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## Session 1: Word List

### wintry

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of winter, including snow, ice, cold temperatures, and short days; bleak or cold in appearance, feeling, or behavior

*synonym* : cold, icy, snowy

(1) **wintry** weather, (2) **wintry** scenery

The children built a **wintry** snowman in the backyard.

### 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.

### carnivorous

*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

*synonym* : meat-eating, predatory, flesh-eating

(1) **carnivorous** cell, (2) aquatic **carnivorous** mammal

The **carnivorous** dinosaur preyed on other animals.

### excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## proclaim

*v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully  
*synonym*: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

## 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.

## beret

*n.* a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture

*synonym*: cap, tam, military hat

(1) military **beret**, (2) woolen **beret**

The French painter wore a black **beret** as a symbol of his artistic identity.

## parachute

*n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

## homage

*n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

*synonym*: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

## fable

*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

*synonym*: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

## boggy

*adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

*synonym*: swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) **boggy** land, (2) **boggy** area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

## lantern

*n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

*synonym*: lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

## ignite

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym*: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## marsh

*n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

*synonym*: bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the **marsh**.

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym*: daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## wary

*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

*synonym* : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

## mischievous

*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

*synonym* : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

## 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**.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## folklore

*n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

*synonym* : myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

## bedtime

*n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

*synonym*: sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

## puzzled

*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

*synonym*: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym*: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## pragmatic

*adj.* practical rather than idealistic

*synonym*: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

## troll

*n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

*synonym*: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

## emblem

*n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea  
*synonym* : symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

## serendipity

*n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

*synonym* : luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

## impromptu

*adv.* done or said on the spur of the moment, without planning or preparation; unscripted, unrehearsed

*synonym* : spontaneously, suddenly

(1) **impromptu** speech, (2) **impromptu** gathering

We had an **impromptu** picnic in the park when the weather suddenly cleared up.

## spree

*n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior

*synonym* : binge, fling, spree

(1) shopping **spree**, (2) crime **spree**

She went on a travel **spree** and visited six countries in one month.

## wade

*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

*synonym* : paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

## arable

*adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops;  
capable of being plowed and used for agriculture

*synonym* : cultivable, tillable, farmable

(1) **arable** soil, (2) **arable** farming

The **arable** land in the valley was ideal for growing wheat and corn.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym* : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## millet

*n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

(1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**

The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

## itch

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

*synonym* : scratch, tingle, irritate

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

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

## hardy

*adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

*synonym* : tough, sturdy, resilient

(1) **hardy** plants, (2) **hardy** breed

The **hardy** construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

## 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.

## mane

*n.* the long, thick hair that grows from the top of a horse's or lion's neck and shoulders

*synonym*: hair, fur

(1) shaggy **mane**, (2) lion's **mane**

The horse's golden **mane** flowed in the wind as it galloped across the field.

## tornado

*n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

*synonym*: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

## vigor

*n.* physical strength and energy; the strength, vitality, or force that is necessary for sustained physical or mental effort

*synonym*: energy, vitality, robustness

(1) physical **vigor**, (2) mental **vigor**

Her **vigor** and enthusiasm for life are infectious.

## applaud

*v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

*synonym*: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

## portray

*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

*synonym*: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.



- kelp** *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters  
*synonym* : seaweed, marine algae  
(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**  
The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.
- kneel** *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees  
*synonym* : genuflect, crouch, bend  
(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest  
The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.
- sleet** *n.* a type of frozen precipitation consisting of raindrops or other liquid falling through a layer of freezing air and becoming small, transparent ice pellets before reaching the ground  
*synonym* : hail, frozen rain, ice pellets  
(1) heavy **sleet**, (2) freezing **sleet**  
She slipped on the **sleet-covered** steps and fell.
- bombard** *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage  
*synonym* : bomb, shoot, blitz  
(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells  
Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
- mosquito** *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria  
*synonym* : insect, bug, flea  
(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent  
A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.
- tectonic** *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

*synonym* : seismic, geologic, geological

(1) **tectonic** valleys, (2) a **tectonic** earthquake

The **tectonic** plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

## stomp

*v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

*synonym* : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

## 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.

## confuse

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

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## stamina

*n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

*synonym* : endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**

The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym* : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## formidable

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

*synonym*: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

## solitary

*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

*synonym*: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

## epoch

*n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time

*synonym*: era, age, period

(1) **epoch-making** event, (2) post-modern **epoch**

The Industrial Revolution is often considered an **epoch** in human history.

