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## Session 1: Word List

### claw

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym* : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

### frequent

*adj.* happening constantly

*synonym* : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

### limb

*n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal

*synonym* : arm, appendage, branch

(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation

You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.

### versatile

*adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

*synonym* : adaptable, protean, universal

(1) provide a **versatile** solution, (2) a **versatile** writer

He's a **versatile** actor who has acted in various parts.

## defend

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

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

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

## eagle

*n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

*synonym*: bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

## needle

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

*synonym*: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

## talon

*n.* a sharp, hooked claw, especially on a bird of prey or a mammal such as a lion or a wolf

*synonym*: claw, talus, nail

(1) wolf **talon**, (2) sharp **talon**

The eagle's **talon** was gripping tightly onto its prey.

## pierce

*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

*synonym*: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

## skull

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

*synonym* : cranium, scalp, brain

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

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

## prey

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

*synonym* : target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

## retract

*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

*synonym* : withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## flick

*v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

*synonym* : snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

## hunt

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

*synonym* : chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym* : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## primate

*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

*synonym* : ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

## wield

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

*synonym* : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## 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.

## appendage

*n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

*synonym* :

extension, limb, attachment

(1) spiny **appendage**, (2) mechanical **appendage**

The spider's **appendage** allowed it to climb up the wall easily.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## nail

*n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

*synonym*: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

## evolutionary

*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

*synonym*: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

**Evolutionary** algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

## adaptation

*n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

*synonym*: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

## cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym*: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

## **fossil**

*n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

*synonym*: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

## **mammal**

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## **reptile**

*n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

*synonym*: lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

## **gulf**

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym*: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

## **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.

## keratin

*n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

*synonym* : ceratin

(1) **keratin** treatment, (2) **keratin** protein

Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess **keratin** on the skin's surface

## fiber

*n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

*synonym* : yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

## protein

*n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

## horn

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

*synonym* : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

## hoof

*n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

*synonym* : foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

## wedge

*n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

(1) drive a **wedge** into a relationship, (2) put a **wedge** under the door

He inserted the **wedge** into a split in the log.

## tissue

*n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

*synonym*: structure, texture, anatomy

(1) a facial **tissue**, (2) loss of muscle **tissue**

The researcher separated the nervous **tissue** for microscopic examinations.

## matrix

*n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

*synonym*: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

## vessel

*n.* a ship or large boat

*synonym*: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

## nutrient

*n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

*synonym*: food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.



## endless

*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

*synonym* : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

## stream

*n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

*synonym* : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

## tight

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

*synonym* : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

## density

*n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

*synonym* : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

## trademark

*n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies

*synonym* : brand, label, hallmark

(1) **trademark** license, (2) assign a **trademark**

The company's logo is a registered **trademark** on a global scale.

## emerging

*adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

*synonym* : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

**Emerging** technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

## resistant

*adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

*synonym* : unsusceptible, immune, invulnerable

(1) penicillin- **resistant** bacteria, (2) **resistant** to persuasion  
Insects in urban areas are becoming **resistant** to insecticides.

## sheath

*n.* a close-fitting cover to protect something such as the blade of a knife, sword, or other sharp objects

*synonym* : covering, case

(1) a sword **sheath**, (2) peripheral nerve **sheath**  
He had long suffered from inflammation of a tendon **sheath**.

## digit

*n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

*synonym* : number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place  
We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

## conform

*v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

*synonym* : comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects  
The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

## wrap

*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym* : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting  
**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## radiate

*v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

*synonym* : give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

## outward

*adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

*synonym*: external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

## cone

*n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

**Cone-shaped** cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

## 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.

## broad

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym*: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

## 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**.

## dexterous

*adj.* skilled or proficient in using the hands or body; nimble, clever, or deft

*synonym* : skillful, nimble, adept

(1) **dexterous** fingers, (2) **dexterous** movements

The **dexterous** musician played the piano with ease and precision.

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym* : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## canopy

*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

*synonym* : cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

## expansive

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

*synonym* : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

## gripping

*adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

*synonym* : captivating, enthralling, engrossing

(1) **gripping** documentary, (2) **gripping** tale

The **gripping** movie had me on the edge of my seat the

entire time.

## branch

*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

*synonym*: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## grip

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

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

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

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

## rigid

*adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

*synonym*: strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

## splay

*v.* to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand

*synonym*: spread out, flare, fan out

(1) **splay** out in a graceful manner, (2) **splay** my hands across his back

The branches of the tree **splayed** outwards, providing a natural canopy.

