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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### fortress

*n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

*synonym* : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

### preside

*v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

*synonym* : chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

### shore

*n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

*synonym* : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

### unlikely

*adj.* not probable or likely to happen

*synonym* : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

## locate

*v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

*synonym*: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

## birthplace

*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born

*synonym*: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

## medieval

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

*synonym*: gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

## empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

*synonym*: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

## dynasty

*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

## warlord

*n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

*synonym*: chieftain, commander, leader

(1) tribal **warlord**, (2) regional **warlord**

The **warlord's** army was well-equipped and well-trained, making them a formidable force to reckon with.

## descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## consolidate

v. to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

*synonym*: crystallize, concentrate, cement

(1) **consolidate** his debt, (2) **consolidate** a leadership

The two universities will **consolidate** in July next year.

## isle

n. a small island, especially one in the sea

*synonym*: island, atoll, cay

(1) **isle** of paradise, (2) tiny **isle**

I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful **isle** with pristine beaches.

## seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

*synonym*: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

## characterize

*v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of

*synonym* : describe, depict, portray

(1) **characterize** the relationship, (2) **characterize** his work  
Their love of discovery and exploration often **characterizes** the adventurous spirit of the explorer.

## invasion

*n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

*synonym* : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## feud

*n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

*synonym* : argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

## descendant

*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

*synonym* : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

## rove

*v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area

*synonym* : wander, roam, traverse

(1) **rove** the globe, (2) **rove** the countryside  
We decided to **rove** around the city to explore new neighborhoods.

## seaway

*n.* a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water

*synonym*: waterway, canal, channel

(1) inland **seaway**, (2) **seaway** traffic

The St. Lawrence **Seaway** is an important shipping channel connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

## epic

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

*synonym*: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

## impressive

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

*synonym*: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

## maritime

*adj.* relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity

*synonym*: naval, seafaring, oceanic

(1) **maritime** trade, (2) **maritime** law

The city's economy relies heavily on the **maritime** industry and its port.

## kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym*: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

## **inhabitant**

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place  
*synonym* : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax  
His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## **relative**

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym* : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

## **outsize**

*adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

*synonym* : oversize, huge, massive

(1) **outsize** impact, (2) **outsize** equipment

The musician's **outsize** stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

## **cliff**

*n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

*synonym* : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

## **sweeping**

*adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

*synonym* : broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

## **harbor**

*n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

*synonym* : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

## commerce

*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

*synonym* : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

## command

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

*synonym* : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## vast

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

*synonym* : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

## fleet

*n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

*synonym* : armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

## raid

*n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

*synonym* : attack, invasion, aggression

(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren

Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.

## plunder

*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

*synonym*: pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

## observe

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

*synonym*: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

## proWess

*n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

*synonym*: expertise, skill, ability

(1) economic **proWess**, (2) intellectual **proWess**

The athlete's **proWess** in her sport earned her many accolades.

## aid

*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

*synonym*: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

## woe

*n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

*synonym*: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

## military

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare



*synonym* : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

## hefty

*adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

*synonym* : weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

## fee

*n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

*synonym* : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

## perch

*v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

*synonym* : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

## spar

*v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills

*synonym* : fight, wrestle

(1) **spar** with a partner, (2) **spar** over ideas

The kayakers had to **spar** with the strong winds and waves to reach the shore.

## rivalry

*n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

*synonym* : competition, contest, struggle

(1) fierce **rivalry**, (2) **rivalry** among airlines

The **rivalry** between the two teams was intense and heated.

## chieftain

*n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization

*synonym* : leader, ruler, chief

(1) **chieftain** leader, (2) corporate **chieftain**

All respected the **chieftain** of the tribe.

