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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### distinct

*adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

*synonym*: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

### dialect

*n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

*synonym*: accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

### germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

### conversation

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

*synonym* : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**  
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## incomprehensible

*adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

*synonym* : unintelligible, unfathomable, inexplicable

(1) **incomprehensible** jargon, (2) **incomprehensible** math problem

The mathematical formula was **incomprehensible** to most of the students.

## similarly

*adv.* in almost the same way

*synonym* : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

## mandarin

*n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

*synonym* : Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese  
**Mandarin** dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

## Cantonese

*n.* a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;

*synonym* : Chinese dialect, Guangdong dialect, Yue dialect

(1) **Cantonese-style** roast duck, (2) **Cantonese** dialect

She took **Cantonese** classes to communicate better with her Chinese colleagues.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## disimilar

*adj.* not alike or having little in common

*synonym*: unlike, different, distinct

(1) **disimilar** cultures, (2) **disimilar** backgrounds

The two paintings were **disimilar** in style and subject matter.

## span

*n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

*synonym*: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

## 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.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym*: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## native

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

*synonym*: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

## tongue

*n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

*synonym*: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

## difficulty

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

*synonym*: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

## opera

*n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

*synonym*: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

## broadcast

*v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television

*synonym*: air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

## dub

*v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

*synonym*: name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

## subtitle

*n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that

appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

*synonym*: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

## degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## mutual

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

*synonym*: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

## intelligibility

*n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication

*synonym*: clarity, comprehensibility, understandability

(1) **intelligibility** test, (2) visual **intelligibility**

The teacher emphasized the importance of clear enunciation to increase her students' speech **intelligibility**.

## 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.

## separate

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

*synonym*: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## occasion

*n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

*synonym*: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

## surprisingly

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

*synonym*: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

## distinction

*n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

*synonym*: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

## pronounce

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

*synonym*: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

## vocabulary

*n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

*synonym*: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

## linguistic

*adj.* relating to language or the study of language

*synonym*: lingual, verbal, lexical

(1) her major is **linguistics**, (2) **linguistic** analysis

Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a **linguistic** aspect.

## feat

*n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

*synonym*: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

## coincident

*adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

*synonym*: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

**Coincident** with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

## basis

*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

*synonym*: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

## deem

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## emergence

*n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

*synonym*: appearance, emergence, rise

(1) **emergence** as a national leader, (2) re- **emergence** of rampant inflation

The **emergence** of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## maintain

*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

*synonym*: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

## 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.

## territorial

*adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water

*synonym*: provincial

(1) **territorial** integrity, (2) **territorial** aggression

The ship will not enter Chinese **territorial** seas.



## boundary

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

*synonym*: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

## sponsor

*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

*synonym*: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

## promote

*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

*synonym*: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

## persist

*v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

*synonym*: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

## inferior

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

*synonym*: lower, subordinate, secondary

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

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

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## extended

*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

*synonym* : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

## globe

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

*synonym* : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

## colonize

*v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

*synonym* : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## politically

*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

## unify

*v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

*synonym* : bring together, consolidate, merge

(1) **unify** the system, (2) **unify** the party  
The people believe that they can **unify** the country.

## legendary

*adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

*synonym* : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym* : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## identity

*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

*synonym* : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

## desirable

*adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

*synonym* : appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym* : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless

### **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

### **fascist**

*adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

*synonym* : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

### **dictator**

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym* : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

### **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.

### **sphere**

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym* : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

### **frame**

*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

*synonym* : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

## backward

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

*synonym* : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

## unsophisticated

*adj.* lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated

*synonym* : naive, simple, inexperienced

(1) **unsophisticated** taste, (2) **unsophisticated** argument

The product's **unsophisticated** design made it difficult for experienced users.

## testimony

*n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

*synonym* : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

## gatekeeper

*n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

*synonym* : guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

## instance

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

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## landlord

*n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.

