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Session 1: Word List

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym: hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

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.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

humpback

n. a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

synonym : whale, cetacean, mammal

(1) **humpback** mountain, (2) **humpback** bridge

The **humpback** whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

erudite

adj. having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarly

synonym: knowledgeable, scholarly, learned

(1) **erudite** author, (2) **erudite** knowledge

The **erudite** professor had an extensive knowledge of ancient civilizations.

thoughtful

adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

synonym: considerate, attentive, kind

(1) **thoughtful** consideration, (2) **thoughtful** gift

The company's CEO made a **thoughtful** decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

synonym: godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

splashy

adj. characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest

synonym: flashy, showy, vibrant

(1) make a **splashy** entrance, (2) **splashy** graphics

The **splashy** advertisement caught everyone's attention

during the Super Bowl.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym: emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

conscience

n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

synonym : morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

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.

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym : mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

repercussion

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

synonym : impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**

The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

expedition

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

synonym: journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym : impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym : repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

up-front

adj. straightforward and honest; frank; being paid or dealt with before other expenses or payments

synonym : forthright, candid

(1) **up-front** planning, (2) **up-front** cost

The **up-front** payment for the car was quite expensive, but it saved money in the long run.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym : achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tho_____ul gift *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
2. acc_____hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
3. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
4. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
5. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
6. hu_____ck mountain *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
7. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
8. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 1. thoughtful, 2. accomplished, 3. government, 4. logo, 5. chip, 6. humpback, 7. organization, 8. browse

9. prevent a la_____de *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
10. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
11. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
12. hu_____ck bridge *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
13. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
14. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
15. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
16. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
17. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
18. make a sp_____y entrance *adj.* characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest

ANSWERS: 9. landslide, 10. iterate, 11. participate, 12. humpback, 13. impressive, 14. movement, 15. consultant, 16. poll, 17. quotation, 18. splashy

19. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
20. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
21. sp_____y graphics *adj.* characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest
22. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
23. su__t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
24. la_____de victory *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
25. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
26. acts of al_____sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
27. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
28. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
29. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

ANSWERS: 19. crazy, 20. environment, 21. splashy, 22. obvious, 23. submit, 24. landslide, 25. technique, 26. altruism, 27. participate, 28. bunch, 29. pants

30. tho_____ul consideration *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
31. the rep_____ion of an action *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
32. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
33. it_____e results *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
34. di____e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
35. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
36. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
37. exp_____on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
38. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
39. a polar exp_____on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 30. thoughtful, 31. repercussion, 32. thrill, 33. iterate, 34. divine, 35. movement, 36. ultimate, 37. expedition, 38. fashion, 39. expedition

40. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
41. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
42. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
43. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
44. er_____e knowledge *adj.* having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarly
45. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
46. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
47. agree to su___t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
48. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
49. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 40. pants, 41. peer, 42. democracy, 43. quotation, 44. erudite, 45. crazy, 46. thrill, 47. submit, 48. achieve, 49. democracy

50. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
51. permanently ne_____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
52. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
53. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
54. di___e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
55. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
56. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
57. al_____sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 50. impressive, 51. neutral, 52. discovery, 53. chip, 54. divine, 55. meme, 56. succeed, 57. altruism

58. guilty con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
59. an___r weight *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
60. inner con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
61. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
62. pronounce m___e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
63. a bu___h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
64. the tr___d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
65. p___r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
66. er_____e author *adj.* having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarly

ANSWERS: 58. conscience, 59. anchor, 60. conscience, 61. achieve, 62. meme, 63. bunch, 64. trend, 65. peer, 66. erudite

67. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
68. cultural rep_____ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
69. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
70. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
71. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
72. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
73. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
74. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
75. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
76. im_____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
77. ne_____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

ANSWERS: 67. whale, 68. repercussion, 69. environment, 70. government, 71. organization, 72. whale, 73. ultimate, 74. consultant, 75. fashion, 76. immortal, 77. neutral

78. br___e a website
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
79. up_____nt cost
adj. straightforward and honest; frank; being paid or dealt with before other expenses or payments
80. show ge_____e regret
adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
81. ob_____s reasons
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
82. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
83. an___r bolt
n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
84. brand l__o
n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
85. a pre-election p__l
n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
86. up_____nt planning
adj. straightforward and honest; frank; being paid or dealt with before other expenses or payments

ANSWERS: 78. browse, 79. up-front, 80. genuine, 81. obvious, 82. communal, 83. anchor, 84. logo, 85. poll, 86. up-front

87. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
88. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
89. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
90. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
91. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
92. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
93. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
94. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
95. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
96. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 87. trend, 88. accomplished, 89. technique, 90. immortal, 91. communal, 92. alien, 93. succeed, 94. alien, 95. discovery, 96. genuine

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ payment for the car was quite expensive, but it saved money in the long run.
adj. straightforward and honest; frank; being paid or dealt with before other expenses or payments
2. The company's CEO made a _____ decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.
adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
3. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
4. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
5. She is the president of a large international _____.
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
6. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.
n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
7. The _____ advertisement caught everyone's attention during the Super Bowl.
adj. characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest

ANSWERS: 1. up-front, 2. thoughtful, 3. meme, 4. succeed, 5. organization, 6. whale, 7. splashy

8. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
9. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
10. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
11. The massive _____ buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.
- n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
12. The _____ whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.
- n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
13. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
14. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 8. thrill, 9. movement, 10. pants, 11. landslide, 12. humpback, 13. browsed, 14. peer

15. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
16. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
17. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
18. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
19. The decision had far-reaching _____ and affected many people.
n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
20. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
21. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
22. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 15. chip, 16. Communal, 17. environment, 18. achieve, 19. repercussions, 20. bunch, 21. immortal, 22. fashion

23. We need to _____ on this design to improve its functionality.
- v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
24. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
25. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his _____ even if it meant losing the job.
- n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
26. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
- n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
27. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
28. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.
- n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
29. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
30. Please _____ the assignment to me.
- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 23. iterate, 24. polls, 25. conscience, 26. consultant, 27. technique, 28. anchor, 29. trend, 30. submit

31. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

32. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

33. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

34. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

35. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

36. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

37. The _____ professor had an extensive knowledge of ancient civilizations.

adj. having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarly

38. The _____ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 31. impressive, 32. discovery, 33. quotation, 34. crazy, 35. ultimate, 36. participated, 37. erudite, 38. expedition, 39. obvious

40. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

41. A legislative speaker should always be _____.

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

42. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

43. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical _____.

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

44. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

45. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

46. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

47. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 40. divine, 41. neutral, 42. Alien, 43. altruism, 44. accomplished, 45. logo, 46. government, 47. genuine

48. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 48. Democracy