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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### statistics

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data  
(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**  
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

### congress

*n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups  
*synonym*: legislature, parliament, assembly  
(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**  
**Congress** must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

### union

*n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together  
*synonym*: alliance, coalition, confederation  
(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**  
The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

## representative

*n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

*synonym* : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

## slavery

*n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

*synonym* : bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

## moral

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## abomination

*n.* something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive

*synonym* : disgust, outrage, abhorrence

(1) social **abomination**, (2) **abomination** in most cultures

The **abomination** of animal testing is a hotly debated ethical issue.

## monstrous

*adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

*synonym* : grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

## scourge

*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

*synonym* : plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control  
The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

## insist

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

*synonym*: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over  
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

## extension

*n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

*synonym*: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

## evil

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

*synonym*: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**  
Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## disagree

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym*: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## prohibit

*v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

*synonym*: ban, forbid, refuse

(1) **prohibit** destructive activities, (2) **prohibit** the use of phone

Congress passed a law to **prohibit** the disposal of nuclear waste.

## senator

*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

*synonym*: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

## 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.

## compromise

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym*: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack

of funds.

## territory

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

*synonym*: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

## congressperson

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

*synonym*: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

## fundamental

*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

*synonym*: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## flaw

*n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

*synonym*: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

## fallacy

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

*synonym*: falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

## viewpoint

*n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

*synonym* : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

## valid

*adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

*synonym* : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym* : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

## argue

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym* : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

## contort

*v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

*synonym* : deform, disfigure, distort

(1) **contort** my limbs, (2) **contort** the face

He **contorted** his smile with anger coming from his gut.

## argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital

punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

### indefensible

*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism

*synonym*: untenable, unjustifiable, unsupportable

(1) logically **indefensible**, (2) **indefensible** argument

The argument was **indefensible**, and the judge dismissed it.

### acknowledged

*adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid

*synonym*: recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth

His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

### publicly

*adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public;  
by the government

*synonym*: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

### enslave

*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

*synonym*: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

### delusion

*n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

*synonym*: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

- dire** *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous  
*synonym*: serious, critical, desperate  
(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation  
The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.
- consequence** *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual  
*synonym*: result, impact, outcome  
(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument  
These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.
- recognize** *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered  
*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit  
(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement  
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.
- perpetuate** *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time  
*synonym*: eternalize, preserve, maintain  
(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain  
That work **perpetuates** his fame.
- countless** *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many  
*synonym*: innumerable, myriad, numerous  
(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions  
There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.
- injustice** *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society  
*synonym*: unfairness, bias, discrimination  
(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system  
The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.



## intention

*n.* something you want to do and are going to do  
*synonym*: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**  
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

## assured

*adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries  
*synonym*: confident, secure, certain

(1) **assured** confidence, (2) an **assured** position  
She was **assured** of a bright future after graduation.

## prey

*n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

*synonym*: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists  
The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

## virtue

*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes  
*synonym*: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**  
She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

## elect

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

*synonym*: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death  
Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

## president

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

*synonym*: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance  
The club **president** does not have absolute power.

## threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym* : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

## interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

*synonym* : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

## expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

*synonym* : growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

## resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

*synonym* : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. publicly ack\_\_\_\_\_ged truth *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
2. ack\_\_\_\_\_ged beauty *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
3. co\_\_\_\_\_t my limbs *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
4. institution of sl\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
5. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
6. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
7. the f\_\_w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
8. junior se\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
9. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
10. mo\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

ANSWERS: 1. acknowledged, 2. acknowledged, 3. contort, 4. slavery, 5. statistics, 6. president, 7. flaw, 8. senator, 9. congressperson, 10. monstrous

11. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
12. former con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
13. bring a sc\_\_\_\_\_e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
14. re\_\_\_\_\_e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
15. vice-pr\_\_\_\_\_nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
16. en\_\_\_\_\_e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
17. co\_\_\_\_\_ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
18. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
19. as\_\_\_\_\_d confidence *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
20. belief in a fa\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

ANSWERS: 11. statistics, 12. congressperson, 13. scourge, 14. resolve, 15. president, 16. enslave, 17. countless, 18. recognize, 19. assured, 20. fallacy

21. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
22. in\_\_\_t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
23. te\_\_\_\_\_ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
24. a craft un\_\_n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
25. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
26. se\_\_\_\_\_r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
27. cannot com\_\_\_\_\_se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
28. a minor f\_\_w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
29. pr\_\_\_\_\_it the use of phone *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
30. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
31. bank and credit un\_\_ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 21. moral, 22. insist, 23. territory, 24. union, 25. definitely, 26. senator, 27. compromise, 28. flaw, 29. prohibit, 30. definitely, 31. union

32. in\_\_\_\_\_on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
33. in\_\_\_\_\_re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
34. in\_\_\_t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
35. fa\_\_\_\_\_y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
36. p\_\_y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
37. el\_\_t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
38. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
39. d\_\_e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
40. clear in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
41. in\_\_\_\_\_ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
42. acquire te\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
43. acquire a vi\_\_\_e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

ANSWERS: 32. intention, 33. interfere, 34. insist, 35. fallacy, 36. prey, 37. elect, 38. fundamental, 39. dire, 40. intention, 41. injustice, 42. territory, 43. virtue

44. peace co\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
45. pu\_\_\_\_\_ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
46. a scientific vi\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
47. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
48. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
49. a charm against e\_\_l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
50. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
51. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
52. an international co\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
53. time ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 44. congress, 45. publicly, 46. viewpoint, 47. threaten, 48. argument, 49. evil, 50. disagree, 51. representative, 52. congress, 53. extension