## addition

*n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

*synonym*: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

## sensitivity

*n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others

*synonym*: alertness, attentiveness, sympathy

(1) **sensitivity** analysis, (2) become full of **sensitivity**

The instrument has a high **sensitivity** to temperature changes.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym*: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## combination

*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

*synonym*: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

## dexterity

*n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

*synonym*: skillfulness, agility, expertise

(1) **dexterity** with the pen, (2) manual **dexterity**

The surgeon's **dexterity** was impressive during the delicate surgery.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym*: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## motor

*n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

*synonym*: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

## snatch

*v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

*synonym*: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

## insect

*n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

## pinch

*v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

*synonym*: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

## firm

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

*synonym*: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

## slim

*adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

*synonym*: slender, thin, lean

(1) **slim** chances, (2) **slim** margin

The **slim** laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

## evolution

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

*synonym*: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

## opposable

*adj.* able to be placed opposite something else, especially to grip or hold it

*synonym*: flexible, adaptable, changeable

(1) **opposable** claw, (2) **opposable** fingers

His **opposable** thumb allowed him to grasp objects with great precision.

## thumb

*n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

*synonym*: digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

## flexible

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

*synonym*: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

## grasp

*v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

*synonym*: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.



## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## interfere

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

*synonym*: interpose, interrupt, hamper

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

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

## piercing

*adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable

*synonym*: sharp, acute, biting

(1) **piercing** laughter, (2) **piercing** pain

A **piercing** scream filled the room.

## puncture

*n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

*synonym*: piercing, prick, hole

(1) bicycle **puncture**, (2) needle **puncture**

The tire had a **puncture** and needed to be replaced.

## hook

*n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

*synonym*: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym* : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

## toenail

*n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

*synonym* : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

## vibration

*n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

*synonym* : oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**

**Vibration** displaced part of the mechanism.

## aye

*adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation

*synonym* : yes, certainly, indeed

(1) **aye** vote, (2) **aye** claimed

The captain nodded in **aye**, showing his agreement with the plan.

## acquire

*v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

*synonym* : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

- tap** *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.  
*synonym* : knock, exploit, use  
(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger  
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.
- trunk** *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow  
*synonym* : body, chest, torso  
(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body  
Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.
- hollow** *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface  
*synonym* : cavity, depression, concavity  
(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound  
The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.
- sect** *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream  
*synonym* : group, faction, cult  
(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**  
The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- bat** *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis  
*synonym* : cane, rod, stick  
(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye  
The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

## burrow

*v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

*synonym*: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

## skew

*v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

*synonym*: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

## grub

*n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

*synonym*: larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

## scratch

*v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

*synonym*: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym*: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. h\_\_n of a vehicle  
*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
2. a\_e vote  
*adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation
3. in\_\_\_t antenna  
*n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
4. co\_\_\_n's family  
*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
5. ca\_\_\_y layer  
*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
6. ne\_\_\_e prick  
*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
7. a br\_\_d mind  
*adj.* very wide; general
8. pr\_\_\_\_\_e sanctuary  
*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

ANSWERS: 1. horn, 2. aye, 3. insect, 4. cousin, 5. canopy, 6. needle, 7. broad, 8. primate

9. de\_\_\_t a bad event      *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
10. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops      *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
11. fl\_\_\_\_\_le schedules      *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
12. wolf ta\_\_n      *n.* a sharp, hooked claw, especially on a bird of prey or a mammal such as a lion or a wolf
13. em\_\_\_\_\_ng country      *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
14. ac\_\_\_\_\_e knowledge      *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
15. c\_\_w marks      *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
16. nu\_\_\_\_\_nt medicine      *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
17. under a ca\_\_\_y of smoke      *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 9. detect, 10. movement, 11. flexible, 12. talon, 13. emerging, 14. acquire, 15. claw, 16. nutrient, 17. canopy

18. com\_\_\_\_\_on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
19. the st\_\_\_m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
20. loss of muscle ti\_\_\_e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
21. pr\_\_\_\_\_e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
22. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
23. pi\_\_\_\_\_ng pain *adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
24. needle pu\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
25. b\_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
26. accounting f\_\_m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 18. combination, 19. stream, 20. tissue, 21. precise, 22. unexpected, 23. piercing, 24. puncture, 25. bat, 26. firm



