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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### scribe

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

*synonym*: copyist, transcriber, writer

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

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

### chump

*n.* a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person

*synonym*: fool, dupe, sucker

(1) go from **chump** to champ, (2) unlucky **chump**

He's not known for being intelligent, and some consider him a **chump**.

### moralize

*v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

*synonym*: preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics

I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

## protestant

*adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

*synonym* : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

## ethic

*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

*synonym* : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## quirk

*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

*synonym* : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

## meaningless

*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

*synonym* : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

## charismatic

*adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

*synonym*: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

## denim

*n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

*synonym*: jeans, dungarees, chambray

(1) **denim** shorts, (2) **denim** jacket

She loved the feel of her new **denim** jeans against her skin.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym*: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## stride

*v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

*synonym*: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

## hobble

*v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

*synonym*: limp, fether, shuffle

(1) **hobble** down the street, (2) **hobble** due to injury

She had to **hobble** with crutches after breaking her ankle.

## grotesque

*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

*synonym*: bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

## grimace

*v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth

*synonym*: frown, scowl, sneer

(1) **grimace** in pain, (2) try to hide a **grimace**

I couldn't help but **grimace** when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym*: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## agony

*n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

*synonym*: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

## 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.

## heuristic

*adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

*synonym*: solving, problem-solving, exploratory

(1) **heuristic** reasoning, (2) **heuristic** algorithm

The teacher used a **heuristic** method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.

## societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym* : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## perverse

*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

*synonym* : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

## volcano

*n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

*synonym* : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

## contrived

*adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

*synonym* : artificial, forced, fabricated

(1) **contrived** situation, (2) **contrived** laughter

The storyline of the movie seemed **contrived** and needed more authenticity.

## workaholic

*n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

*synonym*: workhorse, drudge

(1) **workaholic** habits, (2) self-proclaimed **workaholic**

The company's founder was a notorious **workaholic** who spent every waking hour building the business.

## reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym*: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## pointless

*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

*synonym*: meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

## inefficiency

*n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

*synonym*: ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

## paycheck

*n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this

## check

*synonym* : salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

## actualize

*v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

*synonym* : realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision  
I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

## 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.

## one-upmanship

*n.* the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior

*synonym* : one-upping, superiority complex

(1) office **one-upmanship**, (2) social **one-upmanship**

The business partners engaged in **one-upmanship**, each trying to make a bigger profit than the other.

## slacker

*n.* a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition

*synonym* : idler, procrastinator, loafer

(1) office **slacker**, (2) unproductive **slacker**

The boss was frustrated with the **slacker** employees who needed to catch up on their work.

## pun

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

*synonym* :

joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

## laborious

*adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete;  
characterized by tedious or difficult work

*synonym*: arduous, difficult, strenuous

(1) **laborious** routine, (2) **laborious** project

The construction workers had a **laborious** job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## stubborn

*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

*synonym*: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

## ingrained

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

*synonym*: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

## apocryphal

*adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

*synonym*:



spurious, questionable, dubious

(1) **apocryphal** account, (2) **apocryphal** text

The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely **apocryphal** but still taught in schools.

## cobra

*n.* a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened

*synonym*: serpent, snake

(1) **cobra** venom, (2) **cobra** bite

The king **cobra** slithered silently across the ground.

## overrun

*v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

*synonym*: invade, conquer, occupy

(1) **overrun** an area, (2) garden **overrun** with weeds

The invading army quickly may **overrun** the small country and took control of its capital city.

## bounty

*n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

*synonym*: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

## backfire

*v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion

*synonym*: recoil, boomerang, misfire

(1) **backfire** big time, (2) **backfire** spectacularly

The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees **backfired** as it led to a decrease in productivity.

## enterprising

*adj.* marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation

*synonym*:

ambitious, daring, resourceful

(1) **enterprising** spirit, (2) **enterprising** idea

The **enterprising** photographer captured rare shots of wildlife in their natural habitats.

## **awry**

*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

*synonym*: amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair

The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. professional et__c       | <i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems |
| 2. creative in_____on       | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why                            |
| 3. social one_____hip       | <i>n.</i> the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior   |
| 4. ent_____ing spirit       | <i>adj.</i> marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation                                     |
| 5. mo____ze about politics  | <i>v.</i> to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior                               |
| 6. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC   |

ANSWERS: 1. ethic, 2. intuition, 3. one-upmanship, 4. enterprising, 5. moralize, 6. app

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|----------------------------|---|
| 7. act of gen_____ty       | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely                                |
| 8. financial sc____e       | <i>n.</i> a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times   |
| 9. po_____ss task          | <i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless   |
| 10. go from ch__p to champ | <i>n.</i> a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person  |
| 11. re_____re market       | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence  |
| 12. so_____al expectations | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships   |
| 13. co__a bite             | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened                                 |
| 14. do a mea_____ss task   | <i>adj.</i> having no meaning, direction, or purpose  |
| 15. cha_____ic personality | <i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others  |
| 16. st_____rn attitude     | <i>adj.</i> refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change |
| 17. ac_____ze your ideas   | <i>v.</i> to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention                 |

