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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### unabashed

*adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame

*synonym*: unashamed, unembarrassed, unapologetic

(1) with **unabashed** curiosity, (2) **unabashed** honesty

He spoke with **unabashed** confidence in front of the crowd.

### censor

*n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

*synonym*: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1)  **censor** a book, (2)  **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to  **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

### monosyllable

*n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word

*synonym*: monologue

(1)  **monosyllable** word, (2) the use of  **monosyllables**

The student struggled to pronounce the  **monosyllable** words in the vocabulary list.

- spit** v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth  
*synonym*: expectorate, saliva, spew  
(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva  
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.
- 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.
- endearment** n. a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone  
*synonym*: affection, fondness, love  
(1) **endearment** nickname, (2) unspoken **endearment**  
Sweetheart is a term of **endearment** that some couples use.
- horrendous** adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying  
*synonym*: dreadful, terrible, horrifying  
(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime  
The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.
- chalice** n. a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant  
*synonym*: goblet, cup, mug  
(1) ceremonial **chalice**, (2) silver **chalice**  
The priest held the **chalice** during the Mass to offer the wine to the congregation.
- plod** v. to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative

*synonym* : trudge, slog, tramp

(1) **plod** along in mediocrity, (2) **plod** through mud

Despite the heavy snowfall, the hiker continued to **plod** along the trail.

## contender

*n.* the contestant you hope to defeat

*synonym* : rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**

We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym* : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## vulva

*n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs

*synonym* : genitals, sex organs, reproductive organs

(1) **vulva** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **vulva**

The surgeon decided to remove part of the **vulva** to remedy the patient's skin disease.

## etymology

*n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase

(1) **etymology** dictionary, (2) the **etymology** of a word

The study of **etymology** helps us to understand the origins of

words.

## linguist

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

*synonym*: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

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

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

## cognition

*n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

*synonym*: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

## germ

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

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## gynecology

*n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

*synonym*: obstetrics, women's health, women's medicine

(1) **gynecology** clinic, (2) **gynecology** exam

The **gynecology** department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## cunning

*adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

*synonym*: sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

## sneaky

*adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

*synonym*: sly, crafty, deceitful

(1) **sneaky** tactics, (2) **sneaky** behavior

The **sneaky** thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.

## ken

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

*synonym*: knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

## highbrow

*adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

*synonym*: intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

## quaint

*adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or

quirky appearance or manner

*synonym*: charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

## graffiti

*n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

*synonym*: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

## palatable

*adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

*synonym*: delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

## scabbard

*n.* a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons

*synonym*: sheath, holster

(1) ornate **scabbard**, (2) leather **scabbard**

The knight drew his sword from its **scabbard** to defend himself against the enemy.

## womb

*n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

*synonym*: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

## grope

v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

*synonym*: fumble, feel, pat

(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer

He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

## welsh

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

*synonym*: default, renege, fail to pay

(1) **welsh** on a promise, (2) **welsh** on the deal

The shepherd had to **welsh** some of the animals due to illness.

## greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym*: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## chastity

n. the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

*synonym*: purity, abstinence, virginity

(1) **chastity** belt, (2) purity and **chastity**

Some cultures see **chastity** as a virtue and practice

abstinence before marriage.

## **hatchet**

*n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

*synonym* : ax, cleaver, tomahawk

(1) **hatchet** job, (2) steel **hatchet** head

The woodsman used a sharp **hatchet** to chop firewood for the winter.

## **utopia**

*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym* : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## **offend**

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

*synonym* : insult, hurt, anger

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

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

## **blasphemy**

*n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

*synonym* : desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law

It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

## **dangle**

*v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

*synonym* : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.



## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## chap

*n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

*synonym*: fellow, guy, crack

(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**

He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.

## sonnet

*n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

*synonym*: poetic form, 14-line verse

(1) **sonnet** poetry, (2) Shakespeare's **sonnets**

The poet wrote a **sonnet** to express his love for his wife.

## hamlet

*n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

*synonym*: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

## handwriting

*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

*synonym*: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

## pun

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym*: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## immortal

*adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

*synonym* : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

## bard

*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

*synonym* : poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

## smut

*n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

*synonym* : dirt, filth, soot

(1) **smut** film, (2) **smut** fungi

The comedian's jokes were filled with **smut** and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.

