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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym*: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

### magnum

*n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber

*synonym*: large, big, grand

(1) three-inch **magnum**, (2) **magnum** masterpiece

The **magnum** bottle of wine was the perfect size for a small gathering of friends.

### opus

*n.* a musical composition often numbered to indicate the order in which it was written

*synonym*: work, composition, piece

(1) magnum **opus**, (2) **opus** masterpiece

Beethoven's ninth symphony is considered his greatest **opus**.

## alternative

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice  
*synonym* : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**  
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## upend

*v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

*synonym* : overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

## inherent

*adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

*synonym* : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

## inferior

*adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality

*synonym* : lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

## pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym* : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

## subsequent

*adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else

*synonym* : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent**

mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

## **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.

## **pilgrim**

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym*: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## **shrine**

*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

*synonym*: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

## **saint**

*n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

*synonym*: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

## **prologue**

*n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow

*synonym*: introduction, preface, opening

(1) **prologue** to the battle, (2) recite a **prologue**

The **prologue** of the play provides important background information for the audience.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym*: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## intention

*n.* something you want to do and are going to do

*synonym*: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

## tale

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

*synonym*: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

## uncertain

*adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

*synonym*: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

## incomplete

*adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

*synonym*: undone, unfinished, insufficient

(1) **incomplete** information, (2) customer with **incomplete** credit histories

The researcher criticized the study due to **incomplete** data.

## hodgepodge

*n.* a mixture of diverse elements or ingredients that are not well blended or integrated

*synonym*: mixture, medley, jumble

(1) a **hodgepodge** of fact and fiction, (2) **hodgepodge** of imagery

The decoration of the room was a **hodgepodge** of different styles and colors.

## **knight**

*n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

*synonym*: noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

## **miller**

*n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

*synonym*: grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **millers** flour, (2) water **millers**

The **millers** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

## **pardon**

*v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

*synonym*: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

## **genre**

*n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

*synonym*: type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**

He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

## sermon

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

*synonym* : homily, discourse, lecture

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

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

## allegory

*n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

*synonym* : fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

## hagiography

*n.* a biography or book about the lives of saints or other religious figures, written with an emphasis on their miracles and other religious aspects

*synonym* : biography, life story, tale

(1) Catholic **hagiography**, (2) **hagiography** of a religious figure

The biography was criticized for being more of a **hagiography** than an accurate depiction of the subject's life.

## chivalry

*n.* the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

*synonym* : gallantry, bravery, noble conduct

(1) **chivalry** code, (2) romance of **chivalry**

The knight's display of **chivalry** impressed the princess.

## romantic

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

*synonym* : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

## vary

*v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

*synonym*: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price  
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

## religion

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

*synonym*: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

## hypocrisy

*n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

*synonym*: insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

## episode

*n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

*synonym*: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

## bawdy

*adj.* indecent or obscene, especially about sexual matters

*synonym*: obscene, vulgar, ribald

(1) **bawdy** joke, (2) **bawdy** language

The movie was criticized for its **bawdy** humor.

## humor

*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

*synonym*: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**  
My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times  
*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society  
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## pronounce

*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way  
*synonym*: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name  
She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something  
*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**  
These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## supernatural

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws  
*synonym*: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition  
The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

## allegedly

*adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly  
*synonym*: supposedly, reputedly

(1) **allegedly** guilty, (2) **allegedly** behind the plot  
He **allegedly** stole money from the company.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances  
The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the



Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## **greet**

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## **honor**

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;  
*(verb)* to show respect towards someone

*synonym*: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

## **fulfill**

*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

*synonym*: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

## **fairy**

*n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

*synonym*: sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

## **verse**

*n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

*synonym*: poetry, rhyme, stanza

(1) cited **verse**, (2) **verse** play

The poet recited a **verse** from her latest collection.

## **depart**

*v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

*synonym*: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

## prevailing

*adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

*synonym* : dominant, prevalent, current

(1) **prevailing** wind, (2) **prevailing** trend

The **prevailing** opinion was that the project would be a success.

