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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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**.

### distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym* : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

### quarrel

*n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people

*synonym* : argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym* : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## clumsy

*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

*synonym* : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

## eyelash

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

*synonym* : lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

## hairstylist

*n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living

*synonym* : stylist, coiffeur, beauty professional

(1) personal **hairstylist**, (2) get a haircut at a **hairstylist**

The world-famous **hairstylist** transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.

## eyebrow

*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

*synonym* : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics  
She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

## atrocious

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act  
*synonym*: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**  
The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves  
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## riot

*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

*synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas  
The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

## nationalist

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym*: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt  
The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

## courtroom

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

*synonym*: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial  
The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

## cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

## scribble

*v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

*synonym*: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

## handwritten

*adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed

(1) **handwritten** character, (2) **handwritten** signature

The letter was written in **handwritten** script and had a personal touch.

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## stigmatize

*v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

*synonym*: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

## courageous

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym*: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country

with honor.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym* : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## applause

*n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

*synonym* : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

## bleak

*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

*synonym* : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

## sinister

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

*synonym* : ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

## dacha

*n.* a Russian term for a country house or cottage often used as a second residence or vacation home

*synonym* : cottage, summer house, country house

(1) **dacha** garden, (2) **dacha** vacation

My grandparents spend their summers at their **dacha** in the countryside.

## snip

*v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice

*synonym* : clip, trim, cut

(1) **snip** a lock of hair, (2) **snip** the wire

I must **snip** the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.

## limousine

*n.* a large, luxurious car usually driven by a chauffeur, often used for special occasions or for transporting important people

(1) **limousine** service, (2) **limousine** driver

The wealthy businessman arrived at the gala in his luxurious **limousine**.

## gunpoint

*n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

*synonym* : point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

## entourage

*n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

*synonym* : retinue

(1) presidential **entourage**, (2) member of his **entourage**

The politician and his **entourage** arrived half an hour late.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## bodyguard

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

*synonym* : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

## subliminal

*adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

*synonym* : subconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subliminal** effect, (2) **subliminal** advertising

The **subliminal** message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.

## circulate

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

*synonym* : flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym* : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

## misunderstand

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym* : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## prizefighter

*n.* a professional boxer who fights for money or prizes, often in organized competitions or bouts

*synonym*: boxer, pugilist, gladiator

(1) **prizefighter** training, (2) **prizefighter** career

The young man was determined to become a **prizefighter** and spent hours training every day.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym*: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## underdog

*n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

*synonym*: loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story

The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

## murmur

*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

*synonym*: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

## drape

*v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

*synonym*: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain



She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

## coffin

*n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

*synonym*: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

## kneel

*v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees

*synonym*: genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

## latch

*n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

*synonym*: lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## rekindle

*v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

*synonym*: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

## optimism

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym*: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## **underestimate**

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## **hawk**

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

*synonym*: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

## **beep**

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

*synonym*: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

## **majesty**

*n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

*synonym*: grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

## **adversity**

*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

*synonym*: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of

**adversity** and won the game.

## bystander

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym*: spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## moth

*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

## upstander

*n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive

*synonym*: advocate, supporter, defender

(1) brave **upstander**, (2) **upstander** behavior

Teachers can encourage their students to be **upstanders** by teaching them about empathy and the importance of standing up for others.

## torch

*n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

*synonym*: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

## reconnect

*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

## cosmos

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym*: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. make a cou\_\_\_\_\_us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
2. round of ap\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
3. da\_\_a vacation *n.* a Russian term for a country house or cottage often used as a second residence or vacation home
4. b\_\_p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
5. la\_\_h mechanism *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
6. s\_\_p the wire *v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
7. classic un\_\_\_\_\_og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
8. get dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
9. political op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 1. courageous, 2. applause, 3. dacha, 4. beep, 5. latch, 6. snip, 7. underdog, 8. distracted, 9. optimism

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| 10. und_____ate the probability        | v.   | to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is  |
| 11. the to__h of learning              | n.   | a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle                                      |
| 12. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal | v.   | to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect                                    |
| 13. full of em_____y                   | n.   | the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation                                   |
| 14. sc_____le on paper                 | v.   | to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry   |
| 15. struggling with ad_____ty          | n.   | difficulties or hardships that someone faces   |
| 16. not bat an ey_____h                | n.   | any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes   |
| 17. nat_____st revolt                  | adj. | relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country |
| 18. cl___y at sports                   | adj. | lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome   |
| 19. morning ma_____y                   | n.   | regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness  |
| 20. a com_____ate heart                | adj. | feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others  |
| 21. raise her ey_____ws                | n.   | the hair arc over each eye in humans   |