## peddler

*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

*synonym* : hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

## libel

*n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character

*synonym*: defamation, slander, calumny

(1) sue a person for **libel**, (2) **libel** lawsuit

She was accused of **libel** after publishing an article that made false and damaging statements about a public figure.

## seditious

*adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection

*synonym*: rebellious, mutinous, traitorous

(1) **seditious** libel, (2) **seditious** behavior

The **seditious** speech incited the crowd to riot against the government.

## pamphlet

*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

*synonym*: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

## veil

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

*synonym*: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

## entendre

*n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

*synonym*: entente, innuendo, suggestion

(1) humorous **entendre**, (2) unintended **entendre**

The double **entendre** in the comedian's joke had the audience laughing.

## puritan

*n.* a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of

religious iconography and ritual

*synonym* : purist, pietist, separatist

(1) **puritan** beliefs, (2) **puritan** lifestyle

The **puritan** community shunned those who did not adhere to their strict moral code.

## repress

*v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

*synonym* : suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

## battleground

*n.* a place where a battle is fought

*synonym* : arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

## unleash

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

## jealousy

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym* : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

## lewd

*adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior

*synonym* : indecent, vulgar, obscene

(1) **lewd** behavior, (2) **lewd** comments

The comedian's **lewd** jokes offended some of the audience members.

## spew

*v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

*synonym*: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

## dram

*n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

*synonym*: drachm, whisky, scotch

(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**

He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

## digestive

*adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

## surfeit

*n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something

*synonym*: overabundance, excess, glut

(1) **surfeit** of food, (2) a **surfeit** of riches

Due to the **surfeit** of job applications, it took many weeks for the company to find the perfect candidate.

## gorge

*n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

*synonym*: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

## slime

*n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet  
*synonym*: muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

## devour

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

*synonym*: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

## footman

*n.* a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags

*synonym*: servant, butler, valet

(1) **footman** duties, (2) serving as a **footman**

The wealthy family had a royal **footman** to attend to their needs.

## brawn

*n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied

*synonym*: muscle, power, strength

(1) **brawn** drain, (2) show off his **brawn**

The bodybuilder's **brawn** was impressive.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## vulgar

*adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

*synonym*: crude, nasty, tasteless

(1) **vulgar** language, (2) **vulgar** content

She was offended by his **vulgar** gesture.

## slang

*n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

*synonym*: lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

## modesty

*n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

*synonym*: humility, reserve, bashfulness

(1) behave with **modesty**, (2) **modesty** panel

Many people with true talent show a sense of **modesty** rather than arrogance.

## buccaneer

*n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer

*synonym*: pirate, privateer, corsair

(1) **buccaneer** ship, (2) Caribbean **buccaneer**

The pirate movie featured a notorious **buccaneer** as the main character.

## lobster

*n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

*synonym*: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

## parlor

*n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

*synonym* : living room, salon, lounge

(1) **parlor** game, (2) beauty **parlor**

The family gathered in the **parlor** to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

## almanac

*n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

*synonym* : annual, yearbook, chronicle

(1) **almanac** information, (2) planting **almanac**

I consult my astrological **almanac** every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.

## boast

*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

*synonym* : show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

## moss

*n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

*synonym* : plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

**Moss** grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.



## **grotto**

*n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship

*synonym* : cave, cavern, grot

(1) underground **grotto**, (2) shrine **grotto**

The ancient temple has a beautiful indoor **grotto** with natural rock formations.

## **cupid**

*n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

*synonym* : cherub, angel

(1) **cupid** costume, (2) **cupid** love

**Cupid's** arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.

## **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.

## **prudish**

*adj.* showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes

*synonym* : priggish, puritanical, strait-laced

(1) **prudish** nature, (2) **prudish** behavior

The **prudish** dress code required students to wear long sleeves and pants, even on hot days.

## **rhyme**

*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

*synonym* : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

**itch** v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it  
*synonym*: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

**prick** v. to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

*synonym*: poke, jab, sting

(1) **prick** a balloon, (2) **prick** up her ears

He accidentally **pricked** his finger with the needle.

**chafe** v. to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience

*synonym*: irritate, rub, abrade

(1) **chafed** against my shoulders, (2) **chafe** under pressure

The new shoes are starting to **chafe** my feet after walking for hours.

**foreskin** n. a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris

*synonym*: prepuce

(1) **foreskin** inflammation, (2) neonatal **foreskin**

He educated his teenage son about maintaining good hygiene with an uncircumcised **foreskin** to prevent infections.