27. establish his ki\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
28. a fo\_\_\_l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
29. sp\_\_\_y out in a graceful manner *v.* to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand
30. sk\_\_\_l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
31. s\_\_\_m chances *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
32. a prosthetic l\_\_\_b *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
33. spiny ap\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
34. ou\_\_\_\_\_d cheerfulness *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
35. drive a we\_\_\_e into a relationship *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
36. a primitive ma\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 27. kingdom, 28. fossil, 29. splay, 30. skull, 31. slim, 32. limb, 33. appendage, 34. outward, 35. wedge, 36. mammal

37. chemical ad\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
38. peripheral nerve sh\_\_\_\_h *n.* a close-fitting cover to protect something such as the blade of a knife, sword, or other sharp objects
39. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
40. w\_\_p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
41. ea\_\_e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
42. in\_\_\_\_\_re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
43. t\_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
44. a ti\_\_t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
45. stress pr\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

ANSWERS: 37. addition, 38. sheath, 39. advantage, 40. wrap, 41. eagle, 42. interfere, 43. tap, 44. tight, 45. protein

46. ingrown to\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
47. sn\_\_\_\_h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
48. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
49. cross-co\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
50. wi\_\_d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
51. bu\_\_\_\_w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
52. de\_\_\_\_\_ty with the pen *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
53. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
54. ma\_\_\_\_x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
55. carbon fi\_\_r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 46. toenail, 47. snatch, 48. hunt, 49. cousin, 50. wield, 51. burrow, 52. dexterity, 53. incredible, 54. matrix, 55. fiber

56. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
57. an\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
58. ri\_\_d structure *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
59. have a thick sk\_\_l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
60. ra\_\_\_\_e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
61. th\_\_b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
62. ad\_\_\_\_on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
63. h\_\_f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
64. de\_\_\_\_us movements *adj.* skilled or proficient in using the hands or body; nimble, clever, or deft
65. a br\_\_h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 56. sect, 57. ancestor, 58. rigid, 59. skull, 60. radiate, 61. thumb, 62. addition, 63. hoof, 64. dexterous, 65. branch

66. pi\_\_h my nose *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
67. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
68. fl\_\_k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
69. protection against vi\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
70. ri\_\_d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
71. gr\_\_p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
72. with an ex\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
73. ecology and evo\_\_\_\_\_ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
74. clean h\_\_f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
75. ea\_\_e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
76. a facial ti\_\_\_e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

ANSWERS: 66. pinch, 67. complexity, 68. flick, 69. vibration, 70. rigid, 71. grasp, 72. expansive, 73. evolutionary, 74. hoof, 75. eagle, 76. tissue

77. in\_\_\_t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
78. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
79. naval ve\_\_\_ls *n.* a ship or large boat
80. sewing ne\_\_\_e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
81. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng tale *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
82. de\_\_\_d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
83. traffic c\_\_\_e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
84. sympathetic vi\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
85. the tr\_\_k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
86. 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: 77. insect, 78. movement, 79. vessel, 80. needle, 81. gripping, 82. defend, 83. cone, 84. vibration, 85. trunk, 86. structure

87. attract br\_\_d attention *adj.* very wide; general
88. op\_\_\_\_\_le fingers *adj.* able to be placed opposite something else, especially to grip or hold it
89. ev\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
90. pi\_\_h off a bud *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
91. ke\_\_\_\_\_n protein *n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
92. manual de\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
93. di\_\_t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
94. lose my g\_\_p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
95. s\_\_w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
96. become p\_\_y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

ANSWERS: 87. broad, 88. opposable, 89. evolve, 90. pinch, 91. keratin, 92. dexterity, 93. digit, 94. grip, 95. skew, 96. prey

97. a sort of ma\_\_\_l                    *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
98. p\_\_y of beast                    *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
99. have ho\_\_\_w legs                *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
100. assign a tr\_\_\_\_\_rk            *n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
101. a sword sh\_\_\_h                *n.* a close-fitting cover to protect something such as the blade of a knife, sword, or other sharp objects
102. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs        *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
103. burning of fo\_\_\_l fuels        *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
104. g\_\_b for potatoes              *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
105. the di\_\_t in the hundreds place    *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
106. synthetic fi\_\_r                *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 97. mammal, 98. prey, 99. hollow, 100. trademark, 101. sheath, 102. precise, 103. fossil, 104. grub, 105. digit, 106. fiber



107. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
108. higher pixel de\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
109. ev\_\_\_\_on theory      *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
110. fr\_\_\_\_nt use      *adj.* happening constantly
111. sen\_\_\_\_ty analysis      *n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others
112. blood ve\_\_\_\_ls      *n.* a ship or large boat
113. take ad\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points      *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
114. the evo\_\_\_\_ary process      *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
115. pe\_\_\_\_t in success      *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
116. ma\_\_\_\_e amounts      *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
117. a nu\_\_\_\_nt for hair      *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
118. h\_\_t after knowledge      *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 107. ancestor, 108. density, 109. evolution, 110. frequent, 111. sensitivity, 112. vessel, 113. advantage, 114. evolutionary, 115. persist, 116. massive, 117. nutrient, 118. hunt

119. penicillin-re\_\_\_\_\_nt bacteria *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
120. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
121. the ma\_\_\_\_x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
122. an ou\_\_\_\_\_d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
123. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
124. pi\_\_\_\_e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
125. g\_\_b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
126. become full of sen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others
127. language ada\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
128. sn\_\_\_\_h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
129. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 119. resistant, 120. improvisation, 121. matrix, 122. outward, 123. impressive, 124. pierce, 125. grab, 126. sensitivity, 127. adaptation, 128. snatch, 129. unexpected

130. ice cream c\_\_e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
131. ke\_\_\_\_n treatment *n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
132. fossil re\_\_\_\_e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
133. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
134. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
135. ra\_\_\_\_e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
136. br\_\_\_\_h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
137. at inc\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
138. DC mo\_\_r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
139. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
140. b\_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 130. cone, 131. keratin, 132. reptile, 133. improvisation, 134. gulf, 135. radiate, 136. branch, 137. incredible, 138. motor, 139. kingdom, 140. bat

141. bu\_\_\_w through the forest      *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
142. pi\_\_\_e a mystery      *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
143. f\_\_\_m grip      *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
144. wi\_\_\_d a bad influence      *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
145. sc\_\_\_\_\_h my signature      *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
146. pr\_\_\_\_\_n synthesis      *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
147. student on a ti\_\_\_t budget      *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
148. genic com\_\_\_\_\_ons      *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
149. co\_\_\_\_\_m to standards      *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

ANSWERS: 141. burrow, 142. pierce, 143. firm, 144. wield, 145. scratch, 146. protein, 147. tight, 148. combination, 149. conform

150. re-em\_\_\_\_\_ce of rampant inflation     *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
151. g\_\_p of fear     *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
152. a ve\_\_\_\_\_le writer     *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
153. re\_\_\_\_\_e exhibition     *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
154. secret s\_\_t     *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
155. g\_\_f war     *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
156. ada\_\_\_\_\_on ability     *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
157. a hat h\_\_k     *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
158. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory     *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
159. s\_\_w the message     *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
160. a mo\_\_r mechanic     *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 150. emergence, 151. grip, 152. versatile, 153. reptile, 154. sect, 155. gulf, 156. adaptation, 157. hook, 158. complexity, 159. skew, 160. motor

161. co\_\_\_\_\_m in all its aspects      *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
162. pi\_\_\_\_\_ng laughter      *adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
163. provide a ve\_\_\_\_\_le solution      *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
164. rusty n\_\_l      *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
165. re\_\_\_\_\_nt to persuasion      *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
166. sc\_\_\_\_\_h off a name      *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
167. w\_\_p a fish in foil      *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
168. population de\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
169. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng documentary      *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

ANSWERS: 161. conform, 162. piercing, 163. versatile, 164. nail, 165. resistant, 166. scratch, 167. wrap, 168. density, 169. gripping

170. ma\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
171. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
172. in\_\_\_\_\_re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
173. a handle of h\_\_n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
174. gr\_\_p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
175. t\_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
176. sharp ta\_\_n *n.* a sharp, hooked claw, especially on a bird of prey or a mammal such as a lion or a wolf
177. s\_\_m margin *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
178. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
179. the curved shape of a h\_\_k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 170. massive, 171. defend, 172. interfere, 173. horn, 174. grasp, 175. tap, 176. talon, 177. slim, 178. grab, 179. hook

180. put a we\_\_e under the door      *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
181. em\_\_\_\_\_ce as a national leader      *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
182. re\_\_\_\_\_t a lawsuit      *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
183. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt absence      *adj.* happening constantly
184. re\_\_\_\_\_t a promise      *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
185. cook up some g\_\_bs      *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
186. ac\_\_\_\_\_e a new company      *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
187. a fl\_\_\_\_\_le wire      *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
188. pr\_\_\_\_\_e species      *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

