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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym* : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

### quarry

*n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

*synonym* : stone pit, prey, target

(1) **quarry** operation, (2) **quarry** site

The hunter tracked down his **quarry** in the woods.

### poise

*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

*synonym* : confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

### jab

*v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the

act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

*synonym* : poke, prod, thrust

(1) **jab** a finger, (2) booster **jab**

The nurse had to **jab** the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.

## loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

*synonym* : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

## tapestry

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

*synonym* : embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

## choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

*synonym* : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

## douse

v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

*synonym* : drench, soak, saturate

(1) **douse** his anger, (2) **douse** the lights

The firefighters had to **douse** the flames to put out the fire in the building.

## insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

*synonym* : isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity  
We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

## bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

*synonym* : perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

## synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym* : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

*synonym* : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

## punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

*synonym* : emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

## 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.

## weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## 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.

## drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## carcass

*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

*synonym* : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

## envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

*synonym* : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

## gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

*synonym* : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

## alight

*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

*synonym*: burning, lighted up, (verb) land

(1) catch **alight**, (2) **alight** from a train

The witness stated that he set a house **alight**.

## featureless

*adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript

*synonym*: blank, plain, feature-free

(1) **featureless** landscape, (2) **featureless** interior

The wall was **featureless**, with no patterns or designs to break up its dullness.

## brood

*v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

*synonym*: offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens

The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

## thump

*v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

*synonym*: beat, thud, pound

(1) **thump** on the back, (2) **thump** a blistering shot

I heard someone **thump** on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

## tuck

*v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

*synonym*: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

## whirlwind

*n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

*synonym*: tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

## chimera

*n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

*synonym*: delusion, illusion, figment

(1) **chimera** mouse, (2) interspecies **chimera**

Animal **chimeras** are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.

## unravel

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

*synonym*: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

## earnest

*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

*synonym*: sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

## tattered

*adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

*synonym*: ripped, shabby, worn-out

(1) **tattered** clothes, (2) **tattered** umbrella

The **tattered** book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

- sari** *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles  
*synonym* : shawl, wrap, veil  
(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**  
She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.
- braid** *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration  
*synonym* : plait, twist, weave  
(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**  
She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.
- unfurl** *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed  
*synonym* : unfold, expand, spread out  
(1) **unfurl** my banner, (2) **unfurl** the sails  
The flag slowly **unfurled** in the wind atop the flagpole.
- towering** *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature  
*synonym* : lofty, tall, excessive  
(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain  
The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.
- vortex** *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind  
*synonym* : whirlpool, whirlwind, maelstrom  
(1) **vortex** formation, (2) blow in a **vortex**  
The **vortex** of the tornado was massive and destructive.

## patter

*n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way

*synonym* : tapping, drumming, chatter

(1) pitter- **patter** of rain, (2) the light **patter** of footsteps  
The sound of rain on the rooftop was a comforting **patter** that helped me fall asleep.

## rumble

*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

*synonym* : roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track  
The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

## twitch

*v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

*synonym* : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye  
She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

## urgently

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

*synonym* : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required  
I need to send this email **urgently**.

## grassland

*n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

*synonym* : meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**  
Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

## snowy

*adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions



*synonym* : wintry, frosty, icy

(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape

Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

## confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

*synonym* : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

## orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

*synonym* : position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

## scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym* : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## spool

n. a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials

*synonym* : bobbin, reel, cylinder

(1) **spool** pin, (2) **spool** of tape

I need a new **spool** of thread for my sewing machine.

## multicolored

adj. having many colors

*synonym* : variegated, multihued, multicoloured

(1) **multicolored** lights, (2) **multicolored** dress  
The **multicolored** parrot was a beautiful sight.

### **creak**

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

*synonym*: squeak, scream, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

### **groan**

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

*synonym*: moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

### **unfold**

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym*: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

### **mesmerize**

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

*synonym*: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

### **glitter**

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

*synonym*: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the

street.

**frantic**

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild;  
frenzied

*synonym*: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. with easy po\_\_e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
2. s\_\_i blouse *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
3. sn\_\_y mountain *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
4. pu\_\_\_\_\_te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
5. the light pa\_\_\_r of footsteps *n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way
6. t\_\_k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
7. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
8. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 1. poise, 2. sari, 3. snowy, 4. punctuate, 5. patter, 6. tuck, 7. confer, 8. synchronize

9. be\_\_\_\_er scientists      *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
10. prospects were bl\_\_k      *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
11. sc\_\_\_\_r seeds      *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
12. ru\_\_\_e an order      *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
13. gr\_\_n for water      *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
14. elastic cord br\_\_d      *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
15. we\_\_e a story      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
16. a large sw\_\_h of territory      *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
17. ti\_\_\_r with the bill      *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
18. endangered gr\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