## cosmology

*n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

*synonym*: cosmogony

(1) physical **cosmology**, (2) modern **cosmology**

**Cosmology** evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

## ecologist

*n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

*synonym*: conservationist, naturalist

(1) behavioral **ecologist**, (2) forestry **ecologist**

The forestry **ecologist** studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.

## ethnomusicology

*n.* the study of the music of different cultures or regions, especially as it relates to the cultural and social context

in which it is created and performed

*synonym* : musicology, world music, folk music studies

(1) **ethnomusicology** research, (2) study of **ethnomusicology**

My friend is pursuing a degree in **ethnomusicology** at the university.

## protagonist

*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

*synonym* : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym* : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## warble

*v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice

*synonym* : tweet, trill, quaver

(1) **warble** all day long, (2) **warble** incessantly

The singer **warbles** on the street, but no one is listening.

## coho

*n.* a type of fish, also known as silver salmon, found in the Pacific Ocean and prized for its flavor and flaky texture

*synonym* : silver salmon, blueback salmon

(1) **coho** habitat, (2) **coho** fishing

The fisherman caught a large **coho** salmon in the river.

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym* : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## fauna

*n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

*synonym*: wildlife, creatures, animals

(1) the tropical **fauna**, (2) **fauna** reserve

The national park is home to a diverse **fauna** of animal species.

## fungus

*n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

*synonym*: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. river-delta ma\_\_h  
*n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
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*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
5. accurately po\_\_\_\_\_y the condition  
*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
6. st\_\_\_e commodities  
*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
7. classic fa\_\_e  
*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
8. fo\_\_\_\_\_re tradition  
*n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
9. a national em\_\_\_m  
*n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

ANSWERS: 1. marsh, 2. stereotype, 3. wintry, 4. mischievous, 5. portray, 6. staple, 7. fable, 8. folklore, 9. emblem

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| 11. study of eth_____ogy | <i>n.</i> the study of the music of different cultures or regions, especially as it relates to the cultural and social context in which it is created and performed  |
| 12. ser_____ty moment    | <i>n.</i> the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery   |
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ANSWERS: 10. trait, 11. ethnomusicology, 12. serendipity, 13. folklore, 14. troll, 15. beret, 16. fungus, 17. epoch

18. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches      *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
19. te\_\_\_\_\_ic valleys      *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
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27. po\_\_\_\_\_y feelings in words      *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

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33. use of so\_\_\_\_ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
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ANSWERS: 28. coho, 29. kelp, 30. puzzled, 31. serendipity, 32. wary, 33. solitary, 34. mosquito, 35. spree, 36. puzzled, 37. rev

38. play a pro\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
39. mental vi\_\_r *n.* physical strength and energy; the strength, vitality, or force that is necessary for sustained physical or mental effort
40. ig\_\_\_e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
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ANSWERS: 38. protagonist, 39. vigor, 40. ignite, 41. empathy, 42. tornado, 43. mane, 44. bombard, 45. stamina, 46. arable

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ANSWERS: 47. synchronize, 48. excite, 49. Christ, 50. devote, 51. empathy, 52. millet, 53. pragmatic, 54. formidable, 55. ethnomusicology, 56. mischievous

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62. ma\_\_h bird *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
63. aquatic car\_\_\_\_\_us mammal *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
64. w\_\_e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
65. vassal ho\_\_\_e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
66. st\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 57. charismatic, 58. boggy, 59. tornado, 60. Christ, 61. charismatic, 62. marsh, 63. carnivorous, 64. wade, 65. homage, 66. staple

67. ar\_\_\_e farming *adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture
68. behavioral ec\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
69. wi\_\_\_y weather *adj.* relating to or characteristic of winter, including snow, ice, cold temperatures, and short days; bleak or cold in appearance, feeling, or behavior
70. freezing sl\_\_t *n.* a type of frozen precipitation consisting of raindrops or other liquid falling through a layer of freezing air and becoming small, transparent ice pellets before reaching the ground
71. v\_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
72. pro\_\_\_\_\_st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
73. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
74. car\_\_\_\_\_us cell *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
75. i\_\_h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
76. ep\_\_h-making event *n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time

ANSWERS: 67. arable, 68. ecologist, 69. wintry, 70. sleet, 71. vow, 72. protagonist, 73. excite, 74. carnivorous, 75. itch, 76. epoch