ANSWERS: 180. wedge, 181. emergence, 182. retract, 183. frequent, 184. retract, 185. grub, 186. acquire, 187. flexible, 188. primate



189. pe\_\_\_\_t over time      *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
190. en\_\_\_\_s possibilities      *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
191. ex\_\_\_\_ve ocean views      *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
192. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
193. to\_\_\_\_l fungus      *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
194. fl\_\_ker candle      *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
195. l\_\_b amputation      *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
196. human ev\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
197. th\_\_b wrestling      *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
198. de\_\_\_t smuggling across borders      *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
199. sp\_\_y my hands across his back      *v.* to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand

ANSWERS: 189. persist, 190. endless, 191. expansive, 192. evolve, 193. toenail, 194. flick, 195. limb, 196. evolution, 197. thumb, 198. detect, 199. splay

200. en\_\_\_\_s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
201. an endless st\_\_\_\_m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
202. bicycle pu\_\_\_\_re *n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
203. 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
204. ho\_\_\_\_w sound *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
205. de\_\_\_\_us fingers *adj.* skilled or proficient in using the hands or body; nimble, clever, or deft
206. mechanical ap\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
207. c\_\_w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
208. the tr\_\_k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

ANSWERS: 200. endless, 201. stream, 202. puncture, 203. structure, 204. hollow, 205. dexterous, 206. appendage, 207. claw, 208. trunk

209. tr\_\_\_\_\_rk license      *n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
210. n\_\_l clipper      *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
211. op\_\_\_\_\_le claw      *adj.* able to be placed opposite something else, especially to grip or hold it
212. a\_e claimed      *adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation
213. an imp\_\_\_\_\_ve array of facts      *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
214. em\_\_\_\_\_ng technologies      *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

ANSWERS: 209. trademark, 210. nail, 211. opposable, 212. aye, 213. impressive, 214. emerging

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He looked out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ stream of people.  
*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
2. The forest's \_\_\_\_\_ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.  
*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
3. He had a firm \_\_\_\_\_ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.  
*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
4. He was unpopular because of his \_\_\_\_\_ adherence to the rules.  
*adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
5. \_\_\_\_\_ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.  
*n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
6. The body needs a certain amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to build and repair tissues.  
*n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
7. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ through solid metal.  
*v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

ANSWERS: 1. endless, 2. canopy, 3. grip, 4. rigid, 5. Cone-shaped, 6. protein, 7. burrow

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.
- v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
10. Please hang your towel on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
11. \_\_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
12. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
13. Energy-efficient \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
14. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.
- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 8. movement, 9. flicked, 10. hook, 11. Wrap, 12. advantages, 13. motors, 14. claw

15. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.

*adj.* very wide; general

16. The majority of snakes swallow their \_\_\_\_\_ whole.

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

17. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

18. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal

19. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

20. The researcher separated the nervous \_\_\_\_\_ for microscopic examinations.

*n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

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

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

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 15. broad, 16. prey, 17. cousins, 18. limb, 19. retract, 20. tissue, 21. kingdom, 22. firm

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a new virus can cause concern for public health.  
*n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
24. Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess \_\_\_\_\_ on the skin's surface  
*n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
25. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
26. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.  
*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
27. We must enter a six-\_\_\_\_\_ number to unlock the safe.  
*n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
28. These \_\_\_\_\_ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.  
*n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
29. The company has an \_\_\_\_\_ network of offices and locations around the world.  
*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the safe was a secret.  
*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

ANSWERS: 23. emergence, 24. keratin, 25. ancestor, 26. detected, 27. digit, 28. insects, 29. expansive, 30. combination

31. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

32. He \_\_\_\_\_ victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

*v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

33. The results of the poll are \_\_\_\_\_ because it only surveyed a small group of people.

*v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

35. 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

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in port the following day.

*n.* a ship or large boat

37. We must consume dietary \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain good health.

*n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

38. They used fast-acting \_\_\_\_\_ on the flowers in the flower beds.

*n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

39. A \_\_\_\_\_ scream filled the room.

*adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 31. massive, 32. snatches, 33. skewed, 34. branch, 35. persist, 36. vessel, 37. fiber, 38. nutrients, 39. piercing



40. His heartaches are less \_\_\_\_\_ now.

*adj.* happening constantly

41. The eagle's \_\_\_\_\_ was gripping tightly onto its prey.

*n.* a sharp, hooked claw, especially on a bird of prey or a mammal such as a lion or a wolf

42. His \_\_\_\_\_ thumb allowed him to grasp objects with great precision.

*adj.* able to be placed opposite something else, especially to grip or hold it

43. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dinosaur tooth.