ANSWERS: 7. generosity, 8. scribe, 9. pointless, 10. chump, 11. reassure, 12. societal, 13. cobra, 14. meaningless, 15. charismatic, 16. stubborn, 17. actualize

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| 18. in_____ed prejudice        | <i>adj.</i> deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time   |
| 19. try to hide a gr_____e     | <i>v.</i> to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth |
| 20. hard-line Pro_____nt       | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers  |
| 21. electronic pa_____ck       | <i>n.</i> a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check  |
| 22. j____n denim               | <i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing   |
| 23. self-proclaimed wor_____ic | <i>n.</i> a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively  |
| 24. ba_____re spectacularly    | <i>v.</i> to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion   |
| 25. ho_____e down the street   | <i>v.</i> to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement  |
| 26. ant_____ogy of religion    | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species                                   |

ANSWERS: 18. ingrained, 19. grimace, 20. protestant, 21. paycheck, 22. jean, 23. workaholic, 24. backfire, 25. hobble, 26. anthropology

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| 27. st___e across a room      | <i>v.</i> to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress                                     |
| 28. a j___n skirt             | <i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing  |
| 29. a sl___k rope             | <i>adj.</i> lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude  |
| 30. ine_____ncy in the system | <i>n.</i> the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive |
| 31. ho___e due to injury      | <i>v.</i> to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement                   |
| 32. co_____ed laughter        | <i>adj.</i> created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous                                    |
| 33. so___al norms             | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships  |
| 34. an___y everyone else      | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly   |
| 35. a___y plan                | <i>adv.</i> in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss  |
| 36. personality qu___k        | <i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group                                      |
| 37. gr_____ue appearance      | <i>adj.</i> bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre  |

ANSWERS: 27. stride, 28. jean, 29. slack, 30. inefficiency, 31. hobble, 32. contrived, 33. societal, 34. annoy, 35. awry, 36. quirk, 37. grotesque

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| 38. cha_____ic chairman        | <i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others   |
| 39. witty p_n                  | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay                              |
| 40. pe_____se attitude         | <i>adj.</i> showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral                                     |
| 41. re_____re anxious patients | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence   |
| 42. co__a venom                | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened  |
| 43. la_____us project          | <i>adj.</i> requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work   |
| 44. in_____on research         | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 45. monthly pa_____ck          | <i>n.</i> a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check   |
| 46. unlucky ch__p              | <i>n.</i> a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person   |

ANSWERS: 38. charismatic, 39. pun, 40. perverse, 41. reassure, 42. cobra, 43. laborious, 44. intuition, 45. paycheck, 46. chump

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| 47. la_____us routine   | <i>adj.</i> requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work  |
| 48. an__y at the time   | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly  |
| 49. he_____ic reasoning | <i>adj.</i> relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive |
| 50. cash bo___y         | <i>n.</i> a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task  |
| 51. in_____ed habit     | <i>adj.</i> deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time   |
| 52. co_____ed situation | <i>adj.</i> created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous   |
| 53. silly p_n           | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay   |
| 54. wor_____ic habits   | <i>n.</i> a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively  |
| 55. apo_____al text     | <i>adj.</i> of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true   |

ANSWERS: 47. laborious, 48. annoy, 49. heuristic, 50. bounty, 51. ingrained, 52. contrived, 53. pun, 54. workaholic, 55. apocryphal



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| 56. boundless gen_____ty           | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely  |
| 57. ind_____us worker              | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort   |
| 58. de__m jacket                   | <i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing  |
| 59. st_____rn stains               | <i>adj.</i> refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change                   |
| 60. ac_____ze the company's vision | <i>v.</i> to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention                                   |
| 61. unproductive sl_____r          | <i>n.</i> a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition  |
| 62. severe ag__y                   | <i>n.</i> extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense  |
| 63. imp_____ly known disease       | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way   |
| 64. a bo___y on exports            | <i>n.</i> a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task  |
| 65. killer a_p                     | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC                       |
| 66. ov_____n an area               | <i>v.</i> to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone |

ANSWERS: 56. generosity, 57. industrious, 58. denim, 59. stubborn, 60. actualize, 61. slacker, 62. agony, 63. imperfectly, 64. bounty, 65. app, 66. overrun

67. bureaucratic ine\_\_\_\_\_ncy      *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
68. pe\_\_\_\_\_se idea      *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
69. ent\_\_\_\_\_ing idea      *adj.* marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation
70. office sl\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition
71. garden ov\_\_\_\_\_n with weeds      *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
72. de\_\_m shorts      *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
73. he\_\_\_\_\_ic algorithm      *adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

ANSWERS: 67. inefficiency, 68. perverse, 69. enterprising, 70. slacker, 71. overrun, 72. denim, 73. heuristic

