

## Chapter 2

- 26.** Phillip's \_\_\_\_\_ tone endeared him to his comical friends, but irritated his serious father.
- a. aloof
  - b. jesting
  - c. grave
  - d. earnest
  - e. conservative
- 27.** Brian's pale Irish skin was \_\_\_\_\_ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.
- a. prone
  - b. urbane
  - c. eminent
  - d. erect
  - e. daunted

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- 28.** A fan of historical fiction, Joline is now reading a novel about slavery in the \_\_\_\_\_ South.
- a. decorous
  - b. rogue
  - c. droll
  - d. antebellum
  - e. onerous
- 29.** Over the years the Wilsons slowly \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Jacksons' property, moving the stone markers that divided their lots farther and farther onto the Jacksons' land.
- a. encroached
  - b. jettisoned
  - c. conjoined
  - d. repudiated
  - e. teemed
- 30.** Mary became \_\_\_\_\_ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.
- a. proficient
  - b. reflective
  - c. dormant
  - d. redundant
  - e. valiant
- 31.** To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Susan attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.
- a. prescribe
  - b. probe
  - c. alienate
  - d. converge
  - e. revere

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- 32.** Juan's friends found him in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood after he learned he would be homecoming king.
- a. jovial
  - b. stealthy
  - c. paltry
  - d. gullible
  - e. depleted
- 33.** His suit of armor made the knight \_\_\_\_\_ to his enemy's attack, and he was able to escape safely to his castle.
- a. vulnerable
  - b. churlish
  - c. invulnerable
  - d. static
  - e. imprudent
- 34.** Choosing a small, fuel-efficient car is a \_\_\_\_\_ purchase for a recent college graduate.
- a. corrupt
  - b. tedious
  - c. unhallowed
  - d. sardonic
  - e. judicious
- 35.** Such a \_\_\_\_\_ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.
- a. copious
  - b. flagrant
  - c. raucous
  - d. nominal
  - e. morose
- 36.** With all of the recent negative events in her life, she felt \_\_\_\_\_ forces must be at work.
- a. resurgent
  - b. premature
  - c. malignant
  - d. punctilious
  - e. antecedent

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37. The \_\_\_\_\_ rumors did a great deal of damage even though they turned out to be false.
- a. bemused
  - b. prosaic
  - c. apocryphal
  - d. ebullient
  - e. tantamount
38. When her schoolwork got to be too much, Pam had a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_, which always put her further behind.
- a. dedicate
  - b. rejuvenate
  - c. ponder
  - d. excel
  - e. procrastinate
39. Racha's glance was a \_\_\_\_\_ invitation to speak later in private about events of the meeting.
- a. trecherous
  - b. scintillating
  - c. tactful
  - d. tacit
  - e. taboo
40. She reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of her career with her fourth novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize.
- a. harbinger
  - b. apogee
  - c. metamorphosis
  - d. dictum
  - e. synthesis
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ townspeople celebrated the soldier's return to his home by adorning trees with yellow ribbons and balloons.
- a. somber
  - b. jubilant
  - c. pitiless
  - d. cunning
  - e. unsullied

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- 42.** The governor-elect was hounded by a group of \_\_\_\_\_ lobbyists and others hoping to gain favor with her administration.
- a. facetious
  - b. abstruse
  - c. magnanimous
  - d. fawning
  - e. saccharine
- 43.** The mock graduation ceremony—with a trained skunk posing as the college president—was a complete \_\_\_\_\_ that offended many college officials.
- a. tempest
  - b. epitome
  - c. quintessence
  - d. travesty
  - e. recitative
- 44.** The busy, \_\_\_\_\_ fabric of the clown's tie matched his oversized jacket, which was equally atrocious.
- a. mottled
  - b. bleak
  - c. credible
  - d. malleable
  - e. communicable
- 45.** Kendrick's talent \_\_\_\_\_ under the tutelage of Anya Kowalonek, who as a young woman had been the most accomplished pianist in her native Lithuania.
- a. bantered
  - b. touted
  - c. flourished
  - d. embellished
  - e. colluded

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46. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Kinan pointed out that the messages were in code.
- a. censured
  - b. striated
  - c. feigned
  - d. prevaricated
  - e. flummoxed
47. As the \_\_\_\_\_ in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo is a hero able to capture the audience's sympathy by continually professing his love for Juliet.
- a. protagonist
  - b. enigma
  - c. facade
  - d. activist
  - e. catechist
48. The chess master promised to \_\_\_\_\_ havoc upon his opponent's pawns for taking his bishop.
- a. wreak
  - b. warrant
  - c. ensue
  - d. placate
  - e. endow
49. I have always admired Seymour's \_\_\_\_\_; I've never seen him rattled by anything.
- a. aplomb
  - b. confluence
  - c. propriety
  - d. compunction
  - e. nostalgia
50. The soldiers received a military \_\_\_\_\_ to inspect all their vehicles before traveling.
- a. allotment
  - b. dominion
  - c. affectation
  - d. calculation
  - e. mandate

**Answers**

26. b. *Jesting* (adj.) means characterized by making jests; joking; playful.
27. a. *Prone* (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.
28. d. *Antebellum* (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
29. a. To *encroach* (v.) means to gradually or stealthily take the rights or possessions of another; to advance beyond proper or formal limits; trespass.
30. a. *Proficient* (adj.) means well versed in any business or branch of learning; adept.
31. b. To *probe* (v.) is to examine thoroughly; tentatively survey.
32. a. *Jovial* (adj.) means showing hearty good cheer; marked with the spirit of jolly merriment.
33. c. *Invulnerable* (adj.) means incapable of being damaged or wounded; unassailable or invincible.
34. e. *Judicious* (adj.) means being wise or prudent; showing good judgment; sensible.
35. b. *Flagrant* (adj.) means conspicuously and outrageously bad, offensive, or reprehensible.
36. c. *Malignant* (adj.) means disposed to cause distress or inflict suffering intentionally; inclining to produce death; an injurious infiltration.
37. c. *Apocryphal* (adj.) means of questionable authenticity or doubtful authority; fictitious, false.
38. e. To *procrastinate* (v.) is to put off from day to day.

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39. c. *Tacit* (adj.) means unspoken yet understood.
40. b. *Apogee* (n.) means the highest or farthest point, culmination; the point in its orbit where a satellite is at the greatest distance from the body it is orbiting.
41. b. *Jubilant* (adj.) means rejoicing; expressing joyfulness; exulting.
42. d. *Fawning* (adj.) means attempting to win favor or attention by excessive flattery, ingratiating displays of affection, or servile compliance; obsequious.
43. d. *Travesty* (n.) means a parody; a grotesque imitation with the intent to ridicule.
44. a. *Mottled* (adj.) means blotched or spotted with different colors or shades.
45. c. To *flourish* (v.) is (of artists) to be in a state of high productivity, excellence, or influence; to grow luxuriously, thrive; to fare well, prosper, increase in wealth, honor, comfort or whatever is desirable; to make bold, sweeping movements.
46. e. To *flummox* (v.) is to confuse, perplex, bewilder.
47. a. A *protagonist* (n.) is the main character in a drama.
48. a. To *wreak* (v.) means to inflict, as a revenge or punishment.
49. a. *Aplomb* (n.) is self-assurance, composure, poise, especially under strain.
50. e. *Mandate* (n.) is a command or authoritative instruction.