54. pr\_\_\_\_e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
55. vi\_\_\_\_e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
56. e\_\_l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
57. telephone ex\_\_\_\_on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
58. per\_\_\_\_te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
59. re\_\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
60. pr\_\_\_\_e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
61. pu\_\_\_\_ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
62. gov\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
63. com\_\_\_\_se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
64. gross in\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
65. social abo\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive

ANSWERS: 54. propose, 55. virtue, 56. evil, 57. extension, 58. perpetuate, 59. resolve, 60. propose, 61. publicly, 62. government, 63. compromise, 64. injustice, 65. abomination



66. logically ind\_\_\_\_\_ble      *adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
67. sc\_\_\_\_\_e of AIDS      *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
68. an official rep\_\_\_\_\_ive      *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
69. el\_\_t death      *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
70. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan      *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
71. a mo\_\_\_\_\_us iceberg      *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
72. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
73. pr\_\_\_\_\_it destructive activities      *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
74. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
75. ar\_\_e passionately      *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
76. per\_\_\_\_\_te a myth      *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

ANSWERS: 66. indefensible, 67. scourge, 68. representative, 69. elect, 70. disagree, 71. monstrous, 72. recognize, 73. prohibit, 74. government, 75. argue, 76. perpetuate

77. industrial ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
78. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble argument *adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
79. abo\_\_\_\_\_on in most cultures *n.* something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive
80. grand de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
81. en\_\_\_\_\_e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
82. sl\_\_\_\_\_y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
83. a ticket va\_\_d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
84. suffer d\_\_e poverty *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
85. aesthetic vi\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
86. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
87. become p\_\_y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

ANSWERS: 77. expansion, 78. indefensible, 79. abomination, 80. delusion, 81. enslave, 82. slavery, 83. valid, 84. dire, 85. viewpoint, 86. argument, 87. prey

88. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
89. in\_\_\_\_re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
90. ar\_\_e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
91. mo\_\_l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
92. answer co\_\_\_\_ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
93. co\_\_\_\_t the face *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
94. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
95. th\_\_\_\_en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
96. labor under a de\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
97. ex\_\_\_\_on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
98. fun\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
99. unintended con\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
100. a va\_\_d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

ANSWERS: 88. obvious, 89. interfere, 90. argue, 91. moral, 92. countless, 93. contort, 94. obvious, 95. threaten, 96. delusion, 97. expansion, 98. fundamental, 99. consequence, 100. valid

101. an as\_\_\_\_d position

*adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

102. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 101. assured, 102. consequence

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of a bright future after graduation.  
*adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
2. The argument was \_\_\_\_\_ and the judge dismissed it.  
*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.  
*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
4. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.  
*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
5. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
6. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.  
*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
7. This company \_\_\_\_\_ its battery problem completely.  
*v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
8. Congress passed a law to \_\_\_\_\_ the disposal of nuclear waste.  
*v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
9. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.  
*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 1. assured, 2. indefensible, 3. insisted, 4. threatening, 5. consequences, 6. moral, 7. resolves, 8. prohibit, 9. propose

10. The plague was a \_\_\_\_\_ that killed millions of people.

*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

11. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

12. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

13. He \_\_\_\_\_ his smile with anger coming from his gut.

*v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

14. Your credit card is no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

15. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

16. That work \_\_\_\_\_ his fame.

*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

17. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

18. She had many good \_\_\_\_\_ and few faults.

*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

ANSWERS: 10. scourge, 11. obvious, 12. disagree, 13. contorted, 14. valid, 15. definitely, 16. perpetuates, 17. elected, 18. virtues

19. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

20. They incorporated the conquered \_\_\_\_\_ into their nation.

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

21. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

22. His \_\_\_\_\_ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

*adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid

23. Many people cling to the \_\_\_\_\_ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

24. \_\_\_\_\_ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

*n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

25. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

26. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 19. evil, 20. territory, 21. president, 22. acknowledged, 23. fallacy, 24. Congress, 25. congressperson, 26. compromised

27. Even the slightest design \_\_\_\_\_ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.  
*n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
28. The majority of snakes swallow their \_\_\_\_\_ whole.  
*n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
29. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.  
*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of animal testing is a hotly debated ethical issue.  
*n.* something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive
31. We looked at this issue from a different \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.  
*n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.  
*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
34. Your talking \_\_\_\_\_ with my work.  
*v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

ANSWERS: 27. flaw, 28. prey, 29. fundamental, 30. abomination, 31. viewpoint, 32. injustice, 33. statistics, 34. interferes



35. She \_\_\_\_\_ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.  
*adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
36. There are \_\_\_\_\_ methods for dealing with stress.  
*adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory;  
a verbal or physical fight or dispute
38. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.  
*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or  
become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
39. The trade \_\_\_\_\_ remained adamant about its demands.  
*n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights  
and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or  
being joined together
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ economic straits called for immediate action.  
*adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
41. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ me completely.  
*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or  
action
42. The hawkish \_\_\_\_\_ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.  
*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 35. publicly, 36. countless, 37. argument, 38. recognize, 39. union, 40. dire, 41. enslaved, 42. senator

43. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.  
*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
44. The abolition of \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.  
*n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
45. The media \_\_\_\_\_ had special passes.  
*n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
46. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a millionaire.  
*n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
47. The giant wave was \_\_\_\_\_ and destroyed the small boat.  
*adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
48. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
49. The company is undergoing an \_\_\_\_\_ opening new locations in several states.  
*n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
50. They are building an \_\_\_\_\_ to the house to add more bedrooms.  
*n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 43. argue, 44. slavery, 45. representatives, 46. delusion, 47. monstrous, 48. government, 49. expansion, 50. extension

51. Our CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ are always transparent and straightforward.

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

ANSWERS: 51. intentions