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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### invite

*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

*synonym*: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

### wicked

*adj.* morally bad or evil

*synonym*: evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

### sorcery

*n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

*synonym*: magic, witchcraft, enchantment

(1) mystical **sorcery**, (2) dark **sorcery**

He claimed that he could perform **sorcery** and cast spells.

## midst

*n.* the middle part of people or things

*synonym* : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal  
He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

## revelry

*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

*synonym* : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

## castle

*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

*synonym* : fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

## split

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym* : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

## 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.

## 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.

## emerald

*adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

*synonym* : green, verdant, jade

(1) an **emerald** gem, (2) **emerald** ring

The **emerald** green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

## steed

*n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle

*synonym* : horse, mount, charger

(1) a matchless **steed**, (2) black **steed**

The knight rode his trusty **steed** into battle.

## stunning

*adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

*synonym* : beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## bellow

*v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully; to emit a deep, loud roar or sound; (noun) the deep roar or sound

*synonym* : shout, yell, roar

(1) **bellow** out a song, (2) **bellow** at him far away

The coach **bellowed** at the players to run faster during practice.

## propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something  
*synonym*: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes  
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

## declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

*synonym*: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love  
Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

## brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

*synonym*: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

## warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

*synonym*: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

## ax

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

*synonym*: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

## strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## **baffle**

*v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

*synonym*: perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

## **survive**

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

*synonym*: endure, persist, stay

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

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

## **mock**

*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

*synonym*: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

## **hesitant**

*adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

*synonym*: indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action

She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

## **defend**

*v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

## 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.

## grip

*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

*synonym* : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

## leap

*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

*synonym* : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

## nephew

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

## swift

*adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

*synonym* : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

## behead

*v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal

*synonym* : decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

## grin

*v.* to smile broadly

*synonym* : smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure  
He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.

## skull

*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

*synonym* : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

## mount

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym* : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## sever

*v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

*synonym* : cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

## contract

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

*synonym* : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

## chapel

*n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

*synonym* : sanctuary, church, place of worship

(1) a **chapel** royal, (2) **chapel** bell

The spacious **chapel** was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple

to exchange their vows.

## bizarre

*adj.* very strange or unusual

*synonym*: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

## vision

*n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

*synonym*: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## foul

*adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

*synonym*: nasty, loathsome, illegal

(1) **foul** day, (2) **foul** language

It was **foul** of him to betray his friend.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym*: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.



## quest

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

*synonym*: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym*: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## shimmer

*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

*synonym*: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

## horizon

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

*synonym*: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

## lord

*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

*synonym*: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

## thrill

*n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

*synonym*: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

## implore

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

*synonym*: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

## exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

*synonym*: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

## hospitality

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

*synonym*: generosity, friendliness, cordiality

(1) **hospitality** industry, (2) **hospitality** service

The hotel is known for its exceptional **hospitality**.

## hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

*synonym*: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

## spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym*: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will

**spoil.**

**perplexity**

*n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

*synonym*: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

**seduce**

*v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

*synonym*: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

**rebuff**

*v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely

*synonym*: reject, decline, repel

(1) **rebuff** an offer, (2) **rebuff** the attack

She tried to flirt with him but was **rebuffed** with a cold shoulder.

**advance**

*v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

*synonym*: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

**offend**

*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

*synonym*: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

**slay**

*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon

*synonym*: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

## boar

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

*synonym*: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## sash

*n.* a long strip of fabric worn over one shoulder or around the waist; a framework that holds the panes of a window in the window frame

*synonym*: belt, band, ribbon

(1) untie the **sash** of my robe, (2) **sash** windows

The military officer wore a **sash** as part of his dress uniform.

## blade

*n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

*synonym*: knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym*: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

## mention

*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

*synonym*: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

## enchant

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

*synonym*: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

## mound

*n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

*synonym*: hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

## ominous

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

*synonym*: foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

## stoicism

*n.* a philosophy that emphasizes the acceptance of the present moment and the natural course of events, and the rejection of excessive emotion

*synonym*: mental toughness, calmness, acceptance

(1) **stoicism** philosophy, (2) veneer of **stoicism**

He practiced **stoicism** in the face of adversity.