## iambic

*adj.* relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long

*synonym* : metrical, poetic, rhythmic

(1) regular **iambic** norm, (2) scene of **iambic** dialogue

The sonnet is written in **iambic** pentameter.

## syllable

*n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

## staple

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

*synonym* : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

## poetry

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

*synonym* : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym* : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**  
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

### pentameter

*n.* a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet  
*synonym*: metrical foot, verse line, poetic meter

(1) **pentameter** in poetry, (2) **pentameter** verse  
The poem is written in iambic **pentameter**.

### brilliantly

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

*synonym*: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit  
He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

### sonnet

*n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme  
*synonym*: poetic form, 14-line verse

(1) **sonnet** poetry, (2) Shakespeare's **sonnets**  
The poet wrote a **sonnet** to express his love for his wife.

### 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.

### inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym*: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property  
After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

### fortune

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym*: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**  
Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal

**fortune.**

**relative**

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym* : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

**epidemic**

*n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

*synonym* : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

**windfall**

*n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain

*synonym* : bonus, unexpected gain

(1) **windfall** profit, (2) reap a **windfall**

Winning the lottery was an unexpected **windfall** for him.

**obtain**

*v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort

*synonym* : accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

**tradesman**

*n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

*synonym* : artisan, craftsman, worker

(1) successful **tradesman**, (2) a fellow- **tradesman**

The skilled **tradesman** repaired the broken window with ease.

**merchant**

*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

*synonym* : dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fa\_\_y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
2. sa\_\_t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
3. ch\_\_\_\_ry code *n.* the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak
4. sardonic hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
5. an alt\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
6. pen\_\_\_\_er verse *n.* a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet
7. ra\_\_\_e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
8. religious sh\_\_\_e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
9. Ar\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
10. a literary ge\_\_e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

ANSWERS: 1. fairy, 2. saint, 3. chivalry, 4. humor, 5. alternative, 6. pentameter, 7. ravage, 8. shrine, 9. Arthurian, 10. genre

11. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
12. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral beings      *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
13. ill fo\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
14. gr\_\_t an idea      *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
15. regular ia\_\_\_c norm      *adj.* relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
16. ve\_\_e play      *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
17. subtle, multivalent al\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
18. scene of ia\_\_\_c dialogue      *adj.* relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
19. mo\_\_\_n poetry      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
20. ge\_\_e of music      *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

ANSWERS: 11. instance, 12. supernatural, 13. fortune, 14. greet, 15. iambic, 16. verse, 17. allegory, 18. iambic, 19. modern, 20. genre

21. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
22. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
23. the black kn\_\_\_\_t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
24. ob\_\_\_\_n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
25. vitreous hu\_\_\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
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29. hod\_\_\_\_\_ge of imagery *n.* a mixture of diverse elements or ingredients that are not well blended or integrated
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ANSWERS: 21. pronounce, 22. alternative, 23. knight, 24. obtain, 25. humor, 26. pilgrim, 27. inferior, 28. saint, 29. hodgepodge, 30. intention, 31. verse



32. a water fa\_\_y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
33. al\_\_\_\_\_ly behind the plot *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
34. three-inch ma\_\_\_m *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber
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36. ra\_\_\_e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
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39. ep\_\_\_\_\_e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
40. a fellow-tr\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
41. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 32. fairy, 33. allegedly, 34. magnum, 35. bawdy, 36. ravage, 37. hagiography, 38. merchant, 39. episode, 40. tradesman, 41. giant

42. p\_\_e a smoother road      *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
43. an in\_\_\_\_or poet      *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
44. sh\_\_\_e temple      *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
45. have an in\_\_\_\_nt dislike      *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
46. v\_\_y directly with the price      *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
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48. supplicate for pa\_\_\_n      *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
49. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle      *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
50. racial or\_\_\_n      *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
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52. shrine for pi\_\_\_\_\_ms      *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 42. pave, 43. inferior, 44. shrine, 45. inherent, 46. vary, 47. allegedly, 48. pardon, 49. Arthurian, 50. origin, 51. greet, 52. pilgrim