## defeat

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

*synonym* : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

## in-law

*n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

*synonym* : relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

## naval

*adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

*synonym* : marine, seafaring, maritime

(1) **naval** battles, (2) **naval** base

The **naval** officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

## rival

*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

*synonym* : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

## fracture

*n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

*synonym* : break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**  
X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

## blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym*: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

## murder

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## plot

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

*synonym*: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym* : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack  
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

## vicious

*adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others;  
having the nature of vice

*synonym* : malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

## nephew

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

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

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

## blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

*synonym* : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## mutilate

*v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

*synonym* : maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body

It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

## forge

*v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

*synonym* : create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip

because he was out of town.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## parliament

*n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

*synonym*: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

## mound

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

*synonym*: hill, knoll, rise

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

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

## assembly

*n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

*synonym*: crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

## dispute

*n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

*synonym* : argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

## involve

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

*synonym* : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

## violent

*adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

*synonym* : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

## erupt

*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

*synonym* : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

## squabble

*v.* to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

*synonym* : argue, bicker, quarrel

(1) **squabble** over money, (2) **squabble** with a neighbor

The siblings always **squabble** over who gets to sit in the car's front seat.

**tier** *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

*synonym* : level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

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

*synonym* : endure, persist, stay

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

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

**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.

**shipwreck** *n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

*synonym* : wreckage, ocean disaster

(1) **shipwreck** site, (2) **shipwreck** survivor

Divers discovered the remains of an old **shipwreck** while exploring the reef.

**reign** *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

*synonym* : rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

**rebel** *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

*synonym* : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

## **knight**

*n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

*synonym* : noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

## **assassin**

*n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

*synonym* : killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

## **castle**

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

*synonym* : fortress, palace, citadel

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

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

## **heir**

*n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

*synonym* : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

## **accord**

*n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have



*synonym* : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

## scribe

*n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

*synonym* : copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

## cease

*v.* to stop an action or event

*synonym* : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

## annex

*v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

*synonym* : add, take over, (noun) appendix

(1) **annex** notes, (2) hotel **annex**

The government **annexed** the territory from the neighboring country.

## exploit

*v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

*synonym* : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

## primarily

*adv.* mainly

*synonym* : largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

## chronicle

*n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

*synonym* : record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## praise

*n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

*synonym* : acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

## poem

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

*synonym* : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

## compose

*v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

*synonym* : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

## celebrate

*v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

*synonym* : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym* : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## presence

*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

*synonym* : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

## etch

*v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

*synonym* : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

## landscape

*n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

*synonym* : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the Turkish in_____on                | <i>n.</i> army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it  |
| 2. country-by-country a_d programs      | <i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support   |
| 3. during the Ming dy_____y             | <i>n.</i> a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country   |
| 4. ex_____t a security hole             | <i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.   |
| 5. co_____e my thoughts                 | <i>v.</i> to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it  |
| 6. the great di_____ry of the century   | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known                       |
| 7. three-year-old ne____w               | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister   |
| 8. establish his ki_____m               | <i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen  |
| 9. p__t a revolution                    | <i>n.</i> a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal |
| 10. the at_____t to rescue the hostages | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult  |

ANSWERS: 1. invasion, 2. aid, 3. dynasty, 4. exploit, 5. compose, 6. discovery, 7. nephew, 8. kingdom, 9. plot, 10. attempt

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| 11. des_____nt of a pioneer            | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal  |
| 12. t__r one company                   | <i>n.</i> one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance |
| 13. con_____te a leadership            | <i>v.</i> to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain   |
| 14. group of re__ls                    | <i>n.</i> someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it  |
| 15. ce_____te Christmas                | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity   |
| 16. make a r__d on an enemy's camp     | <i>n.</i> a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft  |
| 17. mo__d of dirt                      | <i>n.</i> a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap                    |
| 18. v__t majority                      | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity   |
| 19. fo_____ss wall                     | <i>n.</i> a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers    |
| 20. third-generation des_____nt        | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal  |
| 21. di_____ee about a particular issue | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.  |

ANSWERS: 11. descendant, 12. tier, 13. consolidate, 14. rebel, 15. celebrate, 16. raid, 17. mound, 18. vast, 19. fortress, 20. descendant, 21. disagree