77. a la\_\_\_\_n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
78. be\_\_\_\_e meditation *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
79. giant k\_\_p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
80. wa\_\_\_\_e incessantly *v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
81. fa\_\_a reserve *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
82. crime sp\_\_e *n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior
83. mo\_\_\_\_to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
84. ha\_\_y plants *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
85. kn\_\_l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
86. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 77. lantern, 78. bedtime, 79. kelp, 80. warble, 81. fauna, 82. spree, 83. mosquito, 84. hardy, 85. kneel, 86. confuse

87. pr\_\_\_\_im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
88. w\_\_y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
89. physical vi\_\_r *n.* physical strength and energy; the strength, vitality, or force that is necessary for sustained physical or mental effort
90. ap\_\_\_\_d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
91. im\_\_\_\_tu speech *adv.* done or said on the spur of the moment, without planning or preparation; unscripted, unrehearsed
92. the tropical fa\_\_a *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
93. adv\_\_\_\_us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
94. ha\_\_y breed *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
95. a so\_\_\_\_ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
96. symbiotic fu\_\_\_\_s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
97. physical co\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

ANSWERS: 87. proclaim, 88. wary, 89. vigor, 90. applaud, 91. impromptu, 92. fauna, 93. adventurous, 94. hardy, 95. solitary, 96. fungus, 97. cosmology

98. family em___m	<i>n.</i> a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
99. v_w never to give up	<i>v.</i> to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
100. low-r_v engine	<i>n.</i> 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
101. personality tr__ts	<i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature
102. wa___e all day long	<i>v.</i> (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
103. co_____e the listener	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
104. a te_____ic earthquake	<i>adj.</i> relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
105. p__e a fire	<i>v.</i> to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
106. bo__y land	<i>adj.</i> containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
107. candle la_____n	<i>n.</i> a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
108. lion's m__e	<i>n.</i> the long, thick hair that grows from the top of a horse's or lion's neck and shoulders
109. copyright tr__l	<i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 98. emblem, 99. vow, 100. rev, 101. trait, 102. warble, 103. confuse, 104. tectonic, 105. poke, 106. boggy, 107. lantern, 108. mane, 109. troll



110. pr\_\_\_\_\_im law                      *v.*    to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
111. paying ho\_\_\_e to tradition            *n.*    a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
112. i\_\_h to speak                      *v.*    to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
113. p\_\_e around the desk                *v.*    to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
114. de\_\_\_e all of my energies            *v.*    to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
115. w\_\_e down a street                *v.*    to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
116. forestry ec\_\_\_\_\_st                *n.*    a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
117. woolen be\_\_t                      *n.*    a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture
118. 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: 110. proclaim, 111. homage, 112. itch, 113. poke, 114. devote, 115. wade, 116. ecologist, 117. beret, 118. stereotype

119. st\_\_p off to the room      *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
120. c\_\_o habitat      *n.* a type of fish, also known as silver salmon, found in the Pacific Ocean and prized for its flavor and flaky texture
121. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic politics      *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
122. moralize a fa\_\_e      *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
123. ap\_\_\_\_\_d his courage      *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
124. modern co\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
125. golden pa\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
126. st\_\_p on his foot      *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
127. kn\_\_l in protest      *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
128. for\_\_\_\_\_le competitor      *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
129. regular be\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

ANSWERS: 119. stomp, 120. coho, 121. pragmatic, 122. fable, 123. applaud, 124. cosmology, 125. parachute, 126. stomp, 127. kneel, 128. formidable, 129. bedtime

130. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student

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

131. lose st\_\_\_\_\_a

*n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

132. cooking mi\_\_\_\_t

*n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

ANSWERS: 130. industrious, 131. stamina, 132. millet

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This training includes emergency escape drills with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
2. She went on a travel \_\_\_\_\_ and visited six countries in one month.
  - n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ land in the valley was ideal for growing wheat and corn.
  - adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
  - v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
5. The primary crop harvested during autumn is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
6. He was banned from the online forum for being a \_\_\_\_\_ and causing trouble.
  - n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
7. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ was tested during the grueling triathlon.
  - n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

ANSWERS: 1. parachutes, 2. spree, 3. arable, 4. vowed, 5. millet, 6. troll, 7. stamina

8. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of meeting new people because of past experiences.  
*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.  
*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
10. 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
11. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
12. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.  
*adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
13. The children \_\_\_\_\_ their feet in time to the music.  
*v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
14. The trail through the forest was so \_\_\_\_\_ that our shoes became soaked.  
*adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
15. I can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ my arm because of the mosquito bite.  
*v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
16. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 8. wary, 9. protagonist's, 10. rev, 11. Empathy, 12. charismatic, 13. stomped, 14. boggy, 15. itching, 16. mosquitos

17. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
18. We often \_\_\_\_\_ political problems as religious issues.
- v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
19. The forestry \_\_\_\_\_ studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.
- n. a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
20. The Industrial Revolution is often considered an \_\_\_\_\_ in human history.
- n. a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
21. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
22. Overprotective parents often \_\_\_\_\_ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
- v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
23. Reading \_\_\_\_\_ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.
- n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

ANSWERS: 17. devoted, 18. portray, 19. ecologist, 20. epoch, 21. excited, 22. bombard, 23. bedtime

24. We had an \_\_\_\_\_ picnic in the park when the weather suddenly cleared up.

*adv.* done or said on the spur of the moment, without planning or preparation; unscripted, unrehearsed

25. The mountain range was a \_\_\_\_\_ obstacle for the hikers.

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

26. She slipped on the \_\_\_\_\_ steps and fell.

*n.* a type of frozen precipitation consisting of raindrops or other liquid falling through a layer of freezing air and becoming small, transparent ice pellets before reaching the ground

27. \_\_\_\_\_ evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

*n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

29. The horse's golden \_\_\_\_\_ flowed in the wind as it galloped across the field.

*n.* the long, thick hair that grows from the top of a horse's or lion's neck and shoulders

30. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ to the retiring athlete.

*n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

31. The discovery of penicillin was a result of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

ANSWERS: 24. impromptu, 25. formidable, 26. sleet-covered, 27. Cosmology, 28. mischievous, 29. mane, 30. homage, 31. serendipity

32. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
33. The players are \_\_\_\_\_ during the national anthem.
- v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur preyed on other animals.
- adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
35. The eagle is an \_\_\_\_\_ of strength and courage.
- n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
36. Certain types of \_\_\_\_\_ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
37. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
38. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
39. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
- v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

ANSWERS: 32. marsh, 33. kneeling, 34. carnivorous, 35. emblem, 36. fungus, 37. fable, 38. synchronized, 39. wade



40. Her \_\_\_\_\_ and enthusiasm for life are infectious.
- n.* physical strength and energy; the strength, vitality, or force that is necessary for sustained physical or mental effort
41. 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
42. The deadly \_\_\_\_\_ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.
- n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
43. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
44. The children built a \_\_\_\_\_ snowman in the backyard.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of winter, including snow, ice, cold temperatures, and short days; bleak or cold in appearance, feeling, or behavior
45. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the strange behavior of her cat.
- adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
46. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
47. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.
- adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 40. vigor, 41. stereotypes, 42. tornado, 43. Christmas, 44. wintry, 45. puzzled, 46. traits, 47. staple

48. The coast was lined with beds of \_\_\_\_\_ swaying in the tide.  
*n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
49. My friend is pursuing a degree in \_\_\_\_\_ at the university.  
*n.* the study of the music of different cultures or regions, especially as it relates to the cultural and social context in which it is created and performed
50. The fisherman caught a large \_\_\_\_\_ salmon in the river.  
*n.* a type of fish, also known as silver salmon, found in the Pacific Ocean and prized for its flavor and flaky texture
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ plates shifted, causing an earthquake.  
*adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
52. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.  
*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
53. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.  
*adj.* practical rather than idealistic
54. He never uttered a \_\_\_\_\_ word.  
*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
55. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ on the street, but no one is listening.  
*v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
56. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.  
*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

ANSWERS: 48. kelp, 49. ethnomusicology, 50. coho, 51. tectonic, 52. ignited, 53. pragmatic, 54. solitary, 55. warbles, 56. poked

57. The area's \_\_\_\_\_ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

- n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

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

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

59. The paper-covered \_\_\_\_\_ glowed softly in the darkness.

- n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

60. I enthusiastically \_\_\_\_\_ my rival's achievement.

- v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

61. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

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

62. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.

- adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

63. The leader \_\_\_\_\_ a state of emergency in the country.

- v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

- adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

65. The national park is home to a diverse \_\_\_\_\_ of animal species.

- n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

ANSWERS: 57. folklore, 58. industrious, 59. lantern, 60. applaud, 61. confused, 62. adventurous, 63. proclaimed, 64. hardy, 65. fauna

66. The French painter wore a black \_\_\_\_\_ as a symbol of his artistic identity.
- n.* a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture

ANSWERS: 66. beret