**derogatory** *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting

*synonym*: insulting, negative, pejorative

(1) have **derogatory** eyes, (2) **derogatory** language

He made **derogatory** comments about her appearance and

intelligence.

## aphrodisiac

*n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

*synonym*: love potion, sex stimulant

(1) powerful **aphrodisiac**, (2) herbal **aphrodisiac**

Oysters are believed to be a natural **aphrodisiac**, encouraging sexual desire.

## stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym*: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## obscene

*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

*synonym*: improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym*: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## 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**.

## pivotal

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

*synonym* : crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

## nay

*adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

*synonym* : no, never, not at all

(1) **nay** vote, (2) said **nay**

He claimed he could finish the project in a day, **nay**, in just a few hours.

## lass

*n.* a young woman or girl

*synonym* : girl, young woman, maiden

(1) **lass** singer, (2) country **lass**

The little **lass** said her prayers before going to bed every night.

## uneasy

*adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

*synonym* : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

## carnal

*adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

*synonym* : physical, sensual, sexual

(1) **carnal** encounter, (2) **carnal** pleasure

The church considers **carnal** desires to be sinful.

## exorcism

*n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

*synonym* : purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym* : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## relent

*v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

*synonym* : yield, soften, give in

(1) **relent** to pressure, (2) don't **relent** until late in the evening

The team refused to **relent** even after falling three points behind.

## mink

*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

*synonym* : fur, pelt

(1) the texture of **mink**, (2) **mink** fur

She wrapped herself in the luxurious **mink** coat on the cold winter day.

## pudendum

*n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening

*synonym* : genitals, privates

(1) female **pudendum**, (2) **pudendum** muliebre

She recommended that her patient be examined for the nerve

of the **pudendum**.

## ax

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

*synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

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

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

## gash

*n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin

*synonym* : cut, wound, laceration

(1) **gash** wound, (2) straight **gash**

He received a deep **gash** on his leg from the accident.

## growl

*v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

*synonym* : snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

## badger

*n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

*synonym* : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

## putrescent

*adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell

*synonym* : putrid, decaying, festering

(1) **putrescent** debris, (2) become **putrescent** in a short time

The **putrescent** odor from the trash can made it clear that it

needed to be emptied immediately.

## beard

*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

*synonym*: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

## clam

*n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

## sanitize

*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

*synonym*: clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

## pluck

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym*: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## buff

*n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

*synonym*: enthusiast, aficionado, fan

(1) **buffalo** buff, (2) movie **buff**

She's a history **buff** and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.

## glitter

*v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

*synonym*: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

## hymen

*n.* a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities

*synonym*: maidenhead, virginal membrane

(1) **hymen** rupture, (2) **hymen** intact

Certain medical conditions, such as an imperforate **hymen**, may require surgical intervention for normal menstruation and sexual function.

## pelvic

*adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

(1) **pelvic** pain, (2) **pelvic** exam

The **pelvic** region is an important area of the human anatomy.

## twinkle

*v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

*synonym*: sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. bat\_\_\_\_\_und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
2. the tw\_\_\_\_\_e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
3. bo\_\_t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
4. 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
5. unspoken end\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
6. an ob\_\_\_\_\_e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
7. sue a person for li\_\_l *n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character
8. qu\_\_t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
9. gyn\_\_\_\_\_gy exam *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

ANSWERS: 1. battleground, 2. twinkle, 3. boast, 4. mound, 5. endearment, 6. obscene, 7. libel, 8. quaint, 9. gynecology

10. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
11. da\_\_\_\_\_e a carrot      *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
12. pl\_\_k out weeds      *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
13. su\_\_\_\_\_t of food      *n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something
14. fo\_\_\_\_\_n duties      *n.* a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags
15. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
16. ceremonial ch\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant
17. v\_\_l her face      *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

ANSWERS: 10. explode, 11. dangle, 12. pluck, 13. surfeit, 14. footman, 15. creditor, 16. chalice, 17. veil

18. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public      *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
19. the texture of m\_\_k      *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
20. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
21. sn\_\_\_y tactics      *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
22. vu\_\_\_r content      *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
23. serving as a fo\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags
24. propaganda pa\_\_\_\_\_et      *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
25. ba\_\_\_r him with questions      *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
26. unintended en\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

