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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- ken** *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know  
*synonym*: knowledge, understanding, familiarity  
(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person  
He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.
- hale** *adj.* in good health and physical condition; strong and robust  
*synonym*: healthy, well, robust  
(1) look surprisingly **hale**, (2) **hale** complexion  
Even though the hiker was 70 years old, he was **hale** enough to climb the mountain.
- linguist** *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics  
*synonym*: grammarist, philologue, polyglot  
(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**  
Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.
- halve** *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size  
*synonym*: reduce by half, cut in half, split  
(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

## glean

*v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

*synonym*: cull, collect, extract

(1) **glean** important information, (2) **glean** the fields

He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to **glean** the details of the culprit.

## nun

*n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

*synonym*: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

## placard

*n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

*synonym*: poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

## monk

*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

*synonym*: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

## monastery

*n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

*synonym*: abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and

had a long history of religious devotion.

## uprising

*n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

*synonym*: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

## 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**.

## tort

*n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation

*synonym*: wrongful act, legal wrong, civil wrong

(1) intentional **tort**, (2) **tort** of negligence

The lawyer presented a strong case to win the **tort** lawsuit.

## demeanor

*n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

*synonym*: behavior, conduct, manner

(1) **demeanor** towards customers, (2) calm **demeanor**

The lawyer's professional **demeanor** helped him win over the jury.

## enlightenment

*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

*synonym*: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

## sneak

*v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym* : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## tang

*n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound

*synonym* : flavor, taste, zest

(1) metallic **tang**, (2) the **tang** of a lemon

The **tang** of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.

## plateau

*n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

*synonym* : mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

## pasture

*n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock

*synonym* : grazing land, meadow, lea

(1) **pasture** for sheep, (2) permanent **pasture**

The cows were grazing in the **pasture**.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym* : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## beggar

*n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

*synonym* : pauper, mendicant, panhandler

(1) homeless **beggar**, (2) give alms to a **beggar**

The **beggar's** rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.

## horseback

*n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

*synonym* : equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

## seismology

*n.* the scientific study of earthquakes and the behavior of seismic waves that occur within the Earth's crust, as well as the structure and dynamics of the Earth's interior

*synonym* : earthquake science, seismic study, tremor analysis

(1) **seismology** research, (2) **seismology** data

The institute invested in advanced **seismology** equipment to better monitor underground vibrations.

## spear

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

*synonym* : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

## dart

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

*synonym* : arrow, (verb) dash

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

A poison **dart** hit him.

## infraction

*n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one

*synonym* : violation, breach, offense

(1) a doping **infraction**, (2) **infraction** of a rule

The driver was issued a citation for a minor **infraction** of the traffic laws.

## defoliate

*v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance

*synonym*: strip, clear-cut, denude

(1) **defoliate** trees, (2) **defoliate** the field

The herbicide used to **defoliate** the plants also killed many of the surrounding flowers and trees.

## brunt

*n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

*synonym*: force, pressure, impact

(1) bear the **brunt**, (2) the **brunt** of criticism

The **brunt** of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.

## shaman

*n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

*synonym*: medicine man, healer, spiritual leader

(1) **shaman's** wisdom, (2) the tribe's **shaman**

The village **shaman** performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.

## animism

*n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world

*synonym*: spirit worship, anthropomorphism, paganism

(1) traditional **animism**, (2) **animism** practices

The belief that objects have spirits is a central tenet of **animism**.

## 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**.

## juniper

*n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones

*synonym* : cedar, fir, pine

(1) **juniper** berries, (2) **juniper** shrub

The scent of the **juniper** tree filled the air as we hiked through the forest.

## inhale

*v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

*synonym* : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym* : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## photoshop

*v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

*synonym*: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## insular

*adj.* relating to, characteristic of, or situated on an island, especially an isolated one; interested only in your own country, group, ideas, etc., and not in those from outside

*synonym*: narrow-minded, circumscribed, isolated

(1) an **insular** country, (2) **insular** prejudices

She blamed his **insular** attitudes toward foreigners.

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.