## bow

*v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

*synonym*: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## inflict

*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

*synonym* : impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

## flesh

*n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

*synonym* : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

## 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.

## laughter

*n.* the act or sound of laughing

*synonym* : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## bravery

*n.* courage in the face of danger

*synonym*: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

## impressive

*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

*synonym*: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

## spare

*adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

*synonym*: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym*: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

## conceal

*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

*synonym*: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## companion

*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

*synonym* : affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

## absolve

*v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

*synonym* : exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

## blame

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

*synonym* : condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

## celebrated

*adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

*synonym* : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

## valor

*n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

*synonym* : bravery, courage, heroism



(1) **valor** in war, (2) show **valor**

The soldier was awarded a medal of **valor** for his heroic actions in combat.

## **struggle**

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. b__r's head             | <i>n.</i> a wild pig, especially a male with tusks   |
| 2. bring la_____er         | <i>n.</i> the act or sound of laughing   |
| 3. incredible th___l       | <i>n.</i> a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion  |
| 4. sp__t a bill            | <i>v.</i> to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line                      |
| 5. ba___e his plan         | <i>v.</i> to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something                          |
| 6. sk__l fracture          | <i>n.</i> a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape   |
| 7. an ax in the toolbox    | <i>n.</i> a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials |
| 8. me_____n in a report    | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly   |
| 9. sp__l the surprise      | <i>v.</i> to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad           |
| 10. sp__t a reward equally | <i>v.</i> to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line                      |

ANSWERS: 1. boar, 2. laughter, 3. thrill, 4. split, 5. baffle, 6. skull, 7. ax, 8. mention, 9. spoil, 10. split

11. black st\_\_d *n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
12. ma\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
13. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
14. b\_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
15. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
16. br\_\_\_\_\_y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
17. be\_\_\_d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
18. armored wa\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
19. 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
20. a bl\_\_e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
21. br\_\_\_\_\_y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
22. se\_\_\_e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 11. steed, 12. massive, 13. Arthurian, 14. bow, 15. immediately, 16. bravery, 17. behead, 18. warrior, 19. knight, 20. blade, 21. bravery, 22. seduce

23. de\_\_\_d my country      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
24. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
25. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
26. wa\_\_\_\_\_r spirit      *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
27. ad\_\_\_\_\_e a cooperative relationship      *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
28. the th\_\_\_l of speed      *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
29. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities      *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
30. in\_\_\_e criticism      *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
31. a s\_\_m battle      *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 23. defend, 24. encounter, 25. rev, 26. warrior, 27. advance, 28. thrill, 29. offend, 30. invite, 31. sham

32. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
33. im\_\_\_\_\_e assistance *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
34. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
35. sh\_\_\_\_\_r with tears *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
36. have a thick sk\_\_l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
37. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
38. in\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
39. ba\_\_\_e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
40. lose my g\_\_p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 32. sham, 33. implore, 34. magical, 35. shimmer, 36. skull, 37. exchange, 38. invite, 39. baffle, 40. grip

41. wi\_\_\_d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil
42. en\_\_\_\_t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
43. wild b\_\_r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
44. m\_\_k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
45. an em\_\_\_\_d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
46. l\_\_p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
47. be\_\_\_\_er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
48. telescopic vi\_\_\_\_n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
49. he\_\_\_\_nt to take action *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
50. a working co\_\_\_\_on *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
51. untie the s\_\_h of my robe *n.* a long strip of fabric worn over one shoulder or around the waist; a framework that holds the panes of a window in the window frame
52. business ho\_\_\_\_n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 41. wicked, 42. enchant, 43. boar, 44. mock, 45. emerald, 46. leap, 47. bewilder, 48. vision, 49. hesitant, 50. companion, 51. sash, 52. horizon

53. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words      *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
54. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* now or without delay
55. an imp\_\_\_\_\_ve array of facts      *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
56. br\_\_e decision      *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
57. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place      *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
58. se\_\_\_e him into crime      *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
59. in the mi\_\_t of a scandal      *n.* the middle part of people or things
60. cel\_\_\_\_\_ed paper      *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
61. br\_\_e soldier      *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
62. resolve per\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
63. se\_\_r a positive relationship      *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
64. la\_\_\_\_\_er all around      *n.* the act or sound of laughing

