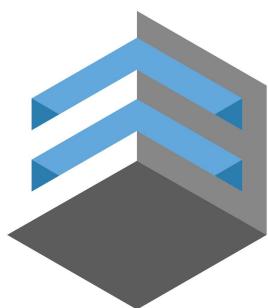


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## Session 1: Word List

### glossy

*adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

*synonym:* shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

### intercept

*v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

*synonym:* ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

### voiceprint

*n.* a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes

(1) **voiceprint** authentication, (2) analyze **voiceprint**

The security system at the office uses **voiceprint** recognition to grant access to authorized personnel.

## backroom

*n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner

*synonym:* secret, hidden, private

(1) the boys in the **backroom**, (2) **backroom** negotiations

The manager held a secret meeting in the **backroom** to discuss the new project.

## unregulated

*adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system

*synonym:* uncontrolled, unmonitored, unbridled

(1) **unregulated** market, (2) **unregulated** off-shore fishing

Without regulations, the industry is **unregulated** and potentially dangerous.

## spur

*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

*synonym:* encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

## 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.

## oceanography

*n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions

with the atmosphere and land

*synonym:* marine science, oceanology, oceanic research

(1) **oceanography** data, (2) **oceanography** expedition

The **oceanography** research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.

## goggle

v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

*synonym:* gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

## authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

*synonym:* dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

## dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

*synonym:* dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

## 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.

## genesis

*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind  
*synonym:* beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**  
The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

## bazaar

*n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East  
*synonym:* market, fair, trading post

(1) a charity **bazaar**, (2) a church **bazaar**

The **bazaar** market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something  
*synonym:* consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## unassuming

*adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward  
*synonym:* diffident, humble, modest

(1) **unassuming** appearance, (2) an **unassuming** fashion

His **unassuming** manner concealed his ambition.

## patriot

*n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required  
*synonym:* nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

## landline

*n.* a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection  
*synonym:* fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

### smartphone

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet  
(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

### spook

- v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost  
*synonym:* frighten, scare, discomfort  
(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children  
The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

### accuse

- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing  
*synonym:* charge, blame, criticize  
(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other  
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

### harass

- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention  
*synonym:* pester, annoy, bother  
(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism  
She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

### pentagon

- n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military  
*synonym:* five-sided shape, quinquangle  
(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

### scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

### surreptitious

adj. kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate

*synonym*: clandestine, covert, sneaky

(1) **surreptitious** glance, (2) **surreptitious** meeting

The thief made a **surreptitious** escape from the scene of the crime.

### swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

*synonym*: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

### outstrip

v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

*synonym*: outdo, surpass, exceed

(1) **outstrip** competitors, (2) **outstrip** population growth

The company's sales have **outstripped** expectations for the quarter.

### paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

### dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work

of fiction describing those place

*synonym*: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

## tinfoil

*n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

*synonym*: aluminum foil

(1) **tinfoil** hat, (2) a sheet of **tinfoil**

To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in **tinfoil** and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

## 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.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## coronavirus

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

*synonym*: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

## tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

*synonym:* tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

## pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym:* outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

*synonym:* deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

## offline

*adj.* not connected to the internet

*synonym:* disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

## imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym:* amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

## languish

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

*synonym*: flag, wane, wither

(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness  
He continues to **languish** in prison.

## revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

*synonym*: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

## weaponry

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym*: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

*synonym*: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. ti____l hat                        | <i>n.</i> metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food  |
| 2. pa____id about issues              | <i>adj.</i> unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you   |
| 3. ex____e in popularity              | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open   |
| 4. ac____e his rudeness               | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing   |
| 5. imp_____ly developed               | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way   |
| 6. s__r a momentum of economic growth | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something                           |
| 7. in____pt an enemy force            | <i>v.</i> to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination   |
| 8. la____sh for lack of funding       | <i>v.</i> (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time |
| 9. a sheet of ti____l                 | <i>n.</i> metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food  |