ANSWERS: 18. fascinate, 19. mink, 20. industrious, 21. sneaky, 22. vulgar, 23. footman, 24. pamphlet, 25. badger, 26. entendre

27. qu\_\_\_t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
28. m\_\_s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
29. neonatal fo\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
30. gr\_\_l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
31. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
32. sl\_\_e bacteria *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
33. giant c\_\_m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
34. hy\_\_n rupture *n.* a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities
35. drug pe\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
36. pa\_\_\_\_\_et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 27. quaint, 28. moss, 29. foreskin, 30. growl, 31. smashing, 32. slime, 33. clam, 34. hymen, 35. peddler, 36. pamphlet

37. ca\_\_\_l pleasure *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
38. behave with mo\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
39. em\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
40. co\_\_\_\_\_on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
41. di\_\_\_\_\_ve juices *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
42. cu\_\_\_\_\_g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
43. Caribbean bu\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
44. pu\_\_\_\_\_n beliefs *n.* a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual

ANSWERS: 37. carnal, 38. modesty, 39. embark, 40. cognition, 41. digestive, 42. cunning, 43. buccaneer, 44. puritan

45. gr\_\_t a customer      *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
46. gr\_\_l menacingly      *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
47. the et\_\_\_\_\_gy of a word      *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
48. have not one d\_\_m of learning      *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
49. c\_\_p stick      *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
50. un\_\_\_y relationship      *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
51. demonic ex\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
52. pe\_\_\_c pain      *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
53. gyn\_\_\_\_\_gy clinic      *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

ANSWERS: 45. greet, 46. growl, 47. etymology, 48. dram, 49. chap, 50. uneasy, 51. exorcism, 52. pelvic, 53. gynecology

54. je\_\_\_\_sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
55. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
56. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
57. shuck a c\_\_m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
58. bu\_\_\_\_er ship *n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
59. cu\_\_d love *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
60. han\_\_\_\_ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
61. lo\_\_\_\_r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
62. tumor of w\_\_b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
63. hu\_\_\_\_ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 54. jealousy, 55. confuse, 56. reclaim, 57. clam, 58. buccaneer, 59. cupid, 60. handwriting, 61. lobster, 62. womb, 63. humanize

64. put\_\_\_\_\_nt debris *adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell
65. a famous b\_\_d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
66. v\_\_l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
67. a su\_\_\_\_\_t of riches *n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something
68. bl\_\_\_\_\_my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
69. of\_\_\_\_d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
70. pu\_\_\_\_\_um muliebre *n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
71. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
72. ch\_\_\_\_\_ty belt *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

ANSWERS: 64. putrescent, 65. bard, 66. veil, 67. surfeit, 68. blasphemy, 69. offend, 70. pudendum, 71. confuse, 72. chastity



73. a di\_\_\_\_\_ve enzyme      *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
74. leather sc\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons
75. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
76. powerful aph\_\_\_\_\_ac      *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
77. gl\_\_\_\_\_r in her eyes      *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
78. silver ch\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant
79. Internet sl\_\_g      *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
80. a black be\_\_d      *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
81. underground gr\_\_\_o      *n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship

ANSWERS: 73. digestive, 74. scabbard, 75. industrious, 76. aphrodisiac, 77. glitter, 78. chalice, 79. slang, 80. beard, 81. grotto

82. ob\_\_\_\_e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
83. da\_\_\_\_e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
84. beauty pa\_\_\_\_r *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
85. de\_\_\_\_r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
86. mo\_\_d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
87. pi\_\_\_\_l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
88. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
89. fresh lo\_\_\_\_r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
90. a sm\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 82. obscene, 83. dangle, 84. parlor, 85. devour, 86. mound, 87. pivotal, 88. doe, 89. lobster, 90. smashing

91. un\_\_\_\_h her anger      *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
92. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
93. s\_\_w carbon dioxide      *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
94. pi\_\_\_\_l role      *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
95. gr\_\_e for an answer      *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
96. gr\_\_t an idea      *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
97. commit bl\_\_\_\_my      *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
98. dr\_\_e flight      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
99. cu\_\_\_\_g thief      *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
100. write in rh\_\_e      *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
101. vu\_\_\_\_r language      *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

ANSWERS: 91. unleash, 92. stab, 93. spew, 94. pivotal, 95. grope, 96. greet, 97. blasphemy, 98. drone, 99. cunning, 100. rhyme, 101. vulgar