## 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.

## stan

*n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme

*synonym*: fandom, fanbase, support group

(1) the **stan** of the artist, (2) drama **stan**

I'm a huge Marvel **stan**, and I've seen every movie in the franchise.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## chant

*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

*synonym*: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an in\_\_\_\_\_r country  
*adj.* relating to, characteristic of, or situated on an island, especially an isolated one; interested only in your own country, group, ideas, etc., and not in those from outside
2. stage an up\_\_\_\_\_ng  
*n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
3. prevent a la\_\_\_\_\_de  
*n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
4. pl\_\_\_\_\_d campaign  
*n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
5. look surprisingly h\_\_e  
*adj.* in good health and physical condition; strong and robust
6. b\_\_y emotion  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
7. before Ch\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
8. calm de\_\_\_\_\_or  
*n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

ANSWERS: 1. insular, 2. uprising, 3. landslide, 4. placard, 5. hale, 6. bury, 7. Christ, 8. demeanor

9. permanent pa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
10. de\_\_\_\_\_te trees *v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance
11. ju\_\_\_\_\_r shrub *n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
12. d\_\_t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
13. sei\_\_\_\_\_gy research *n.* the scientific study of earthquakes and the behavior of seismic waves that occur within the Earth's crust, as well as the structure and dynamics of the Earth's interior
14. foreign li\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
15. sei\_\_\_\_\_gy data *n.* the scientific study of earthquakes and the behavior of seismic waves that occur within the Earth's crust, as well as the structure and dynamics of the Earth's interior
16. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

ANSWERS: 9. pasture, 10. defoliate, 11. juniper, 12. dart, 13. seismology, 14. linguist, 15. seismology, 16. horseback

17. in\_\_\_e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
18. k\_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
19. pl\_\_\_\_u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
20. drama s\_\_n *n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme
21. company mo\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
22. m\_\_k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
23. give alms to a be\_\_\_r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
24. metallic t\_\_g *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
25. 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

ANSWERS: 17. inhale, 18. ken, 19. plateau, 20. stan, 21. motto, 22. monk, 23. beggar, 24. tang, 25. starve

26. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck adventure *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
27. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
28. intentional t\_\_t *n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation
29. sn\_\_k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
30. t\_\_t of negligence *n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation
31. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
32. blow d\_\_t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
33. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
34. exploited pe\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
35. hunting sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

ANSWERS: 26. horseback, 27. industrialize, 28. tort, 29. sneak, 30. tort, 31. bury, 32. dart, 33. storytelling, 34. peasant, 35. spear

36. cloistered m\_\_k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
37. sh\_\_\_n's wisdom *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
38. h\_\_e complexion *adj.* in good health and physical condition; strong and robust
39. ph\_\_\_\_\_op a picture *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
40. a doping inf\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one
41. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
42. de\_\_\_\_\_or towards customers *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
43. ju\_\_\_\_\_r berries *n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
44. violent up\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

ANSWERS: 36. monk, 37. shaman, 38. hale, 39. photoshop, 40. infraction, 41. motto, 42. demeanor, 43. juniper, 44. uprising

45. mo\_\_\_\_\_ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
46. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
47. ha\_\_e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
48. gl\_\_n important information *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
49. inf\_\_\_\_\_on of a rule *n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one
50. pa\_\_\_\_\_e for sheep *n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
51. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
52. high ar\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
53. gl\_\_n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
54. sn\_\_k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 45. monastery, 46. peasant, 47. halve, 48. glean, 49. infraction, 50. pasture, 51. storytelling, 52. arctic, 53. glean, 54. sneak

55. homeless be\_\_\_r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
56. n\_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
57. the br\_\_t of criticism *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
58. ch\_\_t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
59. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
60. la\_\_\_\_\_de victory *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
61. traditional an\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world
62. ha\_\_e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
63. in\_\_\_\_\_r prejudices *adj.* relating to, characteristic of, or situated on an island, especially an isolated one; interested only in your own country, group, ideas, etc., and not in those from outside

ANSWERS: 55. beggar, 56. nun, 57. brunt, 58. chant, 59. industrialize, 60. landslide, 61. animism, 62. halve, 63. insular



64. enl\_\_\_\_\_ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
65. ch\_\_t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
66. the t\_\_g of a lemon *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
67. within my k\_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
68. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
69. 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
70. ph\_\_\_\_\_op the background of the image *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
71. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 64. enlightenment, 65. chant, 66. tang, 67. ken, 68. spear, 69. trance, 70. photoshop, 71. Christ

