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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### subterranean

*adj.* under the ground

*synonym* : underground, belowground, subsurface

(1) **subterranean** rooms, (2) **subterranean** motives for murder

Such **subterranean** passages span kilometers in London.

### Mars

*n.* a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

(1) **Mars** colonization, (2) **Mars** exploration

The ice caps on the poles of **Mars** are permanent.

### intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system  
**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

### 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.

## explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

*synonym*: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

## engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym*: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

*synonym*: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

## investigate

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

*synonym*: examine, analyze, look into

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

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

## 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.

## clue

*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

*synonym* : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

## survive

*v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

*synonym* : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

## desert

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

## planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## ruin

*v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

*synonym* : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

## intact

*adj.* undamaged and complete

*synonym* : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

## pyramid

*n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with

a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

*synonym*: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

## sealed

*adj.* closed or secured with

*synonym*: closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym*: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## pictogram

*n.* a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object

(1) **pictogram** color, (2) a **pictogram** code

That town installed signs digitally displaying **pictograms** to reduce traffic accidents.

## fortuitous

*adj.* not planned; happening by lucky chance

*synonym*: fortunate, lucky, serendipitous

(1) **fortuitous** encounters, (2) **fortuitous** timing

Profits were enhanced by a **fortuitous** drop in the cost of raw materials.

## facade

*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

*synonym*: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

## mosaic

*n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these

*synonym* : collage, patchwork

(1) a **mosaic** pavement, (2) a **mosaic** of fields and forest areas

The city's **mosaic** culture results in great diversity in the arts.

## representation

*n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

*synonym* : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

## 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.

## principle

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

*synonym* : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

## pause

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym* : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## beneath

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

*synonym* : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt  
A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

## algebra

*n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers

*synonym* : calculus

(1) **algebra** calculation, (2) strong in **algebra**  
His classmates were laboring with advanced **algebra**.

## riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym* : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**  
The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

## reserve

*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

*synonym* : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket  
You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

## inhospitable

*adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

*synonym* : sterile, unfriendly, unwelcoming

(1) **inhospitable** environment, (2) in an **inhospitable** manner

He trekked across some of the most **inhospitable** mountains in the world.

## underground

*adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

*synonym* : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist  
Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial

throughout the winter.

## **gigantic**

*adj.* extremely large

*synonym* : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

## **marvel**

*n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

*synonym* : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

## **lever**

*n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

*synonym* : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

## **reverse**

*v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

*synonym* : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

## **architect**

*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

*synonym* : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

## **district**

*n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

*synonym* : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

## ravage

*v.* to cause damage to something badly

*synonym*: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

## plaza

*n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

*synonym*: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym*: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## sketch

*n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

*synonym*: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

## dot

*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

*synonym*: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym*: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers



We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## mechanism

*n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

*synonym*: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

## staircase

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

*synonym*: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym*: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. sy___l for happiness    | <i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else  |
| 2. pi_____am color         | <i>n.</i> a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object                                      |
| 3. al_____a calculation    | <i>n.</i> a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers  |
| 4. b__y in the earth       | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb  |
| 5. main pl__a              | <i>n.</i> a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries                                |
| 6. memorial pl__a          | <i>n.</i> a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries                                |
| 7. oasis in the de___t     | <i>n.</i> arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks   |
| 8. sy___l color            | <i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else  |
| 9. re_____e the trend      | <i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear |
| 10. for_____us encounters  | <i>adj.</i> not planned; happening by lucky chance  |
| 11. su_____e a plane crash | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period  |

ANSWERS: 1. symbol, 2. pictogram, 3. algebra, 4. bury, 5. plaza, 6. plaza, 7. desert, 8. symbol, 9. reverse, 10. fortuitous, 11. survive

12. M\_\_s colonization *n.* a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye
13. a penciled sk\_\_\_h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
14. gi\_\_\_\_ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
15. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
16. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
17. a ma\_\_\_l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
18. de\_\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
19. gl\_\_n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
20. a truncated py\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
21. le\_\_r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 12. Mars, 13. sketch, 14. gigantic, 15. giant, 16. principle, 17. marvel, 18. descend, 19. glean, 20. pyramid, 21. lever

22. in\_\_\_t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
23. gl\_\_\_n important information *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
24. re\_\_\_\_\_e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
25. r\_\_\_n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
26. first design sk\_\_\_hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
27. d\_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
28. school di\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
29. se\_\_\_d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
30. ex\_\_\_\_\_e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
31. a c\_\_\_e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
32. M\_\_\_s exploration *n.* a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

ANSWERS: 22. intact, 23. glean, 24. reverse, 25. ruin, 26. sketch, 27. dot, 28. district, 29. sealed, 30. explore, 31. clue, 32. Mars

33. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
34. defense me\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
35. spiral st\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
36. sub\_\_\_\_\_ean rooms *adj.* under the ground
37. in\_\_\_\_t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
38. connecting the d\_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
39. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
40. beetle up the st\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
41. a mo\_\_\_\_c pavement *n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
42. be\_\_\_\_\_h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
43. ra\_\_\_\_e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
44. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 33. principle, 34. mechanism, 35. staircase, 36. subterranean, 37. intact, 38. dot, 39. represent, 40. staircase, 41. mosaic, 42. beneath, 43. ravage, 44. possibility

45. a mo\_\_\_c of fields and forest areas     *n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
46. technical ma\_\_\_l     *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
47. b\_\_y emotion     *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
48. su\_\_\_\_\_e a blizzard     *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
49. strong in al\_\_\_\_\_a     *n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
50. sub\_\_\_\_\_ean motives for murder     *adj.* under the ground
51. 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
52. inh\_\_\_\_\_ble environment     *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
53. re\_\_\_\_\_e a concert ticket     *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
54. gi\_\_t trees     *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
55. r\_\_n the plan     *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