102. don't re\_\_\_t until late in the evening     *v.*    to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
103. purity and ch\_\_\_\_\_ty                     *n.*    the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
104. s\_\_w insults                                     *v.*    to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
105. im\_\_\_\_\_al soul                             *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
106. pr\_\_\_\_\_h nature                         *adj.* showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes
107. al\_\_\_\_\_c information                   *n.*    a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
108. sn\_\_\_y behavior                             *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
109. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young                     *v.*    to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 102. relent, 103. chastity, 104. spew, 105. immortal, 106. prudish, 107. almanac, 108. sneaky, 109. fascinate

110. m\_\_k fur *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
111. have der\_\_\_\_\_ry eyes *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting
112. gr\_\_\_\_\_ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
113. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
114. a hor\_\_\_\_\_us crime *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
115. g\_\_h wound *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
116. shrine gr\_\_\_o *n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship
117. ce\_\_\_r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
118. foreign li\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
119. country l\_\_s *n.* a young woman or girl

ANSWERS: 110. mink, 111. derogatory, 112. graffiti, 113. offend, 114. horrendous, 115. gash, 116. grotto, 117. censor, 118. linguist, 119. lass

120. ha\_\_\_\_t job *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
121. straight g\_\_h *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
122. we\_\_h on a promise *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
123. hy\_\_n intact *n.* a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities
124. green m\_\_s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
125. sa\_\_\_\_\_ze the kitchen *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
126. s\_\_b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
127. et\_\_\_\_\_gy dictionary *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
128. i\_\_h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
129. within my k\_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

ANSWERS: 120. hatchet, 121. gash, 122. welsh, 123. hymen, 124. moss, 125. sanitize, 126. stab, 127. etymology, 128. itch, 129. ken

130. im\_\_\_\_al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
131. nice c\_\_p *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
132. rh\_\_e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
133. movie b\_\_f *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
134. with un\_\_\_\_\_ed curiosity *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
135. we\_\_h on the deal *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
136. der\_\_\_\_\_ry language *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting
137. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
138. become put\_\_\_\_\_nt in a short time *adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell

ANSWERS: 130. immortal, 131. chap, 132. rhyme, 133. buff, 134. unabashed, 135. welsh, 136. derogatory, 137. ax, 138. putrescent

139. li\_\_\_\_te people from oppression      *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
140. un\_\_\_\_\_ed honesty      *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
141. perfect ut\_\_\_a      *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
142. medieval b\_\_d      *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
143. pr\_\_k a balloon      *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
144. vu\_\_a cancer      *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
145. shave my be\_\_d      *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
146. presidential co\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
147. burn with je\_\_\_\_\_sy      *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
148. ch\_\_ed against my shoulders      *v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience

ANSWERS: 139. liberate, 140. unabashed, 141. utopia, 142. bard, 143. prick, 144. vulva, 145. beard, 146. contender, 147. jealousy, 148. chafe



149. pa\_\_\_\_\_le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
150. re\_\_\_t to pressure *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
151. cannot re\_\_\_\_\_s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
152. b\_\_falo buff *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
153. se\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection
154. s\_\_t film *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
155. social co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
156. a ut\_\_\_a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 149. palatable, 150. relent, 151. repress, 152. buff, 153. seditious, 154. smut, 155. cognition, 156. utopia

157. p\_\_d along in mediocrity      *v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
158. sl\_\_g phrases      *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
159. 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
160. historic ha\_\_\_t      *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
161. pa\_\_\_\_\_le food      *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
162. have un\_\_\_y eyes      *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
163. the use of mon\_\_\_\_\_bles      *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
164. 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
165. Shakespeare's so\_\_\_ts      *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
166. mo\_\_\_\_\_y panel      *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

ANSWERS: 157. plod, 158. slang, 159. dexterity, 160. hamlet, 161. palatable, 162. uneasy, 163. monosyllable, 164. heir, 165. sonnet, 166. modesty

167. tw\_\_\_\_e like a star  
*v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
168. the legal bat\_\_\_\_\_und  
*n.* a place where a battle is fought
169. pl\_\_k a gray hair  
*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
170. the speaker's dr\_\_e  
*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
171. pe\_\_\_c exam  
*adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
172. s\_\_t fungi  
*n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
173. p\_\_d through mud  
*v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
174. humorous en\_\_\_\_re  
*n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
175. 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