22. ancestral bir\_\_\_\_\_ces                      *n.*    the house, town, etc., where someone was born
23. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a valuable opportunity                      *v.*    to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
24. inland se\_\_\_\_\_y                      *n.*    a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water
25. ch\_\_\_\_\_in leader                      *n.*    a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
26. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors                      *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
27. sw\_\_\_\_\_ng landscapes                      *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
28. tu\_\_\_\_\_nt waves                      *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
29. s\_\_r over ideas                      *v.*    to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
30. na\_\_l battles                      *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
31. er\_\_t in anger                      *v.*    (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 22. birthplace, 23. exploit, 24. seaway, 25. chieftain, 26. relative, 27. sweeping, 28. turbulent, 29. spar, 30. naval, 31. erupt

32. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
33. ce\_\_\_\_\_te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
34. ce\_\_e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
35. ma\_\_\_\_\_me law *adj.* relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity
36. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_\_t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
37. pl\_\_\_\_\_r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
38. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
39. re\_\_n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
40. it is un\_\_\_\_\_ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
41. pe\_\_h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 32. intense, 33. celebrate, 34. cease, 35. maritime, 36. violent, 37. plunder, 38. military, 39. reign, 40. unlikely, 41. perch

42. ob\_\_\_\_e wildlife      *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
43. e\_\_h a design into wood      *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
44. i\_\_e of paradise      *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
45. attain critical pr\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
46. sw\_\_\_\_\_ng changes      *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
47. la\_\_\_\_h a big attack      *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
48. a fl\_\_t horse      *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
49. se\_\_e the day      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 42. observe, 43. etch, 44. isle, 45. praise, 46. sweeping, 47. launch, 48. fleet, 49. seize



50. h\_\_r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
51. he\_\_y breakfast *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
52. tu\_\_\_\_\_nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
53. me\_\_\_\_\_al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
54. carry out a f\_\_d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
55. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
56. pr\_\_\_\_\_e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
57. lo\_\_\_e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
58. cha\_\_\_\_\_ize his work *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
59. co\_\_\_\_\_e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
60. f\_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 50. heir, 51. hefty, 52. turbulent, 53. medieval, 54. feud, 55. impressive, 56. preside, 57. locate, 58. characterize, 59. compose, 60. fee

61. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
62. mo\_\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
63. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
64. merge with a ri\_\_l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
65. as\_\_\_\_\_ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
66. cl\_\_f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
67. service f\_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
68. di\_\_\_\_\_e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
69. pe\_\_h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 61. involve, 62. modern, 63. victory, 64. rival, 65. assembly, 66. cliff, 67. fee, 68. dispute, 69. perch

70. de\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
71. a sandy sh\_\_e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
72. heroic ch\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
73. universal pr\_\_\_e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
74. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
75. ce\_\_e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
76. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
77. ma\_\_\_\_\_me trade *adj.* relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity
78. would-be as\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
79. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 70. descend, 71. shore, 72. chronicle, 73. praise, 74. kingdom, 75. cease, 76. blossom, 77. maritime, 78. assassin, 79. involve

80. re\_\_l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
81. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
82. sq\_\_\_\_\_le over money *v.* to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner
83. re\_\_\_\_\_e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
84. em\_\_\_e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
85. hotel an\_\_x *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
86. ha\_\_\_r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
87. er\_\_t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
88. mu\_\_\_r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
89. sh\_\_\_\_\_ck survivor *n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

ANSWERS: 80. rebel, 81. Christ, 82. squabble, 83. resolve, 84. empire, 85. annex, 86. harbor, 87. erupt, 88. murder, 89. shipwreck

90. air-r\_\_d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
91. con\_\_\_\_\_te his debt *v.* to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain
92. bl\_\_d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
93. fr\_\_\_\_\_re test *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
94. tiny i\_\_e *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
95. bl\_\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
96. mu\_\_\_\_\_te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
97. family f\_\_d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
98. un\_\_\_\_\_ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
99. ch\_\_\_\_\_le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
100. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 90. raid, 91. consolidate, 92. blind, 93. fracture, 94. isle, 95. blossom, 96. mutilate, 97. feud, 98. unlikely, 99. chronicle, 100. modern