*synonym*: lessor, owner, proprietor

(1) suit against the **landlord**, (2) the **landlord** of an inn

He complained about the price of tenant pays to the **landlord**.

## inquiry

*n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

*synonym*: question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

## prospective

*adj.* likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated

*synonym*: future, potential, expected

(1) **prospective** customer, (2) **prospective** candidate

The company is looking for **prospective** employees with strong communication skills.

## vernacular

*n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

*synonym*: dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

## reject

*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

*synonym*: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

## associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

*synonym*: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

## posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym*: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## 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.

## cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

*synonym*: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

## incorrect

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

*synonym*: unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

## simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

*synonym* : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

## mainstream

*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

*synonym* : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

## consistent

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

*synonym* : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

## grammar

*n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

*synonym* : syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym* : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## linguist

*n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

*synonym* : grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

## opt

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

*synonym* : choose, select, pick



(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding  
I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

## unique

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else  
*synonym*: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

## characteristic

*n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

*synonym*: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

## structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

*synonym*: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## murky

*adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

*synonym*: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

## pollinate

*v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

*synonym* : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

## glory

*n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

*synonym* : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

## naturally

*adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

*synonym* : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

## resist

*v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

*synonym* : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

## impulse

*n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

*synonym* : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

## neat

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

*synonym* : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

## bucket

*n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

*synonym*: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

## continuum

*n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

*synonym*: continuation, continuity

(1) a space-time **continuum**, (2) the **continuum** of events

Our life is a **continuum** of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.

## overlap

*v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

*synonym*: overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym*: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## confound

*v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

*synonym*: confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

## dynamic

*adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the

forces that cause motions of bodies)

*synonym* : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

## diverse

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities;  
various

*synonym* : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

## dazzling

*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

*synonym* : astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

## universe

*n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter,  
including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of  
matter and energy

*synonym* : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. int\_\_\_\_\_ity test *n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication
2. na\_\_\_\_\_ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
3. ballad op\_\_a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
4. co\_\_\_\_\_ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
5. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble math problem *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
6. sur\_\_\_\_\_gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
7. de\_\_\_\_\_le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
8. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
9. o\_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
10. have sur\_\_\_\_\_gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
11. fa\_\_\_\_\_t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

ANSWERS: 1. intelligibility, 2. naturally, 3. opera, 4. colonize, 5. incomprehensible, 6. surprisingly, 7. desirable, 8. pronounce, 9. opt, 10. surprisingly, 11. fascist

12. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve customer *adj.* likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated
13. Ma\_\_\_\_\_in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
14. un\_\_\_e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
15. a person of di\_\_\_\_\_e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
16. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
17. un\_\_y the party *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
18. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
19. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
20. a glad oc\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
21. cognitive li\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

ANSWERS: 12. prospective, 13. mandarin, 14. unique, 15. diverse, 16. instance, 17. unify, 18. consistent, 19. sophisticated, 20. occasion, 21. linguist

22. lin\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis      *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
23. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram      *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
24. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
25. bu\_\_\_t of golf balls      *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
26. her major is lin\_\_\_\_\_ics      *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
27. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
28. un\_\_y the system      *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
29. geographical bo\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
30. voc\_\_\_\_\_ry list      *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
31. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 22. linguistic, 23. represent, 24. tradition, 25. bucket, 26. linguistic, 27. tradition, 28. unify, 29. boundary, 30. vocabulary, 31. communicate

32. ex\_\_\_\_ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
33. the co\_\_\_\_\_um of events *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
34. to\_\_\_e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
35. c\_\_t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
36. po\_\_\_\_\_te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
37. re-em\_\_\_\_\_ce of rampant inflation *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
38. pr\_\_\_\_\_e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
39. information gat\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 32. extended, 33. continuum, 34. tongue, 35. cast, 36. pollinate, 37. emergence, 38. promote, 39. gatekeeper



40. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
41. re\_\_\_t being kissed      *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
42. ov\_\_\_\_p in many areas      *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
43. suit against the la\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
44. a g\_\_m-free environment      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
45. mu\_\_y waters      *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
46. a series of coi\_\_\_\_\_nt events      *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
47. ba\_\_\_\_rd angle      *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
48. give his te\_\_\_\_\_ny      *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
49. a mu\_\_y dungeon      *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
50. for in\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
51. di\_\_\_\_\_ct difference      *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

ANSWERS: 40. divide, 41. resist, 42. overlap, 43. landlord, 44. germ, 45. murky, 46. coincident, 47. backward, 48. testimony, 49. murky, 50. instance, 51. distinct

52. a di\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers      *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
53. the s\_\_n of a bird's wings      *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
54. re\_\_r to a map      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
55. in\_\_\_\_y about the product      *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
56. the at\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages      *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
57. draw a dis\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
58. on an equal ba\_\_s      *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
59. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
60. uns\_\_\_\_\_ted argument      *adj.* lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated

ANSWERS: 52. dictator, 53. span, 54. refer, 55. inquiry, 56. attempt, 57. distinction, 58. basis, 59. government, 60. unsophisticated

61. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
62. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
63. br\_\_\_\_\_st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
64. ba\_\_s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
65. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
66. pe\_\_\_\_\_t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
67. gat\_\_\_\_\_er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
68. the degree of dif\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
69. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 61. sponsor, 62. degree, 63. broadcast, 64. basis, 65. nation, 66. persist, 67. gatekeeper, 68. difficulty, 69. germ

70. bu\_\_\_t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
71. f\_\_t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
72. as oc\_\_\_\_\_on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
73. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
74. le\_\_\_\_\_ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
75. dis\_\_\_\_\_ar cultures *adj.* not alike or having little in common
76. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
77. em\_\_\_\_\_ce as a national leader *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
78. Ca\_\_\_\_\_se-style roast duck *n.* a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;
79. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve candidate *adj.* likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated

ANSWERS: 70. bucket, 71. feat, 72. occasion, 73. conversation, 74. legendary, 75. dissimilar, 76. determinant, 77. emergence, 78. Cantonese, 79. prospective

80. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble jargon *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
81. si\_\_\_\_\_fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
82. a space-time co\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
83. da\_\_\_\_\_ng debut *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
84. si\_\_\_\_\_ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
85. former gl\_\_\_y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
86. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
87. 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
88. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
89. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
90. visual int\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication
91. a combative im\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 80. incomprehensible, 81. simplify, 82. continuum, 83. dazzling, 84. similarly, 85. glory, 86. gradual, 87. recognize, 88. statistics, 89. modern, 90. intelligibility, 91. impulse

92. co\_\_\_\_ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
93. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
94. profound religious im\_\_\_\_\_es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
95. the fr\_\_e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
96. the average life s\_\_n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
97. ma\_\_\_\_\_in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
98. coi\_\_\_\_\_nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
99. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
100. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 92. colonize, 93. conversation, 94. impulse, 95. frame, 96. span, 97. maintain, 98. coincident, 99. statistics, 100. structure

101. my friend's cha\_\_\_\_\_tic laugh     *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
102. Latin gr\_\_\_\_\_r     *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
103. re\_\_r to a book     *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
104. po\_\_\_\_\_te plants     *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
105. an in\_\_\_\_\_or poet     *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
106. mo\_\_\_\_\_n poetry     *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
107. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process     *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
108. Ca\_\_\_\_\_se dialect     *n.* a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;
109. dis\_\_\_\_\_ar backgrounds     *adj.* not alike or having little in common
110. achieve a le\_\_\_\_\_ry status     *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

ANSWERS: 101. characteristic, 102. grammar, 103. refer, 104. pollinate, 105. inferior, 106. modern, 107. gradual, 108. Cantonese, 109. dissimilar, 110. legendary