ANSWERS: 167. twinkle, 168. battleground, 169. pluck, 170. drone, 171. pelvic, 172. smut, 173. plod, 174. entendre, 175. dexterity

176. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
177. said n\_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
178. em\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
179. pu\_\_\_\_\_n lifestyle *n.* a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual
180. show off his br\_\_n *n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
181. re\_\_\_\_\_m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
182. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
183. hor\_\_\_\_\_us traffic *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
184. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 176. pun, 177. nay, 178. embark, 179. puritan, 180. brawn, 181. reclaim, 182. ax, 183. horrendous, 184. liberate

185. hu\_\_\_\_ze a room      *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
186. l\_\_s singer      *n.* a young woman or girl
187. 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
188. l\_\_d comments      *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
189. sa\_\_\_\_ze surfaces      *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
190. ex\_\_\_\_e in popularity      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
191. the go\_\_es of the Yangtse River      *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
192. gl\_\_\_\_r against her skin      *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
193. end\_\_\_\_nt nickname      *n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
194. li\_\_l lawsuit      *n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character

ANSWERS: 185. humanize, 186. lass, 187. heir, 188. lewd, 189. sanitize, 190. explode, 191. gorge, 192. glitter, 193. endearment, 194. libel

195. bo\_\_t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
196. scotch d\_\_m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
197. gr\_\_\_\_ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
198. championship co\_\_\_\_er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
199. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
200. so\_\_\_t poetry *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
201. s\_\_t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
202. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
203. female pu\_\_\_\_um *n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
204. sl\_\_e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
205. n\_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; *(noun)* a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 195. boast, 196. dram, 197. graffiti, 198. contender, 199. creditor, 200. sonnet, 201. spit, 202. pun, 203. pudendum, 204. slime, 205. nay

206. han\_\_\_\_\_ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
207. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
208. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
209. ce\_\_\_r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
210. ha\_\_\_t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
211. fo\_\_\_\_\_in inflammation *n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
212. inflammation of the vu\_\_a *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
213. de\_\_\_r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
214. se\_\_\_\_\_us libel *adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection

ANSWERS: 206. handwriting, 207. germ, 208. doe, 209. censor, 210. hamlet, 211. foreskin, 212. vulva, 213. devour, 214. seditious

215. i\_\_h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
216. ba\_\_\_r territory *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
217. l\_\_d behavior *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
218. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
219. br\_\_n drain *n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
220. influence pe\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
221. mon\_\_\_\_\_ble word *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
222. gr\_\_e after the truth *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
223. steel ha\_\_\_\_t head *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

ANSWERS: 215. itch, 216. badger, 217. lewd, 218. germ, 219. brawn, 220. peddler, 221. monosyllable, 222. grope, 223. hatchet



224. hi\_\_\_\_ow music *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
225. cu\_\_d costume *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
226. s\_\_t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
227. w\_\_b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
228. pr\_\_\_\_h behavior *adj.* showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes
229. cognitive li\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
230. ca\_\_\_l encounter *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
231. re\_\_\_\_s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
232. hi\_\_\_\_ow conversation *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

ANSWERS: 224. highbrow, 225. cupid, 226. spit, 227. womb, 228. prudish, 229. linguist, 230. carnal, 231. repress, 232. highbrow

233. cast the go\_\_e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
234. herbal aph\_\_\_\_ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
235. ornate sc\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons
236. pr\_\_k up her ears *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
237. k\_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
238. pa\_\_\_\_r game *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
239. ex\_\_\_\_sm ceremony *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
240. ch\_\_e under pressure *v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience

ANSWERS: 233. gorge, 234. aphrodisiac, 235. scabbard, 236. prick, 237. ken, 238. parlor, 239. exorcism, 240. chafe

241. planting al\_\_\_\_c

*n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

242. un\_\_\_\_h a hound

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 241. almanac, 242. unleash

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_ on the buildings downtown.
  - n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
  
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
  - v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
  
3. The charity event aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
  - v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
  
4. Oysters are believed to be a natural \_\_\_\_\_ encouraging sexual desire.
  - n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
  
5. He was \_\_\_\_\_ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
  - adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
  
6. 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
  
7. The priest held the \_\_\_\_\_ during the Mass to offer the wine to the congregation.
  - n.* a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant

ANSWERS: 1. graffiti, 2. repressed, 3. humanize, 4. aphrodisiac, 5. uneasy, 6. mound, 7. chalice