*n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

44. 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

45. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_ new human resources.

*v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

*adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

47. The branches of the tree \_\_\_\_\_ outwards, providing a natural canopy.

*v.* to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand

ANSWERS: 40. frequent, 41. talon, 42. opposable, 43. fossil, 44. structure, 45. tap, 46. outward, 47. splayed

48. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

49. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

50. The minority \_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

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

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

52. He had long suffered from inflammation of a tendon \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a close-fitting cover to protect something such as the blade of a knife, sword, or other sharp objects

53. The horse's \_\_\_\_ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

- n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

54. The tire had a \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be replaced.

- n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

55. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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

ANSWERS: 48. improvisation, 49. incredible, 50. sect, 51. hunt, 52. sheath, 53. hoof, 54. puncture, 55. defend

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
57. You can be more \_\_\_\_\_ and creative in your approach.
- adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
58. He used a hammer and round \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
59. In \_\_\_\_\_ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
60. The cave was a habitat for \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
61. The school requires students to \_\_\_\_\_ to a strict dress code.
- v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 56. matrix, 57. flexible, 58. nail, 59. addition, 60. bats, 61. conform, 62. Gulf

63. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your mosquito bites.

- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

64. The spider's \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to climb up the wall easily.

- n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

65. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

66. He \_\_\_\_\_ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

- v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

67. Insects in urban areas are becoming \_\_\_\_\_ to insecticides.

- adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

68. Jet \_\_\_\_\_ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

69. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.

- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 63. scratch, 64. appendage, 65. evolved, 66. pinched, 67. resistant, 68. streams, 69. horns

70. Alligators are a type of \_\_\_\_\_ that live in swamps and rivers.  
*n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
71. The company's logo is a registered \_\_\_\_\_ on a global scale.  
*n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
72. The extreme cold \_\_\_\_\_ our bones.  
*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
73. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
74. The tree had a \_\_\_\_\_ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.  
*adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
75. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal \_\_\_\_\_ at that historic site.  
*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
76. The bald \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.  
*n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
77. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.  
*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
78. \_\_\_\_\_ displaced part of the mechanism.  
*n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

ANSWERS: 70. reptile, 71. trademark, 72. pierced, 73. complexity, 74. hollow, 75. skull, 76. eagle, 77. tight, 78. Vibration

79. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
80. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
- n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
81. He inserted the \_\_\_\_\_ into a split in the log.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
82. Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the population in Hong Kong?
- n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
83. The surgeon's \_\_\_\_\_ was impressive during the delicate surgery.
- n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.
- adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
85. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.
- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
86. Your talking \_\_\_\_\_ with my work.
- v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

ANSWERS: 79. trunk, 80. mammal, 81. wedge, 82. density, 83. dexterity, 84. gripping, 85. precise, 86. interferes

87. Children \_\_\_\_\_ language at a fantastic rate.

- v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

88. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

89. The acupuncturist inserted \_\_\_\_\_ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

90. The garden was infested with beetle \_\_\_\_\_ causing damage to the plant roots.

- n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

91. Many scientists study \_\_\_\_\_ behavior and intelligence.

- n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

92. The captain nodded in \_\_\_\_\_ showing his agreement with the plan.

- adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation

93. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 87. acquire, 88. grab, 89. needles, 90. grubs, 91. primate, 92. aye, 93. unexpected

94. The \_\_\_\_ laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

*adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

95. Roads \_\_\_\_\_ from the famous building in the center of the city.

*v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

96. The instrument has a high \_\_\_\_\_ to temperature changes.

*n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others

97. The \_\_\_\_\_ musician played the piano with ease and precision.

*adj.* skilled or proficient in using the hands or body; nimble, clever, or deft

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

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

99. They study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

100. \_\_\_\_\_ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

*adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

101. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ approach has been highly effective.

*n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

102. \_\_\_\_\_ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 94. slim, 95. radiate, 96. sensitivity, 97. dexterous, 98. impressive, 99. evolution, 100. Emerging, 101. adaptation, 102. Evolutionary



103. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

104. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ actor who has acted in various parts.

*adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

105. They spent a lot of time trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the current situation.

*v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

106. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

107. He used his right \_\_\_\_\_ to press the button on his phone.

*n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

ANSWERS: 103. wielded, 104. versatile, 105. grasp, 106. toenail, 107. thumb