111. ter\_\_\_\_\_al aggression *adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
112. as\_\_\_\_\_te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
113. walk ba\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
114. around the gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
115. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
116. in\_\_\_\_\_or quality *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
117. ma\_\_\_\_\_in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
118. te\_\_\_\_\_ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
119. 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
120. an in\_\_\_\_\_ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
121. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 111. territorial, 112. associate, 113. backward, 114. globe, 115. attempt, 116. inferior, 117. maintain, 118. testimony, 119. recognize, 120. incorrect, 121. structure



122. di\_\_\_\_ct from each other      *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
123. military di\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
124. as\_\_\_\_te alcohol with gambling      *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
125. re\_\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise      *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
126. sp\_\_\_\_e of influence      *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
127. re\_\_\_\_t temptation      *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
128. a picture fr\_\_e      *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
129. stripes cha\_\_\_\_\_tic of the zebra      *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
130. pr\_\_\_\_it the use of phone      *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
131. pol\_\_\_\_\_ly advantageous      *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
132. ov\_\_\_\_p one another      *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

ANSWERS: 122. distinct, 123. dictator, 124. associate, 125. reject, 126. sphere, 127. resist, 128. frame, 129. characteristic, 130. prohibit, 131. politically, 132. overlap

133. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
134. foreign li\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
135. share of a mu\_\_\_\_l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
136. native to\_\_\_\_e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
137. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
138. business sp\_\_\_\_e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
139. na\_\_\_\_e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
140. academic voc\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
141. expansion of the un\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 133. pronounce, 134. linguist, 135. mutual, 136. tongue, 137. sponsor, 138. sphere, 139. native, 140. vocabulary, 141. universe

142. d\_\_m wrong or inappropriate      *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
143. co\_\_\_\_nd the problem      *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
144. join the mai\_\_\_\_\_am      *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
145. uns\_\_\_\_\_ted taste      *adj.* lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated
146. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a better relationship      *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
147. the bo\_\_\_\_\_ry between reality and fantasy      *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
148. ter\_\_\_\_\_al integrity      *adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
149. ex\_\_\_\_\_ed payment      *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
150. mai\_\_\_\_\_am political beliefs      *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
151. a n\_\_t piece of work      *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
152. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter      *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 142. deem, 143. confound, 144. mainstream, 145. unsophisticated, 146. promote, 147. boundary, 148. territorial, 149. extended, 150. mainstream, 151. neat, 152. separate

153. pe\_\_\_\_\_t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
154. have si\_\_\_\_\_ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
155. d\_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
156. make an in\_\_\_\_\_ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
157. terrestrial gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
158. a dy\_\_\_\_\_c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
159. na\_\_\_\_\_ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
160. become pol\_\_\_\_\_ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
161. na\_\_\_e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
162. op\_\_a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
163. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 153. persist, 154. similarly, 155. dub, 156. incorrect, 157. globe, 158. dynamic, 159. naturally, 160. politically, 161. native, 162. opera, 163. government

164. dif\_\_\_\_\_ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
165. minority di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
166. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
167. chart su\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
168. di\_\_\_e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
169. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
170. native ver\_\_\_\_\_ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
171. pr\_\_\_\_\_it destructive activities *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
172. intellectual f\_\_t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 164. difficulty, 165. dialect, 166. represent, 167. subtitle, 168. divide, 169. cast, 170. vernacular, 171. prohibit, 172. feat

173. foreign-language su\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
174. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
175. dy\_\_\_\_\_c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
176. fa\_\_\_\_\_t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
177. da\_\_\_\_\_ng views *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
178. di\_\_\_\_\_e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
179. si\_\_\_\_\_fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
180. ver\_\_\_\_\_ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

ANSWERS: 173. subtitle, 174. consistent, 175. dynamic, 176. fascist, 177. dazzling, 178. diverse, 179. simplify, 180. vernacular