53. bit of good fo\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
54. bri\_\_\_\_ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
55. in\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
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ANSWERS: 53. fortune, 54. brilliantly, 55. inherit, 56. pave, 57. opus, 58. chivalry, 59. tale, 60. supernatural, 61. pentameter, 62. knight

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75. modern po\_\_\_\_y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
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77. book of po\_\_\_\_y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
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79. de\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
80. an el\_\_\_\_e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
81. reap a wi\_\_\_\_ll *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
82. reduce sub\_\_\_\_nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
83. pre-mo\_\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
84. a remote re\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
85. single sy\_\_\_\_le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

ANSWERS: 74. allegory, 75. poetry, 76. windfall, 77. poetry, 78. depart, 79. decision, 80. elusive, 81. windfall, 82. subsequent, 83. modern, 84. relative, 85. syllable

86. for in\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
87. end of the first ep\_\_\_\_e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
88. de\_\_\_\_t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
89. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
90. fu\_\_\_\_l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
91. in\_\_\_\_nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
92. lengthy se\_\_\_\_n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
93. o\_\_s masterpiece *n.* a musical composition often numbered to indicate the order in which it was written
94. health ep\_\_\_\_ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
95. in\_\_\_\_t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
96. womanly ho\_\_r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 86. instance, 87. episode, 88. depart, 89. giant, 90. fulfill, 91. inherent, 92. sermon, 93. opus, 94. epidemic, 95. inherit, 96. honor

97. ma\_\_\_m masterpiece *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber
98. ho\_\_r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
99. inc\_\_\_\_\_te information *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
100. pa\_\_\_n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
101. clear in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
102. a lay se\_\_\_n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
103. customer with inc\_\_\_\_\_te credit histories *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
104. pr\_\_\_\_\_ue to the battle *n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
105. take an un\_\_\_\_\_in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 97. magnum, 98. honor, 99. incomplete, 100. pardon, 101. intention, 102. sermon, 103. incomplete, 104. prologue, 105. uncertain

106. over sub\_\_\_\_\_nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
107. recite a pr\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
108. v\_\_y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
109. me\_\_\_\_\_nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
110. up\_\_d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
111. self-serving hy\_\_\_\_\_sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
112. Shakespeare's so\_\_\_\_ts *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
113. ro\_\_\_\_\_ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
114. water mi\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
115. numerous un\_\_\_\_\_in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 106. subsequent, 107. prologue, 108. vary, 109. merchant, 110. upend, 111. hypocrisy, 112. sonnet, 113. romantic, 114. miller, 115. uncertain



116. pre\_\_\_\_\_ng wind *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
117. successful tr\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
118. up\_\_d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
119. hag\_\_\_\_\_hy of a religious figure *n.* a biography or book about the lives of saints or other religious figures, written with an emphasis on their miracles and other religious aspects
120. pre\_\_\_\_\_ng trend *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
121. ba\_\_y language *adj.* indecent or obscene, especially about sexual matters
122. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
123. freedom of re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
124. ro\_\_\_\_\_ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
125. sy\_\_\_\_\_le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
126. mi\_\_\_\_r flour *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

ANSWERS: 116. prevailing, 117. tradesman, 118. upend, 119. hagiography, 120. prevailing, 121. bawdy, 122. pronounce, 123. religion, 124. romantic, 125. syllable, 126. miller

127. a selfish de\_\_\_\_on

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

128. ob\_\_\_\_n a license

*v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort

129. st\_\_\_\_e crop

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

130. re\_\_\_\_on sociology

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 127. decision, 128. obtain, 129. staple, 130. religion

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the play provides important background information for the audience.
  - n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
2. The poet wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ to express his love for his wife.
  - n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
3. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.
  - n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
4. Winning the lottery was an unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ for him.
  - n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
5. The sonnet is written in \_\_\_\_\_ pentameter.
  - adj.* relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
6. He is known for creating \_\_\_\_\_ paintings.
  - n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
7. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about her friend's intentions.
  - adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
8. The mischievous \_\_\_\_\_ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
  - n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

ANSWERS: 1. prologue, 2. sonnet, 3. decision, 4. windfall, 5. iambic, 6. genre-busting, 7. uncertain, 8. fairy