ANSWERS: 1. tinfoil, 2. paranoid, 3. explode, 4. accuse, 5. imperfectly, 6. spur, 7. intercept, 8. languish, 9. tinfoil

10. in___t a computer with a virus	v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
11. pr_____ze post offices	v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
12. global pa____ic	n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
13. a church ba___r	n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
14. unr_____ed off-shore fishing	adj. not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
15. sc____r around the internet	v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
16. a charity ba___r	n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
17. s__r of the moment	n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
18. in___t other animal species	v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
19. di____nt activities	n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

ANSWERS: 10. infect, 11. privatize, 12. pandemic, 13. bazaar, 14. unregulated, 15. scatter, 16. bazaar, 17. spur, 18. infect, 19. dissident

20. the escape from dy\_\_\_\_ia  
*n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
21. in the Book of Ge\_\_\_\_s  
*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
22. ha\_\_\_\_s with constant criticism  
*v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
23. sma\_\_\_\_ne addict  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
24. zealous pa\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
25. pr\_\_\_\_ze healthcare  
*v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
26. ac\_\_\_\_e each other  
*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
27. unr\_\_\_\_ed market  
*adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
28. gl\_\_\_\_y lipstick  
*adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

ANSWERS: 20. dystopia, 21. genesis, 22. harass, 23. smartphone, 24. patriot, 25. privatize, 26. accuse, 27. unregulated, 28. glossy

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29. gl___y photograph	<i>adj.</i> having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
30. flu pa____ic	<i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
31. w__m of youth	<i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
32. sur_____ous meeting	<i>adj.</i> kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate
33. go___e his eyes	<i>v.</i> to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
34. co___r degree	<i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
35. analyze voi_____nt	<i>n.</i> a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes
36. voi____nt authentication	<i>n.</i> a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes

ANSWERS: 29. glossy, 30. pandemic, 31. whim, 32. surreptitious, 33. goggle, 34. confer, 35. voiceprint, 36. voiceprint

37. la____ne connection	<i>n.</i> a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
38. sma____ne app developer	<i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
39. una____ng appearance	<i>adj.</i> not arrogant, bold, or forward
40. sw__e a card	<i>v.</i> to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
41. equilateral pe____on	<i>n.</i> a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
42. re___e my energy	<i>v.</i> to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
43. pa____id disorder	<i>adj.</i> unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
44. ou____ip competitors	<i>v.</i> to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
45. la____ne phone	<i>n.</i> a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

ANSWERS: 37. landline, 38. smartphone, 39. unassuming, 40. swipe, 41. pentagon, 42. revive, 43. paranoid, 44. outstrip, 45. landline

46. aut_____ian government	<i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
47. at the w__m of circumstance	<i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
48. a crumbling dy____ia	<i>n.</i> an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
49. oce_____phy data	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
50. blind pa____t	<i>n.</i> a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
51. the boys in the ba____om	<i>n.</i> a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
52. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. ta____ze taste buds	<i>v.</i> to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 46. authoritarian, 47. whim, 48. dystopia, 49. oceanography, 50. patriot, 51. backroom, 52. industrious, 53. tantalize

54. oce_____phy expedition	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
55. aut_____ian practice	<i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
56. an una_____ng fashion	<i>adj.</i> not arrogant, bold, or forward
57. the speaker's dr__e	<i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
58. co___r honor	<i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
59. sp__k the children	<i>v.</i> to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
60. of____e course	<i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet
61. the ge____s of civilization	<i>n.</i> the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
62. sw__e left on a dating app	<i>v.</i> to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

ANSWERS: 54. oceanography, 55. authoritarian, 56. unassuming, 57. drone, 58. confer, 59. spook, 60. offline, 61. genesis, 62. swipe

63. sur\_\_\_\_\_ous glance      *adj.* kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate
64. pe\_\_\_\_on building      *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
65. advanced we\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
66. la\_\_\_\_sh under illness      *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
67. sp\_\_k the fish      *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
68. ba\_\_\_\_om negotiations      *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
69. ta\_\_\_\_ze with promises      *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 63. surreptitious, 64. pentagon, 65. weaponry, 66. languish, 67. spook, 68. backroom, 69. tantalize