ANSWERS: 10. underestimate, 11. torch, 12. stigmatize, 13. empathy, 14. scribble, 15. adversity, 16. eyelash, 17. nationalist, 18. clumsy, 19. majesty, 20. compassionate, 21. eyebrow

22. sub\_\_\_\_\_al effect *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
23. 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
24. wooden co\_\_\_n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
25. gu\_\_\_\_\_nt robbery *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
26. re\_\_\_\_\_le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
27. environmental ad\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
28. b\_\_p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
29. da\_\_a garden *n.* a Russian term for a country house or cottage often used as a second residence or vacation home
30. commit at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
31. to\_\_h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 22. subliminal, 23. trance, 24. coffin, 25. gunpoint, 26. rekindle, 27. adversity, 28. beep, 29. dacha, 30. atrocity, 31. torch

32. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
33. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
34. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
35. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university      *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
36. congressional h\_\_k      *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
37. si\_\_\_\_\_er look      *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
38. earn ap\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
39. cheer for the un\_\_\_\_\_og      *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
40. sc\_\_\_\_\_le notes      *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
41. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
42. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 32. confuse, 33. resilient, 34. misunderstand, 35. cofounder, 36. hawk, 37. sinister, 38. applause, 39. underdog, 40. scribble, 41. resilient, 42. empathy



43. innocent by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
44. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
45. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
46. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
47. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
48. set the la\_\_h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
49. re\_\_\_\_\_le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
50. held at gu\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
51. co\_\_\_\_\_n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
52. pri\_\_\_\_\_ter career *n.* a professional boxer who fights for money or prizes, often in organized competitions or bouts
53. dr\_\_e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

ANSWERS: 43. bystander, 44. whisper, 45. atrocity, 46. courageous, 47. well-being, 48. latch, 49. rekindle, 50. gunpoint, 51. coffin, 52. prizefighter, 53. drape

54. family qu\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
55. ac\_\_\_e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
56. sub\_\_\_\_\_al advertising *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
57. kn\_\_l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
58. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
59. sense of op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
60. moral pa\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
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62. mu\_\_\_r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
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64. mu\_\_\_r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 54. quarrel, 55. accuse, 56. subliminal, 57. kneel, 58. misunderstand, 59. optimism, 60. paralysis, 61. nationalist, 62. murmur, 63. whisper, 64. murmur

65. co\_\_\_\_\_om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
66. r\_\_t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
67. up\_\_\_\_\_er behavior *n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive
68. pa\_\_\_\_\_is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
69. dr\_\_e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
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74. li\_\_\_\_\_ne driver *n.* a large, luxurious car usually driven by a chauffeur, often used for special occasions or for transporting important people

ANSWERS: 65. courtroom, 66. riot, 67. upstander, 68. paralysis, 69. drape, 70. bodyguard, 71. eyebrow, 72. upstander, 73. well-being, 74. limousine

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76. prospects were bl\_\_k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
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86. cl\_\_\_y attempt *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

ANSWERS: 75. handwritten, 76. bleak, 77. bodyguard, 78. accuse, 79. hawk, 80. hairdresser, 81. cosmos, 82. underestimate, 83. cofounder, 84. confession, 85. reconnect, 86. clumsy

87. han\_\_\_\_\_en signature *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
88. ci\_\_\_\_\_te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
89. member of his en\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
90. presidential en\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
91. personal hai\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
92. co\_\_\_\_\_om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
93. s\_\_p a lock of hair *v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
94. shocked by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
95. kn\_\_l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
96. li\_\_\_\_\_ne service *n.* a large, luxurious car usually driven by a chauffeur, often used for special occasions or for transporting important people
97. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 87. handwritten, 88. circulate, 89. entourage, 90. entourage, 91. hairdresser, 92. courtroom, 93. snip, 94. bystander, 95. kneel, 96. limousine, 97. moth

98. op\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
99. in si\_\_\_\_\_er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
100. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
101. origin of the co\_\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
102. r\_\_t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
103. ma\_\_\_\_\_y of nature *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
104. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
105. ey\_\_\_\_\_h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
106. bl\_\_k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
107. ci\_\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
108. heated qu\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people

ANSWERS: 98. oppress, 99. sinister, 100. moth, 101. cosmos, 102. riot, 103. majesty, 104. distracted, 105. eyelash, 106. bleak, 107. circulate, 108. quarrel

109. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
110. pri\_\_\_\_\_ter training *n.* a professional boxer who fights for money or prizes, often in organized competitions or bouts
111. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
112. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
113. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
114. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
115. 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
116. sti\_\_\_\_\_ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

ANSWERS: 109. compassionate, 110. prizefighter, 111. reconnect, 112. oppress, 113. confuse, 114. confession, 115. trance, 116. stigmatize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier who had served his country with honor.  
*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
2. The young man was determined to become a \_\_\_\_\_ and spent hours training every day.  
*n.* a professional boxer who fights for money or prizes, often in organized competitions or bouts
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.  
*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
4. The letter was written in \_\_\_\_\_ script and had a personal touch.  
*adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
5. The king's \_\_\_\_\_ was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.  
*n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
6. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.  
*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
7. The words were \_\_\_\_\_ in pencil.  
*v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
8. The wealthy businessman arrived at the gala in his luxurious \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large, luxurious car usually driven by a chauffeur, often used for special occasions or for transporting important people

ANSWERS: 1. courageous, 2. prizefighter, 3. riots, 4. handwritten, 5. majesty, 6. cofounder, 7. scribbled, 8. limousine



9. There is considerable \_\_\_\_\_ that the economy will recover soon.  
*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
10. The politician and his \_\_\_\_\_ arrived half an hour late.  
*n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
11. The two friends had a minor \_\_\_\_\_ but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.  
*n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
12. She raised an inquiring \_\_\_\_\_ towards me.  
*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.  
*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.  
*n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
16. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-\_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 9. optimism, 10. entourage, 11. quarrel, 12. eyebrow, 13. moth, 14. Empathy, 15. underdog, 16. hawk

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ rally attracted thousands of supporters.  
*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
18. The prisoner made a full \_\_\_\_\_ and admitted to his crime.  
*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
19. Teachers can encourage their students to be \_\_\_\_\_ by teaching them about empathy and the importance of standing up for others.  
*n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive
20. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
21. The priest prayed over the \_\_\_\_\_ before it was lowered into the ground.  
*n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
22. The political landscape looks \_\_\_\_\_ without a change of administration.  
*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
23. My grandparents spend their summers at their \_\_\_\_\_ in the countryside.  
*n.* a Russian term for a country house or cottage often used as a second residence or vacation home
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.  
*adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

ANSWERS: 17. nationalist, 18. confession, 19. upstanders, 20. cosmos, 21. coffin, 22. bleak, 23. dacha, 24. subliminal

25. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
26. 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
27. My father has a serious and \_\_\_\_\_ personality.
- adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
28. I must \_\_\_\_\_ the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.
- v. to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
29. She used an electric \_\_\_\_\_ to light her way through the dark cave.
- n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ burst from the audience.
- n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
31. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
- v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
32. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.
- v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 25. oppressed, 26. trance, 27. compassionate, 28. snip, 29. torch, 30. applause, 31. stigmatized, 32. misunderstand

33. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
34. After a long period of estrangement, they \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.  
*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
35. The couple tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their relationship by spending more time together.  
*v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.  
*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
37. An \_\_\_\_\_ curler is a girl's best friend.  
*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
38. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.  
*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.  
*n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
40. The world-famous \_\_\_\_\_ transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.  
*n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
41. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.  
*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 33. resilient, 34. reconnected, 35. rekindle, 36. clumsy, 37. eyelash, 38. distracted, 39. latch, 40. hairdresser, 41. paralysis

42. The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

43. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling.

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

44. He always \_\_\_\_\_ at the ill-treatment.

*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

45. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

47. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

48. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

49. The timer \_\_\_\_\_ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

ANSWERS: 42. gunpoint, 43. sinister, 44. murmurs, 45. whispered, 46. bystander, 47. confused, 48. underestimated, 49. beeped,

50. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
51. The eyewitness took the stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ and gave testimony crucial to the case.  
*n.* a room in which a court of law is held
52. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.  
*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
53. The celebrity hired a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from the paparazzi.  
*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.  
*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
55. The players are \_\_\_\_\_ during the national anthem.  
*v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
56. The fan \_\_\_\_\_ the air in the room quickly.  
*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
57. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and won the game.  
*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
58. She \_\_\_\_\_ a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.  
*v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

ANSWERS: 50. well-being, 51. courtroom, 52. accused, 53. bodyguard, 54. atrocity, 55. kneeling, 56. circulates, 57. adversity, 58. draped

ANSWERS: