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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- vie**
- v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
- synonym*: compete, contend, strive
- (1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention
- They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.
- frightening**
- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
- synonym*: scary, terrifying, alarming
- (1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience
- The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.
- sniff**
- v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
- synonym*: smell, inhale, scent
- (1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume
- The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.
- pretension**
- n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded

or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## hypocrisy

*n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

*synonym* : insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

## reckless

*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

*synonym* : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

**Reckless** youth makes rueful age.

## quixotic

*adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable

*synonym* : idealistic, impractical, unrealistic

(1) **quixotic** adventure, (2) **quixotic** dream

The politician's **quixotic** campaign promise to end all poverty was met with skepticism.

## snare

*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

*synonym* : trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

## rehearse

*v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

*synonym* : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

## queer

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

*synonym* : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

## maneuver

*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

*synonym* : gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

## kitsch

*n.* art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value

*synonym* : schlock, sentimentality

(1) **kitsch** art, (2) **kitsch** decor

The garden gnome statue is cheesy **kitsch**, but some people love that style.

## misunderstand

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym* : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## earnest

*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

*synonym* : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

## memorize

*v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

*synonym* : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## butler

*n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

*synonym* : valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

## fanatic

*adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

*synonym* : zealous, extremist, passionate

(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion

The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the

country to watch the match.

## carefree

*adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

*synonym*: light-hearted, carefree, easygoing

(1) **carefree** attitude, (2) **carefree** vacation

I miss the **carefree** days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

## transgender

*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

*synonym*: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

## ascribe

*v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source

*synonym*: attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

## nonbinary

*adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

*synonym*: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

## embody

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym*: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of

innovation and sustainability.

## fraternity

*n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

*synonym*: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

## snapback

*n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

(1) vintage **snapback**, (2) **snapback** trend

I love wearing **snapback** hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

## baggy

*adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

*synonym*: loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

## slack

*adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

*synonym*: loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

**lax** *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient  
*synonym*: loose, slack, relaxed  
(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude  
The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

**astound** *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much  
*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise  
(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer  
The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

**fluctuate** *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably  
*synonym*: vary, oscillate, sway  
(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly  
Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

**satire** *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques  
*synonym*: irony, mockery, ridicule  
(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**  
The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

**uncanny** *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling  
*synonym*: arcane, astonishing, eerie  
(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance  
She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

## ruthlessly

*adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly

*synonym* : mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

## lull

*n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

*synonym* : calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym* : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## seminal

*adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

*synonym* : influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) **seminal** research, (2) **seminal** duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

## staple

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

*synonym* : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

## moreover

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before



*synonym*: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym*: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## masculine

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

*synonym*: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

## suave

*adj.* smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated

*synonym*: smooth, polished, charming

(1) **suave** appearance, (2) **suave** charm

The **suave** gentleman in the suit charmed his way into the job interview.

## orchard

*n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

*synonym*: grove, plantation, fruit garden

(1) local apple **orchard**, (2) **orchard** tree

The farmer owns an **orchard** where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

## rehearsal

*n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

*synonym*: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

**wig** *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume  
*synonym* : hairpiece, toupee, hair system

(1) curly **wig**, (2) blonde **wig**

She decided to wear a pink **wig** to the costume party.

**eyeliner** *n.* a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes  
*synonym* : eye pencil, kohl

(1) waterproof **eyeliner**, (2) winged **eyeliner**

She applied a thin line of black **eyeliner** to her upper eyelid.

**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.

**indebted** *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness  
*synonym* : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

**facet** *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

*synonym* : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

## oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym* : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## flurry

n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

*synonym* : burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.

## flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

*synonym* : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

## demeanor

n. a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

*synonym* : behavior, conduct, manner

(1) **demeanor** towards customers, (2) calm **demeanor**

The lawyer's professional **demeanor** helped him win over the jury.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## 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.

## latent

*adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

*synonym* : dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

## stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym* : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## fright

*n.* a sudden intense fear or shock; a state of being afraid or anxious; a feeling of alarm or trepidation caused by a sudden, unexpected event or situation

*synonym* : terror, panic, fear

(1) **fright** response, (2) shiver in **fright**

The dog's barking gave the mailperson a terrible **fright**.

## monologue

*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

*synonym*: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

## bully

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym*: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## schooler

*n.* a student who attends a school

*synonym*: student, pupil, learner

(1) a primary **schooler**, (2) **schooler** uniform

He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high **schooler**.

## dissolve

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym*: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## galumph

*v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way

*synonym*: stomp, clump, lumber

(1) **galumph** across the stage, (2) **galumph** through the

woods

I watched the elephant **galumph** across the savannah with grace and power.

## parody

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work  
*synonym*: spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## chauvinist

*n.* a person who is aggressively or excessively patriotic and who believes in the superiority of their gender, race, or nationality, often to the detriment or oppression of others

*synonym*: jingo, nationalist, misogynist

(1) **chauvinist** beliefs, (2) racial **chauvinist**

His **chauvinistic** attitudes towards immigrants were offensive and ignorant.

## coy

*adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion

*synonym*: bashful, shy, demure

(1) **coy** smile, (2) **coy** behavior

The **coy** mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.

## mimicry

*n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh  
*synonym* : imitation, apery

(1) vocal **mimicry**, (2) floral **mimicry**

Some insects use **mimicry** to avoid detection by predators.

## cultivate

*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants  
*synonym* : boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

## equanimity

*n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations

*synonym* : calmness, composure, equilibrium

(1) achieve perfect **equanimity**, (2) lose **equanimity**

The CEO's **equanimity** during the crisis helped reassure the investors and employees.

## unbearable

*adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

*synonym* : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. the wh\_\_\_\_r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
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32. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
33. v\_e for a trophy *v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

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37. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life      *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
38. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
39. shiver in fr\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a sudden intense fear or shock; a state of being afraid or anxious; a feeling of alarm or trepidation caused by a sudden, unexpected event or situation
40. deliver a mo\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
41. cast fri\_\_\_\_\_ng eyes      *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 34. memorize, 35. indebted, 36. chauvinist, 37. stumble, 38. pretension, 39. fright, 40. monologue, 41. frightening

42. or\_\_\_\_d tree *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
43. l\_\_l in the battle *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
44. 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
45. di\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
46. l\_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
47. dr\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
48. financially in\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
49. in an un\_\_\_\_y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
50. ki\_\_\_h art *n.* art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value

ANSWERS: 42. orchard, 43. lull, 44. germ, 45. disrupt, 46. lax, 47. drastic, 48. indebted, 49. uncanny, 50. kitsch

51. fall into a sn\_\_e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
52. bu\_\_\_r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
53. fl\_\_\_\_\_te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
54. achieve perfect equ\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations
55. c\_y behavior *adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
56. floral mi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
57. un\_\_\_\_\_y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
58. em\_\_\_y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
59. v\_e for attention *v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

ANSWERS: 51. snare, 52. butler, 53. fluctuate, 54. equanimity, 55. coy, 56. mimicry, 57. uncanny, 58. embody, 59. vie

60. 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
61. no\_\_\_\_\_ry identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
62. the l\_\_l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
63. cu\_\_\_\_\_te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
64. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
65. qu\_\_\_\_\_ic adventure *adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable
66. ca\_\_\_\_\_ee attitude *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
67. tra\_\_\_\_\_er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
68. sn\_\_\_\_\_ck trend *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

ANSWERS: 60. germ, 61. nonbinary, 62. lull, 63. cultivate, 64. rev, 65. quixotic, 66. carefree, 67. transgender, 68. snapback

69. bu\_\_y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
70. de\_\_\_\_or towards customers *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
71. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
72. a primary sc\_\_\_\_er *n.* a student who attends a school
73. try hard to me\_\_\_\_ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
74. su\_\_e charm *adj.* smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated
75. re\_\_\_\_se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
76. a pungent sa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 69. bully, 70. demeanor, 71. misunderstand, 72. schooler, 73. memorize, 74. suave, 75. rehearse, 76. satire



77. fa\_\_\_\_c about germs *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
78. as\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
79. ha\_\_\_\_s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
80. st\_\_\_\_e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
81. sc\_\_\_\_er uniform *n.* a student who attends a school
82. made a great ma\_\_\_\_er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
83. ga\_\_\_\_h across the stage *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
84. fri\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
85. la\_\_\_\_t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
86. negative ste\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 77. fanatic, 78. astound, 79. harass, 80. staple, 81. schooler, 82. maneuver, 83. galumph, 84. frightening, 85. latent, 86. stereotype

87. waterproof ey\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes
88. qu\_\_r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
89. ba\_\_y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
90. music re\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
91. ha\_\_\_s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
92. tra\_\_\_\_\_er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
93. rec\_\_\_\_\_ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
94. vocal mi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
95. to a rec\_\_\_\_\_ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
96. as\_\_\_\_\_e everything to nature *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source

ANSWERS: 87. eyeliner, 88. queer, 89. baggy, 90. rehearsal, 91. harass, 92. transgender, 93. recognizable, 94. mimicry, 95. recognizable, 96. ascribe

97. fa\_\_\_\_c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
98. ga\_\_\_\_h through the woods *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
99. local apple or \_\_\_\_d *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
100. full of em\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
101. op\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
102. as\_\_\_\_d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
103. comedic pa\_\_\_\_y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
104. fl\_\_t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
105. political ma\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 97. fanatic, 98. galumph, 99. orchard, 100. empathy, 101. opportune, 102. astound, 103. parody, 104. flirt, 105. maneuver

106. self-serving hy\_\_\_\_\_sy
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
107. sa\_\_\_e magazine
- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
108. ki\_\_\_h decor
- n.* art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value
109. fa\_\_t to a question
- n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
110. fl\_\_\_y of emails
- n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
111. inner mo\_\_\_\_\_ue
- n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 106. hypocrisy, 107. satire, 108. kitsch, 109. facet, 110. flurry, 111. monologue

112. a sl\_\_k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
113. di\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
114. ea\_\_\_\_t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
115. la\_\_\_\_t desire *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
116. the medical fra\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
117. judge rut\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
118. rut\_\_\_\_ly efficient *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
119. se\_\_\_\_l research *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
120. re\_\_\_\_ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
121. l\_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
122. qu\_\_\_\_ic dream *adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable

ANSWERS: 112. slack, 113. disrupt, 114. earnest, 115. latent, 116. fraternity, 117. ruthlessly, 118. ruthlessly, 119. seminal, 120. reckless, 121. lax, 122. quixotic

123. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
124. st\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
125. in a re\_\_\_\_\_ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
126. but mo\_\_\_\_\_er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
127. without hy\_\_\_\_\_sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
128. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_\_r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
129. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
130. se\_\_\_\_\_l duct *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

ANSWERS: 123. rev, 124. staple, 125. reckless, 126. moreover, 127. hypocrisy, 128. whisper, 129. oppress, 130. seminal

131. sn\_\_f the air      *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
132. ca\_\_\_\_\_ee vacation      *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
133. su\_\_e appearance      *adj.* smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated
134. blonde w\_g      *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
135. c\_y smile      *adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
136. ma\_\_\_\_\_ne beauty      *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
137. ba\_\_y sweatpants      *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
138. sn\_\_f the perfume      *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
139. household bu\_\_\_r      *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

ANSWERS: 131. sniff, 132. carefree, 133. suave, 134. wig, 135. coy, 136. masculine, 137. baggy, 138. sniff, 139. butler

140. pa\_\_\_y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
141. cu\_\_\_\_\_te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
142. vintage sn\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
143. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
144. curly w\_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
145. lose equ\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations
146. qu\_\_r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

ANSWERS: 140. parody, 141. cultivate, 142. snapback, 143. misunderstand, 144. wig, 145. equanimity, 146. queer



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ gentleman in the suit charmed his way into the job interview.  
*adj.* smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated
2. Many people have \_\_\_\_\_ talents they are not aware of.  
*adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
3. I miss the \_\_\_\_\_ days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.  
*adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
4. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.  
*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes towards immigrants were offensive and ignorant.  
*n.* a person who is aggressively or excessively patriotic and who believes in the superiority of their gender, race, or nationality, often to the detriment or oppression of others
6. His car was easily \_\_\_\_\_ in the parking lot.  
*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
7. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.  
*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 1. suave, 2. latent, 3. carefree, 4. stereotypes, 5. chauvinistic, 6. recognizable, 7. oppressed

8. He spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.  
*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
10. The dog's barking gave the mailperson a terrible \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sudden intense fear or shock; a state of being afraid or anxious; a feeling of alarm or trepidation caused by a sudden, unexpected event or situation
11. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.  
*n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
12. She has an \_\_\_\_\_ sense of who is telling a lie.  
*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
13. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.  
*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
14. The personal \_\_\_\_\_ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.  
*n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
15. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.  
*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 8. earnest, 9. Empathy, 10. fright, 11. satire, 12. uncanny, 13. staple, 14.