ANSWERS: 53. exchange, 54. immediately, 55. impressive, 56. brave, 57. magical, 58. seduce, 59. midst, 60. celebrated, 61. brave, 62. perplexity, 63. sever, 64. laughter

65. in the mi\_\_t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
66. im\_\_\_\_e forgiveness *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
67. a b\_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
68. re\_\_\_f the attack *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
69. employment co\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
70. mo\_\_t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
71. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
72. ab\_\_\_\_e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
73. en\_\_\_\_er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
74. l\_\_p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 65. midst, 66. implore, 67. bow, 68. rebuff, 69. contract, 70. mount, 71. silent, 72. absolve, 73. encounter, 74. leap



75. wi\_\_\_d grin *adj.* morally bad or evil
76. co\_\_\_\_\_l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
77. be\_\_\_d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
78. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
79. dark so\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
80. de\_\_\_\_\_e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
81. sp\_\_l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
82. g\_\_n from ear to ear *v.* to smile broadly
83. sp\_\_e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
84. be\_\_\_\_\_er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
85. st\_\_\_\_\_ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
86. bi\_\_\_\_\_e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
87. a matchless st\_\_d *n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle

ANSWERS: 75. wicked, 76. conceal, 77. behead, 78. ax, 79. sorcery, 80. declare, 81. spoil, 82. grin, 83. spare, 84. bewilder, 85. stunning, 86. bizarre, 87. steed

88. he\_\_\_\_nt response *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
89. co\_\_\_\_ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
90. a ch\_\_\_\_l royal *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
91. he was en\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
92. co\_\_\_\_l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
93. s\_\_y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
94. f\_\_l language *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
95. be\_\_\_\_w at him far away *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully; to emit a deep, loud roar or sound; (noun) the deep roar or sound
96. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
97. nieces and ne\_\_\_\_ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
98. fl\_\_h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
99. a per\_\_\_\_ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

ANSWERS: 88. hesitant, 89. contract, 90. chapel, 91. entirely, 92. conceal, 93. slay, 94. foul, 95. bellow, 96. hunt, 97. nephew, 98. flesh, 99. perplexity

100. re\_\_\_f an offer *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
101. en\_\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
102. su\_\_\_\_\_e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
103. on a qu\_\_t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
104. em\_\_\_\_\_d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
105. en\_\_\_\_\_t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
106. to\_\_\_\_\_ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
107. burial mo\_\_d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
108. to\_\_\_\_\_ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
109. grow in fl\_\_h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
110. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
111. s\_\_h windows *n.* a long strip of fabric worn over one shoulder or around the waist; a framework that holds the panes of a window in the window frame

ANSWERS: 100. rebuff, 101. entirely, 102. survive, 103. quest, 104. emerald, 105. enchant, 106. towering, 107. mound, 108. towering, 109. flesh, 110. strike, 111. sash

112. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
113. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
114. the bl\_\_e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
115. ad\_\_\_\_\_e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
116. hos\_\_\_\_\_ty industry *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
117. the ruins of a ca\_\_\_e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
118. l\_\_d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
119. va\_\_r in war *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
120. pr\_\_\_\_\_e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
121. me\_\_\_\_\_n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
122. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 112. mysterious, 113. silent, 114. blade, 115. advance, 116. hospitality, 117. castle, 118. lord, 119. valor, 120. propose, 121. mention, 122. mysterious

123. the story is bi\_\_\_\_e *adj.* very strange or unusual
124. sh\_\_\_\_r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
125. de\_\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
126. mystical so\_\_\_\_y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
127. ch\_\_\_\_l bell *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
128. a det\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
129. ab\_\_\_\_e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
130. hos\_\_\_\_ty service *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
131. a sw\_\_t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
132. drinking co\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
133. mo\_\_t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 123. bizarre, 124. shimmer, 125. defend, 126. sorcery, 127. chapel, 128. determinant, 129. absolve, 130. hospitality, 131. swift, 132. companion, 133. mount

