSWERS: 69. consumerism, 70. grandparent, 71. starve, 72. coed, 73. preoccupied, 74. overhear, 75. sermon, 76. emit, 77. unwitting

78. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
79. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
80. tragic pre_____nt *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
81. happen to ov_____ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
82. somatic nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
83. 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
84. the thunder of a ca_____ct *n.* a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall
85. sc_____m swelling *n.* the external pouch of skin and muscle that contains the testicles in males; part of the male reproductive system
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ANSWERS: 78. compassionate, 79. determinant, 80. predicament, 81. overhear, 82. narcissist, 83. starve, 84. cataract, 85. scrotum, 86. contemplate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The factory was located on the city's _____ away from residential areas.
n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

2. He enrolled in the _____ to study theology and become a minister.
n. an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

3. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

4. I love going out for _____ with my friends on Friday nights.
n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

5. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

6. The town's main source of water is natural _____.
n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

7. I watched a thrilling _____ match at the club over the weekend.
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ANSWERS: 1. periphery, 2. seminary, 3. neurology, 4. sushi, 5. sect, 6. groundwater, 7. polo

8. The company tried to build an _____ image.
adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
9. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.
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10. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
11. I often waste a lot of time _____.
n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
12. The rise of _____ has led to an increase in wastefulness and environmental damage.
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14. Sales of the product _____ after the negative reviews were published.
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ANSWERS: 8. altruistic, 9. epiphany, 10. Empathy, 11. daydreaming, 12. consumerism, 13. moaned, 14. slumped

15. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
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17. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
18. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
19. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
20. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
21. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
22. He was in a _____ and didn't know how to escape it.
n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

ANSWERS: 15. compassionate, 16. overheard, 17. grandparents, 18. contemplated, 19. parables, 20. steppe, 21. oblivious, 22. predicament

23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

24. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

25. The older man had a _____ removed from his eye, which improved his vision significantly.

n. a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall

26. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

27. 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

28. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

29. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. terrifying, 25. cataract, 26. neuroscience, 27. starve, 28. narcissist, 29. determinant

30. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
31. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
- n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
32. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
33. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
34. The ancient civilization revered the _____ of the god.
- n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
35. I joined a _____ soccer league to meet new people and improve my skills.
- n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
36. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.
- n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

ANSWERS: 30. neuron, 31. sermon, 32. strangle, 33. passe, 34. divinity, 35. coed, 36. trance

37. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.

adj. without purpose or intent

38. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

39. The cashier scanned the _____ on the packaging to ring up the price.

n. a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price

40. He was _____ with work and didn't notice me.

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

41. The doctor performed surgery to repair a tear in the _____.

n. the external pouch of skin and muscle that contains the testicles in males; part of the male reproductive system

42. The psychiatrist recognized signs of _____ in his patient's behavior.

n. a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"

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

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

ANSWERS: 37. unwitting, 38. puzzled, 39. barcode, 40. preoccupied, 41. scrotum, 42. sociopathy, 43. emits