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ odor from the trash can made it clear that it needed to be emptied immediately.  
*adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell
9. The political organization handed out \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about their cause.  
*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
10. He spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ confidence in front of the crowd.  
*adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
11. He suffered a painful \_\_\_\_\_ on his hand after working with chemicals.  
*n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.  
*n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
13. The church considers \_\_\_\_\_ desires to be sinful.  
*adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
14. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 8. putrescent, 9. pamphlets, 10. unabashed, 11. chap, 12. gynecology, 13. carnal, 14. offended

15. He poured himself a \_\_\_\_\_ of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.
- n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
16. The student struggled to pronounce the \_\_\_\_\_ words in the vocabulary list.
- n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
18. The professor focused on the research of infant \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
19. Despite the heavy snowfall, the hiker continued to \_\_\_\_\_ along the trail.
- v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
20. The volcano started to \_\_\_\_\_ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.
- v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
21. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
22. The dog began to \_\_\_\_\_ at the stranger approaching the house.
- v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

ANSWERS: 15. dram, 16. monosyllable, 17. devoured, 18. cognition, 19. plod, 20. spew, 21. embarked, 22. growl

23. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to say such a thing.  
*n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
24. He had a good \_\_\_\_ of the city and could easily find his way around.  
*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
25. The ancient temple has a beautiful indoor \_\_\_\_\_ with natural rock formations.  
*n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship
26. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
27. He educated his teenage son about maintaining good hygiene with an uncircumcised \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent infections.  
*n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
28. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.  
*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
29. \_\_\_\_\_ arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.  
*n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ region is an important area of the human anatomy.  
*adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

ANSWERS: 23. blasphemy, 24. ken, 25. grotto, 26. spit, 27. foreskin, 28. pun, 29. Cupid's, 30. pelvic

31. The poem had a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ scheme throughout.
- n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
32. Certain medical conditions, such as an imperforate \_\_\_\_\_ may require surgical intervention for normal menstruation and sexual function.
- n.* a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities
33. Legends often describe mythical creatures as \_\_\_\_\_ beings.
- adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
34. He was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark for the light switch.
- v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
35. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. The newspaper editor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
37. The kids loved playing with the green \_\_\_\_\_ but it was a nightmare to clean up.
- n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
38. A nutritious diet improves \_\_\_\_\_ functions.
- adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

ANSWERS: 31. rhyme, 32. hymen, 33. immortal, 34. grope, 35. exploded, 36. censor, 37. slime, 38. digestive



39. He grew a thick \_\_\_\_\_ to change his appearance.  
*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
40. Her dress \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.  
*v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
41. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.  
*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ dress code required students to wear long sleeves and pants, even on hot days.  
*adj.* showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes
43. Though I love literature, I'm a bad \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
44. She wrapped herself in the luxurious \_\_\_\_\_ coat on the cold winter day.  
*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
45. We must pass through the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ with a stream running through it.  
*n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
46. She was offended by his \_\_\_\_\_ gesture.  
*adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

ANSWERS: 39. beard, 40. glittered, 41. smashing, 42. prudish, 43. linguist, 44. mink, 45. gorge, 46. vulgar

47. The new shoes are starting to \_\_\_\_\_ my feet after walking for hours.
- v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience
48. The knight drew his sword from its \_\_\_\_\_ to defend himself against the enemy.
- n.* a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
50. She recommended that her patient be examined for the nerve of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
51. He used an \_\_\_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
52. The general was still reluctant to \_\_\_\_\_ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
53. The priest performed an \_\_\_\_\_ to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.
- n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.
- adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

ANSWERS: 47. chafe, 48. scabbard, 49. germ, 50. pudendum, 51. ax, 52. unleash, 53. exorcism, 54. sneaky

55. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

56. His eyes \_\_\_\_\_ with mischief.

- v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

57. The team refused to \_\_\_\_\_ even after falling three points behind.

- v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

58. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.

- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

59. Some cultures see \_\_\_\_\_ as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

- n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

60. A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

- n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

61. The restaurant served a delicious \_\_\_\_\_ steamed to perfection.

- n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

62. The pirate movie featured a notorious \_\_\_\_\_ as the main character.

- n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer

ANSWERS: 55. womb, 56. twinkled, 57. relent, 58. liberated, 59. chastity, 60. slang, 61. lobster, 62. buccaneer

63. His \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
64. The bodybuilder's \_\_\_\_\_ was impressive.
- n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
65. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
66. The \_\_\_\_\_ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.
- adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
67. She only reads \_\_\_\_\_ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.
- adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
68. This town \_\_\_\_\_ a national park.
- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
69. Many people with true talent show a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ rather than arrogance.
- n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
70. She's a history \_\_\_\_\_ and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.
- n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

ANSWERS: 63. jealousy, 64. brawn, 65. greeted, 66. quaint, 67. highbrow, 68. boasts, 69. modesty, 70. buff

71. The \_\_\_\_\_ community shunned those who did not adhere to their strict moral code.
- n.* a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual
72. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
73. 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
74. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
75. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
76. Due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of job applications, it took many weeks for the company to find the perfect candidate.
- n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something
77. The surgeon decided to remove part of the \_\_\_\_\_ to remedy the patient's skin disease.
- n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs

ANSWERS: 71. puritan, 72. hamlet, 73. heir, 74. drone, 75. plucked, 76. surfeit, 77. vulva

78. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.

- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

79. He accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ his finger with the needle.

- v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

80. We were looking at a severe \_\_\_\_\_ indeed.

- n.* the contestant you hope to defeat

81. The poet wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ to express his love for his wife.

- n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

82. The wealthy family had a royal \_\_\_\_\_ to attend to their needs.

- n.* a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags

83. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

84. He made \_\_\_\_\_ comments about her appearance and intelligence.

- adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting

85. The family gathered in the \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

- n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

ANSWERS: 78. doe, 79. pricked, 80. contender, 81. sonnet, 82. footman, 83. fascinated, 84. derogatory, 85. parlor

86. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.  
*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
87. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the note was barely legible.  
*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ speech incited the crowd to riot against the government.  
*adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection
89. The \_\_\_\_\_ thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.  
*n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
90. He made an \_\_\_\_\_ gesture.  
*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
91. The CEO's decision was \_\_\_\_\_ in the success of the company's expansion plans.  
*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.  
*adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

ANSWERS: 86. bard's, 87. handwriting, 88. seditious, 89. badger's, 90. obscene, 91. pivotal, 92. cunning

93. He lifted her \_\_\_\_\_ with both hands.

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

94. I can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ my arm because of the mosquito bite.

*v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

95. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

96. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

97. The city became a \_\_\_\_\_ during the war.

*n.* a place where a battle is fought

98. The double \_\_\_\_\_ in the comedian's joke had the audience laughing.

*n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

99. The comedian's jokes were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.

*n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

100. 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

ANSWERS: 93. veil, 94. itching, 95. palatable, 96. reclaim, 97. battleground, 98. entendre, 99. smut, 100. dexterity



101. The little \_\_\_\_\_ said her prayers before going to bed every night.  
*n.* a young woman or girl
102. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.  
*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
103. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.  
*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
104. Sweetheart is a term of \_\_\_\_\_ that some couples use.  
*n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
105. The study of \_\_\_\_\_ helps us to understand the origins of words.  
*n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
106. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ jokes offended some of the audience members.  
*adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
107. The \_\_\_\_\_ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.  
*adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
108. She was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ after publishing an article that made false and damaging statements about a public figure.  
*n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character

ANSWERS: 101. lass, 102. peddler, 103. utopia, 104. endearment, 105. etymology, 106. lewd, 107. horrendous, 108. libel

109. He claimed he could finish the project in a day, \_\_\_\_\_ in just a few hours.

*adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

110. \_\_\_\_\_ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

*n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

111. The woodsman used a sharp \_\_\_\_\_ to chop firewood for the winter.

*n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

112. I consult my astrological \_\_\_\_\_ every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.

*n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

113. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

114. The earring on her earlobe would \_\_\_\_\_ as she moved her head.

*v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

115. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

*v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

ANSWERS: 109. nay, 110. Moss, 111. hatchet, 112. almanac, 113. stabbed, 114. dangle, 115. sanitize

116. The shepherd had to \_\_\_\_\_ some of the animals due to illness.  
*v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
117. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
118. The \_\_\_\_\_ digs through the sand to a significant depth.  
*n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
119. He received a deep \_\_\_\_\_ on his leg from the accident.  
*n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
120. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
121. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 116. welsh, 117. industrious, 118. clam, 119. gash, 120. confused, 121. creditor