101. na\_\_l base *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
102. la\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
103. a narrative p\_\_m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
104. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
105. ob\_\_\_\_e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
106. future in\_\_\_w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
107. nieces and ne\_\_\_ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
108. e\_\_h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

ANSWERS: 101. naval, 102. launch, 103. poem, 104. descend, 105. observe, 106. in-law, 107. nephew, 108. etch

109. se\_\_\_y traffic *n.* a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water
110. ca\_\_\_e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
111. binational ac\_\_\_d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
112. an imp\_\_\_\_\_ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
113. an\_\_x notes *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
114. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
115. ac\_\_\_d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
116. burial mo\_\_d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
117. a sheltered ha\_\_\_r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

ANSWERS: 109. seaway, 110. castle, 111. accord, 112. impressive, 113. annex, 114. victory, 115. accord, 116. mound, 117. harbor

118. a reckless at\_\_\_\_t                    *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
119. fo\_\_e an alliance                    *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
120. heroic e\_\_c                          *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
121. a mi\_\_\_\_ry leader                    *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
122. s\_\_r with a partner                    *v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
123. sc\_\_\_e in ancient Egypt                    *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
124. su\_\_\_\_\_e a blizzard                    *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
125. se\_\_e a person's property                    *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
126. a bold cl\_\_f                          *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

ANSWERS: 118. attempt, 119. forge, 120. epic, 121. military, 122. spar, 123. scribe, 124. survive, 125. seize, 126. cliff



127. em\_\_\_e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
128. r\_\_\_e the countryside *v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
129. meeting in\_\_\_ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
130. bl\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
131. e\_\_c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
132. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
133. fall victim to an as\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
134. sq\_\_\_\_\_le with a neighbor *v.* to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner
135. military fo\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
136. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 127. empire, 128. rove, 129. in-law, 130. blind, 131. epic, 132. disagree, 133. assassin, 134. squabble, 135. fortress, 136. discovery

137. cha\_\_\_\_\_ize the relationship      *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
138. disband par\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
139. de\_\_\_\_t body odor      *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
140. re\_\_\_\_\_e a dispute      *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
141. attempted mu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
142. dy\_\_\_\_\_y of China      *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
143. bir\_\_\_\_\_ce of modern soccer      *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
144. white kn\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
145. pl\_\_\_\_\_r the enemy's stronghold      *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
146. home in\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
147. mu\_\_\_\_\_te a document      *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

ANSWERS: 137. characterize, 138. parliament, 139. defeat, 140. resolve, 141. murder, 142. dynasty, 143. birthplace, 144. knight, 145. plunder, 146. invasion, 147. mutilate

148. fo\_\_e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
149. vi\_\_\_\_s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
150. corporate ch\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
151. event of a hung par\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
152. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
153. regional wa\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government
154. me\_\_\_\_\_al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
155. an imperial h\_\_r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
156. interstate co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 148. forge, 149. vicious, 150. chieftain, 151. parliament, 152. commerce, 153. warlord, 154. medieval, 155. heir, 156. commerce

157. a remote re\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
158. fl\_\_t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
159. financial sc\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
160. the black kn\_\_\_\_t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
161. a peaceful la\_\_\_\_pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
162. financial a\_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
163. lo\_\_\_\_e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
164. as\_\_\_\_ly hall *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
165. pr\_\_\_\_ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
166. intended pr\_\_\_\_ly for young people *adv.* mainly

ANSWERS: 157. relative, 158. fleet, 159. scribe, 160. knight, 161. landscape, 162. aid, 163. locate, 164. assembly, 165. primarily, 166. primarily

167. la\_\_\_\_\_pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
168. intellectual pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
169. r\_\_e the globe *v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
170. pr\_\_\_\_\_e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
171. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
172. full of w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
173. ri\_\_\_\_\_y among airlines *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
174. ou\_\_\_\_\_e impact *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
175. ou\_\_\_\_\_e equipment *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
176. vi\_\_\_\_\_t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 167. landscape, 168. prowess, 169. rove, 170. preside, 171. poem, 172. woe, 173. rivalry, 174. outside, 175. outside, 176. violent