ANSWERS: 9. bewilder, 10. bleak, 11. scatter, 12. rumble, 13. groan, 14. braid, 15. weave, 16. swath, 17. tinker, 18. grassland

19. ta\_\_\_\_ed clothes *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
20. fea\_\_\_\_\_ss interior *adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
21. in\_\_\_\_\_te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
22. aesthetic po\_\_e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
23. vast gr\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
24. l\_\_m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
25. a br\_\_d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
26. un\_\_\_l the sails *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
27. j\_b a finger *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

ANSWERS: 19. tattered, 20. featureless, 21. insulate, 22. poise, 23. grassland, 24. loom, 25. brood, 26. unfurl, 27. jab

28. ch\_\_e off the blood supply      *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
29. ch\_\_e with anger      *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
30. sc\_\_\_\_r around the internet      *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
31. or\_\_\_t my thinking      *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose;  
(noun) the countries of Asia
32. ca\_\_\_\_s disposal      *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
33. be\_\_\_\_er the reader      *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
34. ru\_\_\_e down the dirt track      *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
35. ta\_\_\_\_ed umbrella      *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
36. mul\_\_\_\_red lights      *adj.* having many colors
37. l\_\_m on the horizon      *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
38. do\_\_e the lights      *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

ANSWERS: 28. choke, 29. choke, 30. scatter, 31. orient, 32. carcass, 33. bewilder, 34. rumble, 35. tattered, 36. multicolored, 37. loom, 38. douse

39. economic wh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
40. do\_\_e his anger *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner
41. pitter-pa\_\_\_r of rain *n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way
42. silk s\_\_i *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
43. t\_\_k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
44. interspecies ch\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
45. booster j\_b *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

ANSWERS: 39. whirlwind, 40. douse, 41. patter, 42. sari, 43. tuck, 44. chimera, 45. jab



46. en\_\_\_\_p the whole world      *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
47. ill\_\_\_\_\_te population      *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
48. ur\_\_\_\_\_ly required      *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
49. I was dr\_\_ned in work      *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
50. gl\_\_\_\_\_r against her skin      *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
51. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements      *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
52. un\_\_\_\_d the story      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
53. sn\_\_y landscape      *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
54. un\_\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
55. 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

ANSWERS: 46. envelop, 47. illiterate, 48. urgently, 49. drown, 50. glitter, 51. synchronize, 52. unfold, 53. snowy, 54. unfold, 55. whisper

56. intricate ta\_\_\_\_ry design      *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
57. ch\_\_\_\_a mouse      *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
58. vo\_\_\_\_x formation      *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
59. en\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug      *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
60. we\_\_e on a loom      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
61. gr\_\_n in pain      *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
62. qu\_\_\_\_y operation      *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
63. begin to cr\_\_k      *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
64. computer-ill\_\_\_\_te      *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 56. tapestry, 57. chimera, 58. vortex, 59. envelop, 60. weave, 61. groan, 62. quarry, 63. creak, 64. illiterate

65. colorful ta\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
66. pu\_\_\_\_\_te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
67. to\_\_\_\_\_ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
68. a sw\_\_h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
69. gl\_\_\_\_\_r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
70. me\_\_\_\_\_ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
71. ea\_\_\_\_\_t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
72. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
73. mul\_\_\_\_\_red dress *adj.* having many colors
74. th\_\_p a blistering shot *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

ANSWERS: 65. tapestry, 66. punctuate, 67. towering, 68. swath, 69. glitter, 70. mesmerize, 71. earnest, 72. drown, 73. multicolored, 74. thump

75. qu\_\_\_y site *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
76. th\_\_p on the back *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
77. shoes cr\_\_k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
78. tw\_\_\_h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
79. al\_\_\_t from a train *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
80. sp\_\_l of tape *n.* a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials
81. un\_\_\_\_\_l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
82. fea\_\_\_\_\_ss landscape *adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
83. bl\_\_k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
84. the exotic flavor of the Or\_\_\_t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

ANSWERS: 75. quarry, 76. thump, 77. creak, 78. twitch, 79. alight, 80. spool, 81. unravel, 82. featureless, 83. bleak, 84. orient

85. catch al\_\_t  
*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame;  
(verb) to come down
86. fr\_\_\_\_c pace  
*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or  
emotion; wild; frenzied
87. in\_\_\_\_te the room from sound  
*v.* to protect something by interposing  
material that prevents heat, noise,  
electricity, etc.
88. g\_\_p in shock  
*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in  
response to strong emotion or  
sensation; to catch one's breath  
suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
89. co\_\_\_\_r degree  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to  
come to a decision or agreement or  
exchange ideas; to bestow something
90. un\_\_\_\_l my banner  
*v.* to spread out or open something, such  
as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking,  
shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or  
become revealed or disclosed
91. ti\_\_\_\_r with the settings  
*v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or  
improvements to something, especially  
in an experimental or makeshift way
92. with fr\_\_\_\_c haste  
*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or  
emotion; wild; frenzied
93. wh\_\_\_\_nd of events  
*n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in  
circles and causes a lot of damage
94. sp\_\_l pin  
*n.* a cylindrical device with a flange at one  
or both ends, containing a hollow center  
and used to wind or store wire, thread,  
tape, film, or other flexible materials