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 70. of ____e mode              | <i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet   |
| 71. ha____s the enemy          | <i>v.</i> to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention   |
| 72. we____ry development       | <i>n.</i> a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country   |
| 73. cor_____us bankruptcy      | <i>n.</i> a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 |
| 74. dr____e flight             | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control  |
| 75. imp_____ly known disease   | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way   |
| 76. ou____ip population growth | <i>v.</i> to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality   |
| 77. infrared go____es          | <i>v.</i> to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes   |

ANSWERS: 70. offline, 71. harass, 72. weaponry, 73. coronavirus, 74. drone, 75. imperfectly, 76. outstrip, 77. goggle

78. outspoken di_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
79. sc_____r seeds	<i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions
80. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
81. ex_____e in anger	<i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
82. re____e an old friendship	<i>v.</i> to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
83. in____pt X rays	<i>v.</i> to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
84. cor_____us antibody test kit	<i>n.</i> a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 78. dissident, 79. scatter, 80. industrious, 81. explode, 82. revive, 83. intercept, 84. coronavirus

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician's remarks became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the clash between the two countries.  
*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
  
2. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
  
3. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.  
*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
  
4. He quit his job on a \_\_\_\_\_ and moved to a new city.  
*n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
  
5. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.  
*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
  
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.  
*v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
  
7. Without regulations, the industry is \_\_\_\_\_ and potentially dangerous.  
*adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
  
8. The thief made a \_\_\_\_\_ escape from the scene of the crime.  
*adj.* kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate

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ANSWERS: 1. genesis, 2. imperfectly, 3. pandemic, 4. whim, 5. weaponry, 6. revived, 7. unregulated, 8. surreptitious

9. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

10. 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

11. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided \_\_\_\_\_.

- n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

12. The magazine cover had a \_\_\_\_\_ finish, making the images shine.

- adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

13. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

- n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

14. He continues to \_\_\_\_\_ in prison.

- v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

15. His \_\_\_\_\_ manner concealed his ambition.

- adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward

16. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

- v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

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ANSWERS: 9. accused, 10. drone, 11. pentagon, 12. glossy, 13. smartphones, 14. languish, 15. unassuming, 16. swipe

17. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
18. The manager held a secret meeting in the \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the new project.
- n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
19. The security system at the office uses \_\_\_\_\_ recognition to grant access to authorized personnel.
- n.* a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.
- n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
21. We need to install a \_\_\_\_\_ in our new office before we can start taking client calls.
- n.* a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
22. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

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ANSWERS: 17. exploded, 18. backroom, 19. voiceprint, 20. oceanography, 21. landline, 22. dystopias

23. The government wants to \_\_\_\_\_ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
- v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
24. The software company bought the VR \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturer.
- v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
25. Considering the situation of \_\_\_\_\_ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
26. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
27. A \_\_\_\_\_ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
- adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
28. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. The bankruptcy of that company \_\_\_\_\_ markets.
- v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

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ANSWERS: 23. privatize, 24. goggles, 25. coronavirus, 26. confer, 27. paranoid, 28. industrious, 29. spooked

30. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.

- v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

31. The computer is \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

- adj. not connected to the internet

32. The government's security forces constantly monitored the \_\_\_\_\_ politician.

- n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

33. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio.

- v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

- adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

35. To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in \_\_\_\_\_ and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

- n. metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

36. The company's sales have \_\_\_\_\_ expectations for the quarter.

- v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

- n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

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ANSWERS: 30. scattered, 31. offline, 32. dissident, 33. intercept, 34. authoritarian, 35. tinfoil, 36. outstripped, 37. bazaar

38. The threat of losing his job was the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to work harder.
- n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
39. She was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
40. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
41. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
- v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
42. He is more of a hypocrite than a \_\_\_\_\_ to be honest.
- n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

ANSWERS: 38. spur, 39. harassed, 40. tantalized, 41. infect, 42. patriot,