134. of \_\_\_d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
135. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
136. 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
137. in\_\_\_\_\_t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
138. take sw\_\_t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
139. bl\_\_e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
140. cel\_\_\_\_\_ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
141. white 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
142. g\_\_p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
143. a prodigious vi\_\_\_n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 134. offend, 135. impressive, 136. honor, 137. inflict, 138. swift, 139. blame, 140. celebrated, 141. knight, 142. grip, 143. vision

144. sp\_\_e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
145. ca\_\_\_e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
146. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
147. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
148. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
149. in\_\_\_\_\_t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
150. the event ho\_\_\_\_\_n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
151. Ar\_\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
152. g\_\_n with pleasure *v.* to smile broadly

ANSWERS: 144. spare, 145. castle, 146. rev, 147. determinant, 148. struggle, 149. inflict, 150. horizon, 151. Arthurian, 152. grin

153. 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
154. su\_\_\_\_\_e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
155. st\_\_\_\_\_sm philosophy *n.* a philosophy that emphasizes the acceptance of the present moment and the natural course of events, and the rejection of excessive emotion
156. a young l\_\_d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
157. st\_\_\_\_\_ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
158. se\_\_r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
159. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
160. show va\_\_r *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
161. pr\_\_\_\_\_e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
162. festival re\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

ANSWERS: 153. honor, 154. survive, 155. stoicism, 156. lord, 157. stunning, 158. sever, 159. massive, 160. valor, 161. propose, 162. revelry



163. an om\_\_\_\_s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
164. bl\_\_e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
165. be\_\_\_w out a song *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully; to emit a deep, loud roar or sound; (noun) the deep roar or sound
166. s\_\_y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
167. m\_\_k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
168. de\_\_\_\_e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
169. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
170. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
171. f\_\_l day *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
172. om\_\_\_\_s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
173. re\_\_\_\_y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
174. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 163. ominous, 164. blame, 165. bellow, 166. slay, 167. mock, 168. declare, 169. hunt, 170. strike, 171. foul, 172. ominous, 173. revelry, 174. quest

175. mo\_\_d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
176. st\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
177. three-year-old ne\_\_\_w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
178. veneer of st\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a philosophy that emphasizes the acceptance of the present moment and the natural course of events, and the rejection of excessive emotion

ANSWERS: 175. mound, 176. struggle, 177. nephew, 178. stoicism

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.  
*n.* a son of your brother or sister
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.  
*v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
3. Her dog is her excellent \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
4. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of him to betray his friend.  
*adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
5. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.  
*n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
7. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.  
*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
8. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
9. It is impolite to \_\_\_\_\_ fun of an international student's English mistakes.  
*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

ANSWERS: 1. nephew, 2. implore, 3. companion, 4. foul, 5. vision, 6. blade, 7. massive, 8. offended, 9. mock

10. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal \_\_\_\_\_ at that historic site.  
*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
11. She tried to flirt with him but was \_\_\_\_\_ with a cold shoulder.  
*v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
12. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.  
*adv.* completely
14. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ significant damage on the town.  
*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
15. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.  
*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
16. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.  
*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
17. He claimed that he could perform \_\_\_\_\_ and cast spells.  
*n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

ANSWERS: 10. skull, 11. rebuffed, 12. determinant, 13. entirely, 14. inflicted, 15. mounted, 16. blamed, 17. sorcery

18. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon

19. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she \_\_\_\_\_ her anger well.

*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

20. The truth was more \_\_\_\_\_ than expected.

*adj.* very strange or unusual

21. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ as he remembered the good times.

*v.* to smile broadly

22. The street was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ on New Year's Eve.

*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

23. Hounds \_\_\_\_\_ their prey by using their keen scent.

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

24. He used an \_\_\_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

25. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.

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

26. Her voice was \_\_\_\_\_ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

*adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

ANSWERS: 18. slayed, 19. concealed, 20. bizarre, 21. grin, 22. revelry, 23. hunt, 24. ax, 25. survive, 26. swift,

27. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.  
*n.* a long or challenging search for something
28. He had a firm \_\_\_\_\_ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.  
*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
29. The hotel is known for its exceptional \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
30. The knight rode his trusty \_\_\_\_\_ into battle.  
*n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
31. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.  
*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
32. The paradox \_\_\_\_\_ most philosophers.  
*v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
33. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.  
*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
34. The team discovered a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert.  
*n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 27. quest, 28. grip, 29. hospitality, 30. steed, 31. propose, 32. baffled, 33. split, 34. mound

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ sunset took everyone's breath away.

*adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

36. She was \_\_\_\_\_ to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

*adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

37. 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

38. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the \_\_\_\_\_ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

39. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her with his charm and good looks.

*v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

40. Scientific knowledge will \_\_\_\_\_ significantly with the power of AI.

*v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

41. The king ordered the executioner to \_\_\_\_\_ the traitor.

*v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal

42. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 35. stunning, 36. hesitant, 37. bewilder, 38. horizon, 39. seduce, 40. advance, 41. behead, 42. encounter

43. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.

*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

44. He remained serene in the \_\_\_\_\_ of turbulence.

*n.* the middle part of people or things

45. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.

*v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

46. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.

*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

*adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

48. Foreign goods from abroad must be \_\_\_\_\_ to customs when entering a country.

*v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

49. His \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

*n.* courage in the face of danger

50. Some doctor says \_\_\_\_\_ is the best medicine.

*n.* the act or sound of laughing

ANSWERS: 43. impressive, 44. midst, 45. exchange, 46. leap, 47. emerald, 48. declared, 49. bravery, 50. laughter



51. The \_\_\_\_\_ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

*adj.* morally bad or evil

52. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

53. She \_\_\_\_\_ to the audience after her performance.

*v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

54. 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

55. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

*n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

56. The company signed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

57. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

58. The sunlight made the water in the pool \_\_\_\_\_ like diamonds.

*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

ANSWERS: 51. wicked, 52. struggle, 53. bowed, 54. towering, 55. flesh, 56. contract, 57. warrior, 58. shimmer

59. Three \_\_\_\_\_ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.  
*adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
60. The medieval \_\_\_\_\_ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.  
*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
61. 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
62. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.  
*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
63. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.  
*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
64. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.  
*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
65. I made plans to spend my \_\_\_\_\_ time beneficially.  
*adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
66. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.  
*v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 59. celebrated, 60. castle, 61. Arthurian, 62. invite, 63. strike, 64. mysterious, 65. spare, 66. defend

67. The military officer wore a \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his dress uniform.  
*n.* a long strip of fabric worn over one shoulder or around the waist; a framework that holds the panes of a window in the window frame
68. The fairy's spell \_\_\_\_\_ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.  
*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
69. 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
70. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.  
*n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
71. The soldier was awarded a medal of \_\_\_\_\_ for his heroic actions in combat.  
*n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
72. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
73. The feudal \_\_\_\_\_ had ruled the land for many years.  
*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
74. The lender offered to \_\_\_\_\_ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.  
*v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

ANSWERS: 67. sash, 68. enchanted, 69. knight, 70. perplexity, 71. valor, 72. silent, 73. lord, 74. absolve

75. He \_\_\_\_\_ a branch from a tree quickly.  
*v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
76. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
77. He practiced \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of adversity.  
*n.* a philosophy that emphasizes the acceptance of the present moment and the natural course of events, and the rejection of excessive emotion
78. The \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.  
*adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
79. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* now or without delay
80. 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
81. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
82. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.  
*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
83. The hunter tracked the \_\_\_\_\_ through the forest for a good shot.  
*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

ANSWERS: 75. severed, 76. sham, 77. stoicism, 78. brave, 79. immediately, 80. honor, 81. spoil, 82. mentioned, 83. boar

84. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

85. The \_\_\_\_\_ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

86. The coach \_\_\_\_\_ at the players to run faster during practice.

*v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully; to emit a deep, loud roar or sound;  
*(noun)* the deep roar or sound

87. Skydiving is an overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ for many people.

*n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

88. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); *(verb)* to increase the number of rotations per minute

89. The spacious \_\_\_\_\_ was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

*n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

ANSWERS: 84. magical, 85. ominous, 86. bellowed, 87. thrill, 88. rev, 89. chapel