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| 74. apo_____al account      | <i>adj.</i> of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true  |
| 75. a mea_____ss endeavor   | <i>adj.</i> having no meaning, direction, or purpose   |
| 76. office one_____hip      | <i>n.</i> the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior  |
| 77. ind_____us student      | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |
| 78. have gr_____ue design   | <i>adj.</i> bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre  |
| 79. imp_____ly developed    | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way  |
| 80. a qu__k of fate         | <i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group  |
| 81. pro_____nt theology     | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers |
| 82. sc___e in ancient Egypt | <i>n.</i> a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times  |
| 83. a__y hair               | <i>adv.</i> in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss  |
| 84. emotional ag__y         | <i>n.</i> extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense   |

ANSWERS: 74. apocryphal, 75. meaningless, 76. one-upmanship, 77. industrious, 78. grotesque, 79. imperfectly, 80. quirk, 81. protestant, 82. scribe, 83. awry, 84. agony

85. gr\_\_\_\_e in pain      *v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
86. moral et\_\_c      *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
87. st\_\_\_e down a slope      *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
88. social ant\_\_\_\_\_\_ogy      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
89. po\_\_\_\_ss argument      *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
90. ba\_\_\_\_re big time      *v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
91. active vo\_\_\_\_o      *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 85. grimace, 86. ethic, 87. stride, 88. anthropology, 89. pointless, 90. backfire, 91. volcano

92. sl\_\_k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
93. mo\_\_\_\_ze a situation *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
94. vo\_\_\_\_o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 92. slack, 93. moralize, 94. volcano

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
2. The company's founder was a notorious \_\_\_\_\_ who spent every waking hour building the business.  
*n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
3. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.  
*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
4. The plans for the surprise party went \_\_\_\_\_ when the cake was ruined.  
*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
5. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my plan to make it a reality.  
*v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
6. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.  
*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
7. The meeting was considered \_\_\_\_\_ since nothing was accomplished.  
*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

ANSWERS: 1. reassure, 2. workaholic, 3. anthropology, 4. awry, 5. actualize, 6. jeans, 7. pointless

8. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.
- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
9. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.
- v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
10. The boss was frustrated with the \_\_\_\_\_ employees who needed to catch up on their work.
- n.* a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
- v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
12. The construction workers had a \_\_\_\_\_ job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.
- adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
13. The teacher used a \_\_\_\_\_ method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.
- adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

ANSWERS: 8. generosity, 9. grimace, 10. slacker, 11. strides, 12. laborious, 13. heuristic

14. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
15. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
16. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
17. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
18. The business partners engaged in \_\_\_\_\_ each trying to make a bigger profit than the other.
- n.* the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior
19. One of her \_\_\_\_\_ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
20. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.
- adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
21. 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: 14. intuitions, 15. pun, 16. app's, 17. charismatic, 18. one-upmanship, 19. quirks, 20. imperfectly, 21. slack



22. I don't like it when people try to \_\_\_\_\_ me about my personal choices.
- v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
23. The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees \_\_\_\_\_ as it led to a decrease in productivity.
- v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
24. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.
- v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
25. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.
- n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.
- n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ photographer captured rare shots of wildlife in their natural habitats.
- adj.* marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation
28. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 22. moralize, 23. backfired, 24. annoy, 25. inefficiency, 26. scribe's, 27. enterprising, 28. stubborn

29. Her fear of dogs was \_\_\_\_\_ after a traumatic experience in childhood.

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

30. She loved the feel of her new \_\_\_\_\_ jeans against her skin.

*n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

31. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ with crutches after breaking her ankle.

*v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

32. The storyline of the movie seemed \_\_\_\_\_ and needed more authenticity.

*adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

33. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely \_\_\_\_\_ but still taught in schools.

*adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

34. His \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

35. He's not known for being intelligent, and some consider him a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person

36. I received a bonus on top of my regular \_\_\_\_\_ this month.

*n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

ANSWERS: 29. ingrained, 30. denim, 31. hobble, 32. contrived, 33. apocryphal, 34. perverse, 35. chump, 36. paycheck

37. The invading army quickly may \_\_\_\_\_ the small country and took control of its capital city.
- v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers;  
(noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
38. The island was formed by a \_\_\_\_\_ millions of years ago.
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
- adj.* relating to society or social relationships
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
- n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
41. The king \_\_\_\_\_ slithered silently across the ground.
- n.* a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened
42. This experiment's results are \_\_\_\_\_ because the other conditions are not identical.
- adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ church was the dominant religion in the area.
- adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

ANSWERS: 37. overrun, 38. volcano, 39. societal, 40. bounty, 41. cobra, 42. meaningless, 43. Protestant

44. The athlete fell to the ground in \_\_\_\_\_ after injuring their ankle.

*n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

46. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

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

47. Having a strong work \_\_\_\_\_ is important for success in any field.

*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 44. agony, 45. grotesque, 46. industrious, 47. ethic