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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym*: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

### tabloid

*adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

*synonym*: gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**

The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

### soar

*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

*synonym*: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

## coronavirus

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

*synonym* : covid

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

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

## alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym* : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## immunization

*n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

*synonym* : vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

## polio

*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

*synonym* : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

## contraceptive

*adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of

conception

*synonym*: preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

## measles

*n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

*synonym*: rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

## distrust

*n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

*synonym*: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

## boycott

*v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;  
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

*synonym*: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease  
*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## convene

*v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

*synonym*: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

## 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.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness  
*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

## misinformation

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

*synonym*: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

## brew

*v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

*synonym*: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

## swarm

*n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

*synonym*: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

## hyperconnected

*adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems

*synonym*: highly connected, fully connected

(1) **hyperconnected** network, (2) **hyperconnected** technology

The world has become increasingly **hyperconnected**, with the internet and social media playing a significant role in communication and information exchange.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## skepticism

*n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

*synonym*: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

## correlate

*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

*synonym*: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

## turbulence

*n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

*synonym*: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

## unprepared

*adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

*synonym*: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

## mediate

*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

## institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## unfettered

*adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

*synonym*: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

## 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.

## vaccinate

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## preservative

*adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

*synonym*: conservative, preservative, saving

(1) **preservative-free**, (2) natural **preservative**

The **preservative** chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.

## uneducated

*adj.* lacking knowledge or education

*synonym*: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society  
The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

## **nimble**

*adj.* quick and light in movement or action

*synonym*: agile, quick, flexible

(1) **nimble** handling, (2) **nimble-minded** person

His **nimble** movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

## **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.

## **hotline**

*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

*synonym*: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

## **optimist**

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## **optimism**

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym*: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will



recover soon.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym*: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## 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.

## debunk

*v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

*synonym*: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

## avert

*v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

*synonym*: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

## humility

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a sw\_\_m of mosquitoes  
*n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
2. ru\_\_r mill  
*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
3. une\_\_\_\_\_ed society  
*adj.* lacking knowledge or education
4. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed speech  
*adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
5. natural pre\_\_\_\_\_ive  
*adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration
6. ho\_\_\_\_\_e number  
*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
7. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
8. al\_\_\_\_\_ng statistics  
*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
9. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood  
*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. swarm, 2. rumor, 3. uneducated, 4. unprepared, 5. preservative, 6. hotline, 7. amplify, 8. alarming, 9. sentimental, 10. anthropology

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 11. s__r in popularity                | <i>v.</i> to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease   |
| 12. growing di_____st                 | <i>n.</i> a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something   |
| 13. childhood imm_____ion             | <i>n.</i> the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure                |
| 14. unf_____ed access                 | <i>adj.</i> not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled  |
| 15. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 16. ni___e-minded person              | <i>adj.</i> quick and light in movement or action   |
| 17. me_____s vaccine                  | <i>n.</i> a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children           |
| 18. am_____y a signal                 | <i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness  |
| 19. unpre_____ed for the exam         | <i>adj.</i> not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready   |
| 20. an el_____nt speaker              | <i>adj.</i> able to speak or write clearly and impressively   |
| 21. me_____s outbreak                 | <i>n.</i> a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children           |

ANSWERS: 11. soar, 12. distrust, 13. immunization, 14. unfettered, 15. disrupt, 16. nimble, 17. measles, 18. amplify, 19. unprepared, 20. eloquent, 21. measles

22. bo\_\_\_\_t campaign
- v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
23. political op\_\_\_\_sm
- n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
24. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_ty
- n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
25. bo\_\_\_\_t the discussion
- v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
26. de\_\_\_\_k an urban legend
- v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
27. me\_\_\_\_al chemistry
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
28. ske\_\_\_\_sm toward bureaucracy
- n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
29. sen\_\_\_\_al damage
- adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 22. boycott, 23. optimism, 24. humility, 25. boycott, 26. debunk, 27. medicinal, 28. skepticism, 29. sentimental

30. al\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
31. emotional tur\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
32. me\_\_\_\_\_e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
33. co\_\_\_\_\_e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
34. di\_\_\_\_\_st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
35. financial tur\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
36. va\_\_\_\_\_te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
37. co\_\_\_\_\_te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
38. av\_\_t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
39. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 30. alarming, 31. turbulence, 32. mediate, 33. convene, 34. distrust, 35. turbulence, 36. vaccinate, 37. correlate, 38. avert, 39. confer

40. locust sw\_\_m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
41. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
42. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
43. con\_\_\_\_\_ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
44. s\_\_r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
45. b\_\_w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
46. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ted network *adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
47. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ted technology *adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
48. co\_\_\_\_\_e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
49. sense of op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
50. natural ske\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 40. swarm, 41. eradicate, 42. optimist, 43. contraceptive, 44. soar, 45. brew, 46. hyperconnected, 47. hyperconnected, 48. convene, 49. optimism, 50. skepticism

51. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
52. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude      *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
53. cor\_\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit      *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
54. de\_\_\_k theory      *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
55. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. b\_\_\_w beer      *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
57. a false ru\_\_\_r      *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
58. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
59. lack of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
60. co\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 51. institutionalize, 52. skeptical, 53. coronavirus, 54. debunk, 55. opportune, 56. brew, 57. rumor, 58. opportune, 59. humility, 60. confer



61. hormonal con\_\_\_\_\_ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
62. automated ho\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
63. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion *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
64. 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
65. imm\_\_\_\_\_ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
66. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
67. cor\_\_\_\_\_us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
68. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 61. contraceptive, 62. hotline, 63. anthropology, 64. disrupt, 65. immunization, 66. empathy, 67. coronavirus, 68. misinformation

69. me\_\_\_\_\_e allergic reaction      *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
70. ta\_\_\_\_\_d journalism      *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
71. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
72. po\_\_o eradication      *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
73. av\_\_t a strike      *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
74. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists      *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
75. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination      *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
76. el\_\_\_\_\_nt writing      *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
77. co\_\_\_\_\_te closely with the quality      *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

ANSWERS: 69. mediate, 70. tabloid, 71. institutionalize, 72. polio, 73. avert, 74. skeptical, 75. eradicate, 76. eloquent, 77. correlate

78. unf\_\_\_\_\_ed capitalism *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
79. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
80. po\_\_o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
81. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
82. va\_\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
83. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
84. une\_\_\_\_\_ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
85. op\_\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
86. political ta\_\_\_\_\_d *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

ANSWERS: 78. unfettered, 79. misinformation, 80. polio, 81. empathy, 82. vaccinate, 83. medicinal, 84. uneducated, 85. optimist, 86. tabloid

87. pre\_\_\_\_\_ive-free

*adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

88. ni\_\_\_e handling

*adj.* quick and light in movement or action

ANSWERS: 87. preservative, 88. nimble

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

*adj.* quick and light in movement or action

2. She is a confident \_\_\_\_\_ who always looks on the bright side.

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

*adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

4. 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

5. Many people have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the company due to their unethical practices.

*v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 1. nimble, 2. optimist, 3. contraceptive, 4. disrupt, 5. boycott, 6. polio

7. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
8. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ some coffee this morning.
- v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
9. The parliament will \_\_\_\_\_ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.
- v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
11. The school sent a notice of a \_\_\_\_\_ case in one of the classrooms.
- n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
12. The world has become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ with the internet and social media playing a significant role in communication and information exchange.
- adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
13. The athlete felt \_\_\_\_\_ by her recent injury and performed with ease.
- adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
14. 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

ANSWERS: 7. institutionalize, 8. brew, 9. convene, 10. Empathy, 11. measles, 12. hyperconnected, 13. unfettered, 14. anthropology

15. This party expresses \_\_\_\_\_ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
- n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
16. There was a baseless \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was going bankrupt.
- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
17. We may frequently \_\_\_\_\_ age with the frequency of disease.
- v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
18. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to \_\_\_\_\_ flooding during the rainy season
- v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
19. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
20. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.
- n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
21. The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
- v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

ANSWERS: 15. skepticism, 16. rumor, 17. correlate, 18. avert, 19. vaccinated, 20. humility, 21. mediate

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

*adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

23. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

24. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

25. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

26. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

27. The lack of access to education has left many people \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* lacking knowledge or education

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.

*adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

29. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop \_\_\_\_\_ in her abilities.

*n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

ANSWERS: 22. unprepared, 23. confer, 24. skeptical, 25. alarming, 26. eradicate, 27. uneducated, 28. preservative, 29. distrust



30. Considering the situation of \_\_\_\_\_ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper always covers sensational stories.
- adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
32. Due to the success of \_\_\_\_\_ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.
- n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
33. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
34. The myth was \_\_\_\_\_ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.
- v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
35. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 30. coronavirus, 31. tabloid, 32. immunization, 33. turbulence, 34. debunked, 35. opportune

36. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

37. She gave an \_\_\_\_\_ speech at the graduation ceremony.

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

38. The emergency \_\_\_\_\_ is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

39. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

40. A \_\_\_\_\_ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

*n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

41. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

42. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific \_\_\_\_\_ about vaccines.

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

43. There is considerable \_\_\_\_\_ that the economy will recover soon.

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 36. sentimental, 37. eloquent, 38. hotline, 39. amplify, 40. swarm, 41. soared, 42. misinformation, 43. optimism

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 44. medicinal