177. economic pr\_\_\_\_s *n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
178. a legal di\_\_\_\_e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
179. he\_\_y price *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
180. sh\_\_e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
181. the evidence of the pr\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
182. the ruins of a ca\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
183. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
184. co\_\_\_\_d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 177. prowess, 178. dispute, 179. hefty, 180. shore, 181. presence, 182. castle, 183. Christ, 184. command

185. v\_\_t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
186. de\_\_\_t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
187. su\_\_\_\_\_e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
188. sh\_\_\_\_\_ck site *n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea
189. co\_\_\_\_\_d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
190. economic w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
191. inh\_\_\_\_\_nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
192. re\_\_n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
193. risk of bone fr\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
194. tribal wa\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

ANSWERS: 185. vast, 186. defeat, 187. survive, 188. shipwreck, 189. command, 190. woe, 191. inhabitant, 192. reign, 193. fracture, 194. warlord

195. vi\_\_\_\_s deflationary spiral      *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
196. ri\_\_l bidder      *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
197. fierce ri\_\_\_\_y      *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
198. a two-t\_\_r system      *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
199. the early inh\_\_\_\_nts of Europe      *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
200. p\_\_t twist      *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
201. his majestic pr\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
202. in\_\_\_\_e heat      *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 195. vicious, 196. rival, 197. rivalry, 198. tier, 199. inhabitant, 200. plot, 201. presence, 202. intense



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
2. My sister-\_\_\_\_\_ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.  
*n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.  
*adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
4. This company \_\_\_\_\_ its battery problem completely.  
*v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
5. An \_\_\_\_\_ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.  
*n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
7. The team discovered a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert.  
*n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
8. Pakistan's \_\_\_\_ budget was still being reviewed.  
*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 1. victory, 2. in-law, 3. hefty, 4. resolves, 5. invasion, 6. military, 7. mound, 8. aid

9. The city's economy relies heavily on the \_\_\_\_\_ industry and its port.  
*adj.* relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.  
*v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
11. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the \_\_\_\_\_ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.  
*n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
12. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.  
*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.  
*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
15. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
16. The stock market has been \_\_\_\_\_ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.  
*adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

ANSWERS: 9. maritime, 10. president, 11. knight, 12. launch, 13. Christmas, 14. vast, 15. modern, 16. turbulent

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

*adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

18. The ancient \_\_\_\_\_ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

*n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

19. The waves are beating against the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

20. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two armies was one for the history books.

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

*n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

22. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

*v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

23. Throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ the bank robbers wore masks.

*n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

ANSWERS: 17. sweeping, 18. fortress, 19. shore, 20. epic, 21. chronicle, 22. forge, 23. raid,

24. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.
- n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
26. Those warriors' \_\_\_\_\_ are still skilled archers.
- n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
27. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ in her sport earned her many accolades.
- n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
28. The drama series mainly received \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
29. The musician's \_\_\_\_\_ stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.
- adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
30. He stood at the edge of the \_\_\_\_\_ and looked out to sea.
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
31. The path to a solid online \_\_\_\_\_ necessitates a high technical ability.
- n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

ANSWERS: 24. involves, 25. scribe's, 26. descendants, 27. prowess, 28. praise, 29. outsize, 30. cliff, 31. presence

32. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.  
*n.* a son of your brother or sister
33. The kayakers had to \_\_\_\_\_ with the strong winds and waves to reach the shore.  
*v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
34. The organization finally signed a peace \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;  
(verb) allow to have
35. We destroyed a \_\_\_\_\_ of 70 enemy ships.  
*n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
36. Their love of discovery and exploration often \_\_\_\_\_ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.  
*v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
37. The two universities will \_\_\_\_\_ in July next year.  
*v.* to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain
38. We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city to explore new neighborhoods.  
*v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
39. The St. Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_ is an important shipping channel connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.  
*n.* a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water