72. 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
73. 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
74. de\_\_\_\_\_te the field      *v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance
75. pl\_\_\_\_\_u region      *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
76. ar\_\_\_c ice      *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
77. meditating n\_n      *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
78. bear the br\_\_t      *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

ANSWERS: 72. starve, 73. trance, 74. defoliate, 75. plateau, 76. arctic, 77. nun, 78. brunt

79. in\_\_\_e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
80. the s\_\_n of the artist *n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme
81. the tribe's sh\_\_\_n *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
82. an\_\_\_\_m practices *n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world
83. cognitive li\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
84. spiritual enl\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
85. leave a mo\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
86. warning pl\_\_\_\_d *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

ANSWERS: 79. inhale, 80. stan, 81. shaman, 82. animism, 83. linguist, 84. enlightenment, 85. monastery, 86. placard

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The cows were grazing in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
  
2. The scent of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree filled the air as we hiked through the forest.  
*n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
  
3. She blamed his \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes toward foreigners.  
*adj.* relating to, characteristic of, or situated on an island, especially an isolated one; interested only in your own country, group, ideas, etc., and not in those from outside
  
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ deeply, trying to calm down.  
*v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
  
5. The ascetic \_\_\_\_\_ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.  
*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
  
6. 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
  
7. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.  
*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 1. pasture, 2. juniper, 3. insular, 4. inhaled, 5. monk, 6. starve, 7. motto

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.
- n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
9. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
- v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
10. The village \_\_\_\_\_ performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.
- n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.
- n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
13. He finally brought his \_\_\_\_\_ to perfection.
- n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
14. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
15. The cloistered \_\_\_\_\_ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
- n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 8. brunt, 9. halve, 10. shaman, 11. tang, 12. Christmas, 13. enlightenment, 14. industrialize, 15. nun

16. He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the details of the culprit.
- v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
17. The institute invested in advanced \_\_\_\_\_ equipment to better monitor underground vibrations.
- n.* the scientific study of earthquakes and the behavior of seismic waves that occur within the Earth's crust, as well as the structure and dynamics of the Earth's interior
18. The belief that objects have spirits is a central tenet of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world
19. Though I love literature, I'm a bad \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
20. The children tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
21. The lawyer's professional \_\_\_\_\_ helped him win over the jury.
- n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
22. 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: 16. glean, 17. seismology, 18. animism, 19. linguist, 20. sneak, 21. demeanor, 22. trance

23. He had a good \_\_\_\_ of the city and could easily find his way around.
- n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
24. The protesters held a \_\_\_\_\_ with their political message.
- n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
25. We went on a scenic trail ride on \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.
- n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
26. The soccer game crowd broke into a \_\_\_\_\_ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.
- n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
28. 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
29. This ancient \_\_\_\_\_ was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.
- n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
30. The hikers finally reached the \_\_\_\_\_ after a long climb up the mountain.
- n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

ANSWERS: 23. ken, 24. placard, 25. horseback, 26. chant, 27. beggar's, 28. landslide, 29. monastery, 30. plateau



31. I'm a huge Marvel \_\_\_\_\_ and I've seen every movie in the franchise.  
*n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme
32. The anti-government \_\_\_\_\_ was successful in overthrowing the regime.  
*n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
33. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
34. The photographer \_\_\_\_\_ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.  
*v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
35. The lawyer presented a strong case to win the \_\_\_\_\_ lawsuit.  
*n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation
36. The driver was issued a citation for a minor \_\_\_\_\_ of the traffic laws.  
*n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one
37. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.  
*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
38. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.  
*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 31. stan, 32. uprising, 33. storytelling, 34. photoshopped, 35. tort, 36. infraction, 37. dart, 38. arctic

39. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

40. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

41. The herbicide used to \_\_\_\_\_ the plants also killed many of the surrounding flowers and trees.

*v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance

42. Even though the hiker was 70 years old, he was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to climb the mountain.

*adj.* in good health and physical condition; strong and robust

43. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 39. bury, 40. spears, 41. defoliate, 42. hale, 43. peasant,