butler, 15. bully

16. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.  
*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.  
*adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
18. The book was a \_\_\_\_\_ work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.  
*adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
19. The project's success was \_\_\_\_\_ to the team's hard work.  
*v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
20. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.  
*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
21. The \_\_\_ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.  
*adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
22. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.  
*adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

ANSWERS: 16. monologue, 17. fanatic, 18. seminal, 19. ascribed, 20. whispered, 21. lax, 22. slack

23. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
24. The dog stopped to \_\_\_\_\_ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
- v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
25. A \_\_\_\_\_ of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.
- n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
26. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
27. They both \_\_\_\_\_ for the top spot in the company.
- v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
28. Stock prices \_\_\_\_\_ daily based on market demand and supply.
- v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
29. Her allure lies in her \_\_\_\_\_ rather than feminine beauty.
- adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 23. disrupt, 24. sniff, 25. flurry, 26. nonbinary, 27. vied, 28. fluctuate, 29. masculine

30. The garden gnome statue is cheesy \_\_\_\_\_ but some people love that style.
- n.* art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value
31. She decided to wear a pink \_\_\_\_ to the costume party.
- n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
32. I love wearing \_\_\_\_\_ hats because they're stylish and comfortable.
- n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
33. Some insects use \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid detection by predators.
- n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
34. 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
35. The lawyer's professional \_\_\_\_\_ helped him win over the jury.
- n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
36. The \_\_\_\_ mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.
- adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion

ANSWERS: 30. kitsch, 31. wig, 32. snapback, 33. mimicry, 34. germ, 35. demeanor, 36. coy

37. The political party \_\_\_\_\_ after much internal fighting.
- v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
38. The final result was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
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 actors needed to \_\_\_\_\_ their lines before the performance.
- v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
41. Lawyers need to \_\_\_\_\_ even the most minor provisions of the law.
- v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
42. My college students join a \_\_\_\_\_ to make connections and build a sense of community.
- n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
43. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.
- v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
44. \_\_\_\_\_ youth makes rueful age.
- adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

ANSWERS: 37. dissolved, 38. astounding, 39. harassed, 40. rehearse, 41. memorize, 42. fraternity, 43. misunderstand, 44. Reckless

45. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

46. My husband never \_\_\_\_\_ with other women.

*v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;  
*(noun)* a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

47. The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ during the crisis helped reassure the investors and employees.

*n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations

48. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

49. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

*adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

50. The theater company had its final \_\_\_\_\_ before opening night.

*n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

51. The movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ of classic horror films.

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

52. Many \_\_\_\_\_ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 45. queer, 46. flirts, 47. equanimity, 48. opportune, 49. indebted, 50. rehearsal, 51. parody, 52. transgender



53. The farmer owns an \_\_\_\_\_ where he grows apples, pears, and plums.  
*n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
54. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ campaign promise to end all poverty was met with skepticism.  
*adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable
55. The different \_\_\_\_\_ of his personality make him a complex individual.  
*n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
56. The company is environmentally conscious, and \_\_\_\_\_ it uses sustainable materials in its products.  
*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
57. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.  
*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
58. The loss of his wife was an \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.  
*adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
59. He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a student who attends a school
60. She applied a thin line of black \_\_\_\_\_ to her upper eyelid.  
*n.* a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes

ANSWERS: 53. orchard, 54. quixotic, 55. facets, 56. moreover, 57. embody, 58. unbearable, 59. schooler, 60. eyeliner

61. University is a great place to \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and expertise.  
*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
62. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
63. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing \_\_\_\_\_ on the listeners.  
*n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
64. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
65. The global community is undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ changes at present.  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
66. He \_\_\_\_\_ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.  
*adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
67. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
68. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 61. cultivate, 62. pretensions, 63. lull, 64. frightening, 65. drastic, 66. ruthlessly, 67. rev, 68. stumbled

69. The commentaries often criticized the government's political \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
70. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ clothes to tight-fitting ones.
- adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
71. The thief was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ set by the police.
- n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
72. I watched the elephant \_\_\_\_\_ across the savannah with grace and power.
- v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
73. In this class, we learn the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane.
- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 69. hypocrisy, 70. baggy, 71. snare, 72. galumph, 73. maneuver