9. My wife seems to be in ill \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
10. Honesty is an \_\_\_\_\_ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
- adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
11. The biography was criticized for being more of a \_\_\_\_\_ than an accurate depiction of the subject's life.
- n.* a biography or book about the lives of saints or other religious figures, written with an emphasis on their miracles and other religious aspects
12. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
13. A large fire \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.
- v.* to cause damage to something badly
14. Where can I \_\_\_\_\_ the application form?
- v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
16. I claim on my \_\_\_\_\_ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
17. Beethoven's ninth symphony is considered his greatest \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a musical composition often numbered to indicate the order in which it was written

ANSWERS: 9. humor, 10. inherent, 11. hagiography, 12. alternative, 13. ravaged, 14. obtain, 15. greeted, 16. honor, 17. opus

18. The commentaries often criticized the government's political \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
19. Maximum heart rates \_\_\_\_\_ a lot for each individual.
- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
20. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
21. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.
- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
22. Our CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
23. The poem is written in iambic \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet
24. It was his first \_\_\_\_\_ love.
- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
25. I want to put that \_\_\_\_\_ of my life behind me.
- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 18. hypocrisy, 19. vary, 20. instances, 21. tales, 22. intentions, 23. pentameter, 24. romantic, 25. episode

26. We \_\_\_\_\_ before the temperature fell below zero.

*v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

27. The preacher delivered a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ on the importance of forgiveness.

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

28. The governor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

*v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;  
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

29. He played the piano \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert.

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

30. The decoration of the room was a \_\_\_\_\_ of different styles and colors.

*n.* a mixture of diverse elements or ingredients that are not well blended or integrated

31. He \_\_\_\_\_ stole money from the company.

*adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

32. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ bottle of wine was the perfect size for a small gathering of friends.

*n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber

ANSWERS: 26. departed, 27. sermon, 28. pardon, 29. brilliantly, 30. hodgepodge, 31. allegedly, 32. elusive, 33. magnum

34. The researcher criticized the study due to \_\_\_\_\_ data.

*adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

35. The skilled \_\_\_\_\_ repaired the broken window with ease.

*n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

*n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

38. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.

*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

39. The poet recited a \_\_\_\_\_ from her latest collection.

*n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

40. The holy \_\_\_\_\_ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

41. It was the first time for her, but she \_\_\_\_\_ the role of Priest.

*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

ANSWERS: 34. incomplete, 35. tradesman, 36. miller's, 37. giant, 38. pronounce, 39. verse, 40. shrine, 41. fulfilled

42. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
43. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the \_\_\_\_\_ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
- n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
44. The sudden news \_\_\_\_\_ their plans for the weekend.
- v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
45. The new employee's work was \_\_\_\_\_ to that of the experienced workers in the team.
- adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
46. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
47. In the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
- adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
48. By using this \_\_\_\_\_ we can teach moral lessons.
- n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ opinion was that the project would be a success.
- adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

ANSWERS: 42. fortune, 43. knight, 44. upended, 45. inferior, 46. modern, 47. subsequent, 48. allegory, 49. prevailing



50. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.  
*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
51. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
52. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.  
*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.  
*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
54. Emphasize the second \_\_\_\_\_ when pronouncing it.  
*n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
55. They \_\_\_\_\_ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.  
*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
56. The disease is now reaching \_\_\_\_\_ proportions in our country.  
*n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
57. This shipping company has several hundred \_\_\_\_\_ ships.  
*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

ANSWERS: 50. Arthurian, 51. inherited, 52. pilgrims, 53. supernatural, 54. syllable, 55. paved, 56. epidemic, 57. merchant

58. The movie was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ humor.

*adj.* indecent or obscene, especially about sexual matters

59. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

60. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

61. The faithful follower venerated the \_\_\_\_\_ relic.

*n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

62. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

63. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of \_\_\_\_\_ varies greatly.

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

64. The knight's display of \_\_\_\_\_ impressed the princess.

*n.* the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

65. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 58. bawdy, 59. origin, 60. relatives, 61. saint's, 62. religion, 63. poetry, 64. chivalry, 65. staple