181. theory of the un\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
182. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
183. id\_\_\_\_\_ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
184. d\_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
185. the la\_\_\_\_\_rd of an inn *n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
186. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
187. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
188. co\_\_\_\_\_nd right and wrong *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
189. mistaken id\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 181. universe, 182. posit, 183. identity, 184. dub, 185. landlord, 186. sophisticated, 187. separate, 188. confound, 189. identity

190. mu\_\_\_l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
191. launch an in\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
192. br\_\_\_\_\_st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
193. po\_\_t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
194. ancient ma\_\_\_\_\_in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
195. a un\_\_\_e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
196. o\_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
197. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
198. a local di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
199. n\_\_t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
200. important dis\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 190. mutual, 191. inquiry, 192. broadcast, 193. posit, 194. mandarin, 195. unique, 196. opt, 197. communicate, 198. dialect, 199. neat, 200. distinction



201. bachelor's de\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
202. greatest gl\_\_\_y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
203. gr\_\_\_\_\_r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
204. 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
205. re\_\_\_t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
206. d\_\_m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
207. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
208. de\_\_\_\_\_le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

ANSWERS: 201. degree, 202. glory, 203. grammar, 204. determinant, 205. reject, 206. deem, 207. nation, 208. desirable

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ numerous disabled athletes.  
*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
2. The mathematical formula was \_\_\_\_\_ to most of the students.  
*adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
3. His thinking is \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's culture.  
*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
4. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.  
*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
5. 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
6. Make sure to turn on \_\_\_\_\_ so you can understand the foreign film.  
*n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
7. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.  
*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 1. sponsors, 2. incomprehensible, 3. mainstream, 4. structure, 5. recognize, 6. subtitles, 7. communicate

8. I chose to \_\_\_\_\_ cancer by trying every possible treatment.  
*v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ him Ironman because of his toughness.  
*v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
10. 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
11. She has \_\_\_\_\_ habits.  
*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
12. He has \_\_\_\_\_ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.  
*n.* a condition or state that causes problems
13. Bananas have their \_\_\_\_\_ taste and odor.  
*n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ is about 13.8 billion years old.  
*n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
15. He was \_\_\_\_\_ gifted.  
*adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
16. He complained about the price of tenant pays to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. resist, 9. dubbed, 10. government, 11. neat, 12. difficulty, 13. characteristic, 14. universe, 15. naturally, 16. landlord

17. She filled a \_\_\_\_\_ with water and carried it back to the house.  
*n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
18. She wore her best dress for the special \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
19. The beachfront property had a \_\_\_\_\_ location with stunning ocean views.  
*adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
20. The product's \_\_\_\_\_ design made it difficult for experienced users.  
*adj.* lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated
21. 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
22. The new employee's work was \_\_\_\_\_ to that of the experienced workers in the team.  
*adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.  
*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
24. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are \_\_\_\_\_ due to a lack of helpful evidence.  
*adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

ANSWERS: 17. bucket, 18. occasion, 19. desirable, 20. unsophisticated, 21. prohibit, 22. inferior, 23. sphere, 24. murky

25. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

26. Mastering \_\_\_\_\_ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

*n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

27. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

28. I decided to \_\_\_\_ for premature retirement.

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

30. His final goal is to sail around the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

31. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

32. The ship will not enter Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ seas.

*adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water

33. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 25. unique, 26. grammar, 27. rejected, 28. opt, 29. nation, 30. globe, 31. divide, 32. territorial, 33. posit

34. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
35. Using proper \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
36. The teacher emphasized the importance of clear enunciation to increase her students' speech \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication
37. It is preferable to die in \_\_\_\_\_ than to live in dishonor.
- n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
38. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
39. She loves going to the \_\_\_\_\_ house and hearing the beautiful music.
- n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
40. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
41. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were \_\_\_\_\_ unsafe.
- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 34. feat, 35. vocabulary, 36. intelligibility, 37. glory, 38. refer, 39. opera, 40. frame, 41. deemed

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
- n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
43. The sprinter has a \_\_\_\_\_ way of running.
- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
44. Nerve \_\_\_\_\_ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
45. The regime was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ for their oppressive tactics.
- adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
46. This newspaper is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ neutral.
- adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
47. The unexpected events \_\_\_\_\_ the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.
- v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
48. Witness \_\_\_\_\_ backed up the defendant's claims.
- n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

ANSWERS: 42. dialect, 43. dynamic, 44. impulses, 45. fascist, 46. politically, 47. confounded, 48. testimony

49. It is essential to keep these two issues \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

50. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

*n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

51. Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect.

*adj.* relating to language or the study of language

52. She took \_\_\_\_\_ classes to communicate better with her Chinese colleagues.

*n.* a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;

53. The poet wrote in the \_\_\_\_\_ of ordinary people.

*n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

54. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your explanation for the children.

*v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

55. Our life is a \_\_\_\_\_ of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.

*n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

ANSWERS: 49. distinct, 50. gatekeeper screened, 51. linguistic, 52. Cantonese, 53. vernacular, 54. simplify, 55. continuum



56. The two paintings were \_\_\_\_\_ in style and subject matter.

*adj.* not alike or having little in common

57. The exam was \_\_\_\_\_ tricky for everyone.

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

58. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

59. She falls over \_\_\_\_\_ when she sees her mother-in-law.

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

61. \_\_\_\_\_ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

*n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

62. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

63. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 56. dissimilar, 57. surprisingly, 58. gradual, 59. backward, 60. germ, 61. Mandarin, 62. tradition, 63. dictator

64. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.  
*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
65. Last night, the team delivered a \_\_\_\_\_ performance.  
*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
66. 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
67. The \_\_\_\_\_ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.  
*n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
68. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.  
*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
69. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.  
*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
70. The terrorist's \_\_\_\_\_ remains unknown.  
*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
71. We argue that wages for temporary workers should \_\_\_\_\_ rise.  
*adv.* in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 64. pronounce, 65. dazzling, 66. determinant, 67. tongue, 68. maintain, 69. statistics, 70. identity, 71. similarly

72. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

*adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

73. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

74. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

75. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

76. The people believe that they can \_\_\_\_\_ the country.

*v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

77. The \_\_\_\_\_ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

78. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

*n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

79. He wandered the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death by gunfire.

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 72. legendary, 73. degree, 74. cast, 75. represent, 76. unify, 77. extended, 78. emergence, 79. boundary

80. Without bees to \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
- v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
81. Though I love literature, I'm a bad \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
82. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
83. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
84. He slightly modified the \_\_\_\_\_ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
85. \_\_\_\_\_ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
- adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
86. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your behavior.
- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
87. Consult your doctor if the symptoms \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 80. pollinate, 81. linguist, 82. instances, 83. conversation, 84. span, 85. Coincident, 86. consistent, 87. persist

88. Most of the programs are \_\_\_\_\_ in this area.

*v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television

89. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

90. The vegetation here is almost wholly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

91. Our tech support responds to the first \_\_\_\_\_ exceptionally promptly.

*n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

92. European powers \_\_\_\_\_ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

*v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

93. They cooperated for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

94. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

95. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ between their proposals.

*v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

ANSWERS: 88. broadcast, 89. attempt, 90. native, 91. inquiry, 92. colonized, 93. mutual, 94. separate, 95. overlap

96. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

97. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

98. New York is a city with a \_\_\_\_\_ ethnic population.

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

99. I can't see any \_\_\_\_\_ between these two concepts.

*n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

100. The company is looking for \_\_\_\_\_ employees with strong communication skills.

*adj.* likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated

101. The government should do more to \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable agribusiness.

*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

102. This evidence will form the \_\_\_\_\_ for our discussion.

*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

103. He found my English sentences are \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

ANSWERS: 96. modern, 97. sophisticated, 98. diverse, 99. distinction, 100. prospective, 101. promote, 102. basis, 103. incorrect

104. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 104. associate