ANSWERS: 32. nephew, 33. spar, 34. accord, 35. fleet, 36. characterizes, 37. consolidate, 38. rove, 39. Seaway

40. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
41. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.
- v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
42. All respected the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tribe.
- n. a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
43. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.
- v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
- adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
45. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ fought against the government for their independence.
- n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
47. He used a sharp tool to \_\_\_\_\_ his initials onto the metal.
- v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

ANSWERS: 40. observe, 41. survive, 42. chieftain, 43. disagree, 44. vicious, 45. celebrated, 46. rebels, 47. etch

48. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ tower remained standing.

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

49. The pirates could \_\_\_\_\_ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

50. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

51. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

52. The medieval \_\_\_\_\_ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

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

53. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

54. Recurrent financial \_\_\_\_\_ hampered his subsequent career.

*n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

55. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the territory from the neighboring country.

*v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

ANSWERS: 48. medieval, 49. plunder, 50. murder, 51. kingdom, 52. castle, 53. seize, 54. woes, 55. annexed

56. She recognized me as her lawful \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
57. The \_\_\_\_\_ army was well-equipped and well-trained, making them a formidable force to reckon with.
- n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government
58. It is cruel for anyone to \_\_\_\_\_ an animal for any reason.
- v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
59. The dictator's \_\_\_\_\_ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.
- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
60. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
61. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ production of the product.
- v.* to stop an action or event
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.
- adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
63. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 56. heir, 57. warlord's, 58. mutilate, 59. reign, 60. commerce, 61. cease, 62. naval, 63. impressive



64. This company's \_\_\_\_\_ plant is an enormous facility.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
65. X-ray inspection revealed many \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
66. The passage of the bill is \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not probable or likely to happen
67. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
68. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
69. We \_\_\_\_\_ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
70. The retired politician resolved the \_\_\_\_\_ between groups through mediation.
- n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
71. The \_\_\_\_\_ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
- n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

ANSWERS: 64. assembly, 65. fractures, 66. unlikely, 67. plot, 68. command, 69. exploit, 70. feud, 71. dispute

72. She hired an \_\_\_\_\_ to kill her opponent.

- n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

73. He interfered with his \_\_\_\_\_ in various ways during the campaign.

- n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

74. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

75. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.

- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

76. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.

- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

77. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ on the branch, watching the world below.

- v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

78. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.

- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

79. I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ with pristine beaches.

- n.* a small island, especially one in the sea

ANSWERS: 72. assassin, 73. rivals, 74. empire, 75. violent, 76. blind, 77. perched, 78. defeat, 79. isle

80. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
81. The robot can accurately \_\_\_\_\_ construction material.  
*v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
82. The \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.  
*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
83. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.  
*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
84. The company operates on a three-\_\_\_\_\_ pricing structure.  
*n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
85. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.  
*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
86. Divers discovered the remains of an old \_\_\_\_\_ while exploring the reef.  
*n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea
87. The structure is \_\_\_\_\_ of three main components.  
*v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 80. intense, 81. locate, 82. birthplace, 83. attempt, 84. tier, 85. descended, 86. shipwreck, 87. composed

88. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two teams was intense and heated.
- n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
89. The tsunami swamped every boat in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
90. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
91. The lawyer's \_\_\_\_ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
92. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
93. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
94. Battles between whites and blacks \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.
- v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
95. A great \_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 88. rivalry, 89. harbor, 90. blossom, 91. fee, 92. inhabitant, 93. landscape, 94. erupted, 95. poem

96. He was a member of \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

97. During the Habsburg \_\_\_\_\_ colonization began.

- n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

98. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

99. The siblings always \_\_\_\_\_ over who gets to sit in the car's front seat.

- v.* to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

100. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

101. All peaceful cooperation is based \_\_\_\_\_ on mutual trust.

- adv.* mainly

ANSWERS: 96. parliament, 97. dynasty, 98. relatives, 99. squabble, 100. discovery, 101. primarily