ANSWERS: 45. mosaic, 46. marvel, 47. bury, 48. survive, 49. algebra, 50. subterranean, 51. alien, 52. inhospitable, 53. reserve, 54. giant, 55. ruin

56. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
57. gi\_\_\_ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
58. ra\_\_\_e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
59. ex\_\_\_e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
60. urban di\_\_\_cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
61. solve the ri\_\_\_e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
62. for\_\_\_us timing *adj.* not planned; happening by lucky chance
63. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
64. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
65. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 56. planet, 57. gigantic, 58. ravage, 59. explore, 60. district, 61. riddle, 62. fortuitous, 63. planet, 64. investigate, 65. desert

66. the ground be\_\_\_\_\_h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
67. vi\_\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
68. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
69. inv\_\_\_\_\_te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
70. und\_\_\_\_\_nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
71. a c\_\_e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
72. in an inh\_\_\_\_\_ble manner *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
73. ar\_\_\_\_\_ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
74. py\_\_\_\_\_d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 66. beneath, 67. visual, 68. represent, 69. investigate, 70. underground, 71. clue, 72. inhospitable, 73. architect, 74. pyramid



75. fa\_\_\_e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
76. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
77. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
78. de\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
79. ri\_\_\_e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
80. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
81. 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
82. the outside fa\_\_\_e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
83. a gear change le\_\_r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 75. facade, 76. engineer, 77. intelligent, 78. descend, 79. riddle, 80. possibility, 81. alien, 82. facade, 83. lever

84. pa\_\_e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
85. su\_\_\_\_al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
86. an int\_\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
87. landscape ar\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
88. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
89. water flowing und\_\_\_\_\_nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
90. the me\_\_\_\_\_sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
91. se\_\_\_d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
92. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
93. binary rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 84. pause, 85. survival, 86. intelligent, 87. architect, 88. engineer, 89. underground, 90. mechanism, 91. sealed, 92. representation, 93. representation

94. pa\_\_e for a reaction                      *v.*    to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
95. field of vi\_\_\_l arts                      *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
96. su\_\_\_\_\_al ability                      *n.*    the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
97. re\_\_\_\_\_e the right                      *v.*    to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
98. a pi\_\_\_\_\_am code                      *n.*    a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object

ANSWERS: 94. pause, 95. visual, 96. survival, 97. reserve, 98. pictogram

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ice caps on the poles of \_\_\_\_\_ are permanent.  
*n.* a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye
2. We packed and shipped the product in \_\_\_\_\_ containers.  
*adj.* closed or secured with
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ remains mysterious to us.  
*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
4. The space shuttle is a modern engineering \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
5. Yesterday, I created a rough \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan.  
*n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
6. That town installed signs digitally displaying \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce traffic accidents.  
*n.* a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
7. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.  
*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 1. Mars, 2. sealed, 3. riddle, 4. marvel, 5. sketch, 6. pictograms, 7. represent

8. The building \_\_\_\_\_ tried to build the house above the tree.  
*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
9. He knocked over the red wine and \_\_\_\_\_ the tablecloth.  
*v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
10. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.  
*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
11. Profits were enhanced by a \_\_\_\_\_ drop in the cost of raw materials.  
*adj.* not planned; happening by lucky chance
12. Three young men were busking in the shopping \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
13. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ seats over the telephone.  
*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
14. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.  
*adj.* relating to seeing or sight
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.  
*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 8. architect, 9. ruined, 10. paused, 11. fortuitous, 12. plaza, 13. reserve, 14. visual, 15. engineer

16. \_\_\_\_\_ 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
17. The restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
18. He trekked across some of the most \_\_\_\_\_ mountains in the world.
- adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
19. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
20. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
21. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ culture results in great diversity in the arts.
- n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
22. A large fire \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.
- v.* to cause damage to something badly
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. Alien, 17. reversed, 18. inhospitable, 19. descended, 20. Intelligent, 21. mosaic, 22. ravaged, 23. glean

24. The management must \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to increase office security.  
*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
25. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
26. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* undamaged and complete
27. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ appetite.  
*adj.* extremely large
28. A great stretch of the lake lay \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.  
*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.  
*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
31. The Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ consist of a vast number of blocks.  
*n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 24. explore, 25. representation, 26. intact, 27. gigantic, 28. beneath, 29. giant, 30. possibility, 31. pyramids

32. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.  
*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
33. His classmates were laboring with advanced \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
34. He evaluated his chances for \_\_\_\_\_ rather pessimistically.  
*n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
35. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ several apparent inconsistencies.  
*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
36. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink \_\_\_\_\_ on a white surface.  
*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
37. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
38. Having \_\_\_\_\_ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.  
*adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
39. Such \_\_\_\_\_ passages span kilometers in London.  
*adj.* under the ground
40. She walked urgently down the emergency \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 32. symbol, 33. algebra, 34. survival, 35. investigated, 36. dots, 37. desert, 38. underground, 39. subterranean, 40. staircase



41. This initiative will be a \_\_\_\_\_ for increasing company sales.
- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
42. A gentle \_\_\_\_\_ concealed his powerfulness.
- n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
43. Since 2001, the \_\_\_\_\_ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
44. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
45. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
46. The police couldn't find a \_\_\_\_\_ to her whereabouts.
- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
47. He discovered unique \_\_\_\_\_ for photochemical reactions.
- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
48. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 41. lever, 42. facade, 43. district, 44. survive, 45. planet, 46. clue, 47. mechanisms, 48. principle

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

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

ANSWERS: 49. bury