ANSWERS: 85. alight, 86. frantic, 87. insulate, 88. gasp, 89. confer, 90. unfurl, 91. tinker, 92. frantic, 93. whirlwind, 94. spool

95. to\_\_\_\_\_ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
96. tw\_\_\_\_h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
97. blow in a vo\_\_\_\_x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
98. tackle the problem ur\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
99. br\_\_d about the defeat *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
100. un\_\_\_\_\_l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
101. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
102. me\_\_\_\_\_ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
103. ea\_\_\_\_\_t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

ANSWERS: 95. towering, 96. twitch, 97. vortex, 98. urgently, 99. brood, 100. unravel, 101. whisper, 102. mesmerize, 103. earnest

104. br\_\_d hair
- n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
105. g\_\_p for air
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
106. examine a ca\_\_\_\_s
- n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

ANSWERS: 104. braid, 105. gasp, 106. carcass

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The flag slowly \_\_\_\_\_ in the wind atop the flagpole.  
*v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
  
2. We had our bedroom \_\_\_\_\_ before winter came.  
*v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
  
3. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast \_\_\_\_\_ of the population.  
*n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
  
4. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
  
5. The mother was \_\_\_\_\_ as she searched for her lost child.  
*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tornado was massive and destructive.  
*n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
  
7. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 1. unfurled, 2. insulated, 3. swath, 4. synchronized, 5. frantic, 6. vortex, 7. confer



8. The door \_\_\_\_\_ when I opened it slowly.
- v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
9. The firefighters had to \_\_\_\_\_ the flames to put out the fire in the building.
- v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner
10. The wall was \_\_\_\_\_ with no patterns or designs to break up its dullness.
- adj. lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
11. The nurse had to \_\_\_\_\_ the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.
- v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
12. I heard someone \_\_\_\_\_ on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.
- v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
13. She took a moment to \_\_\_\_\_ herself in the unfamiliar city.
- v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
14. We went on a \_\_\_\_\_ visit to the sightseeing spot.
- n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
15. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 8. creaked, 9. douse, 10. featureless, 11. jab, 12. thump, 13. orient, 14. whirlwind, 15. gasped

16. The witness stated that he set a house \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

17. He spent the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ with his car engine.

*v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

18. Children love to play outside in the \_\_\_\_\_ weather.

*adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

19. The hunter tracked down his \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods.

*n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

*adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

21. She wore a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

*n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

22. The magician's performance \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.

*v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

23. I need to send this email \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 16. alight, 17. tinkering, 18. snowy, 19. quarry, 20. towering, 21. sari, 22. mesmerized, 23. urgently

24. I need a new \_\_\_\_\_ of thread for my sewing machine.

- n.* a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials

25. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.

- v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

26. The terrible result \_\_\_\_\_ over her all day long.

- v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

27. The thunder \_\_\_\_\_ in the distance.

- v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

28. The baby started to \_\_\_\_\_ on a piece of apple.

- v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

29. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.

- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

30. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me \_\_\_\_\_ with dread.

- v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

31. Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale \_\_\_\_\_ in many parts of the world.

- n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

ANSWERS: 24. spool, 25. scattered, 26. brooded, 27. rumbled, 28. choke, 29. drown, 30. groan, 31. grasslands

32. She always wore her hair in a single \_\_\_\_\_ down her back.

- n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

33. She couldn't stop her leg from \_\_\_\_\_ nervously.

- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

34. Animal \_\_\_\_\_ are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.

- n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

35. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.

- v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

36. He spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

- adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ parrot was a beautiful sight.

- adj.* having many colors

38. The animal's \_\_\_\_\_ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

- n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

39. Her dress \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

- v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

ANSWERS: 32. braid, 33. twitching, 34. chimeras, 35. unravel, 36. earnest, 37. multicolored, 38. carcass, 39. glittered

40. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ the city, making it difficult to see.

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

41. Strikes had also \_\_\_\_\_ the preceding weeks.

*v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

42. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet \_\_\_\_\_ most students.

*v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

43. The issue of divorce \_\_\_\_\_ large in his mind.

*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

*adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

*n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

46. The sound of rain on the rooftop was a comforting \_\_\_\_\_ that helped me fall asleep.

*n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way

47. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 40. enveloped, 41. punctuated, 42. bewilder, 43. loomed, 44. tattered, 45. tapestry, 46. patter, 47. weaves

48. 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

49. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your shirt into your trousers.

- v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

50. The political landscape looks \_\_\_\_\_ without a change of administration.

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

51. Despite attending school, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to read or write.

- adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

52. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

53. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 48. whispered, 49. tuck, 50. bleak, 51. illiterate, 52. poise, 53. unfolded