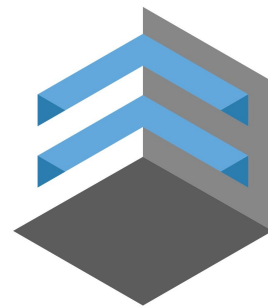


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## Session 1: Word List

### quintessence

*n.* the perfect example of a quality or class

*synonym*: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

### hypnotic

*adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

*synonym*: soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

### spellbound

*adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell

*synonym*: enraptured, captivated, entranced

(1) **spellbound** audience, (2) **spellbound** by her beauty

I was absolutely **spellbound** by the beauty of the sunset.

### spectacle

*n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

*synonym*: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens  
She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

## riverbank

*n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

*synonym*: riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

## canoe

*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

## firefly

*n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

## whoop

*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

*synonym*: yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

## 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**.

## neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in

## neuroscience

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## crackle

*v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

*synonym*: sizzle, hiss, snap

(1) **crackle** on the gravel road, (2) the **crackle** of the thunder

The firewood **crackled** and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

## chop

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym*: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meat with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

## emigrate

*v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another

*synonym*: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

## inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym*: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

*synonym*: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

## collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

*synonym*: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

## perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

*synonym*: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

## detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

*synonym*: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

## glimmer

n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

*synonym*: gleam, dazzle, gleam

(1) without a **glimmer** of truth, (2) give a **glimmer** of light

There is however a **glimmer** of hope.

## epiphany

*n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

*synonym*: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

## 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.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym*: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## undeniable

*adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

*synonym*: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

## conceit

*n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

*synonym*: vanity, egotism, self-importance

(1) full of **conceit**, (2) puffed up with **conceit**

His vain **conceit** made it difficult for him to work well with others.

## discography

*n.* a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically

*synonym*: record collection, complete works, discology

(1) complete **discography**, (2) **discography** album

The band's **discography** spans over four decades of hits.

## singe

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym*: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

## homesick

*adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

*synonym*: nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

## nostalgia

*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

*synonym*: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

## scrawny

*adj.* excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way

*synonym*: thin, skinny, emaciated

(1) **scrawny** cat, (2) **scrawny** appearance

He was always insecure about his **scrawny** physique.

## nephew

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

## bodyguard

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

*synonym*: protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

## whim

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

*synonym*: fancy, caprice, whimsy

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

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

## lore

*n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

*synonym*: mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

## hallowed

*adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

*synonym*: sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) **hallowed** tradition, (2) **hallowed** memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

## pigeon

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and

domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

## musicology

*n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

*synonym*: musical scholarship, music theory

(1) **musicology** professor, (2) **musicology** research

The **musicology** conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

## jealousy

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym*: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

## patriarchal

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

*synonym*: male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

## entertainer

*n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

*synonym*: performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**

The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.



## 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.

## interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately

**interrogate** the witness.

## 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**.

## psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident trauma.

## storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sc____y appearance          | <i>adj.</i> excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way  |
| 2. comedy ent____er            | <i>n.</i> a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy                        |
| 3. co____e head-on             | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving   |
| 4. complete dis____hy          | <i>n.</i> a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically                           |
| 5. ca__e race                  | <i>n.</i> a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle  |
| 6. at the w__m of circumstance | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained  |
| 7. mus____gy professor         | <i>n.</i> the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music |
| 8. burn with je____sy          | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire                                      |
| 9. mild hy____ic               | <i>adj.</i> inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion   |

ANSWERS: 1. scrawny, 2. entertainer, 3. collide, 4. discography, 5. canoe, 6. whim, 7. musicology, 8. jealousy, 9. hypnotic

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| 10. syn_____ze our watches   | <i>v.</i> | to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate  |
| 11. field of psy_____apy     | <i>n.</i> | the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist  |
| 12. sp_____le lens           | <i>n.</i> | something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |
| 13. ne____n cell body        | <i>n.</i> | a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body   |
| 14. pi____n on the roof      | <i>n.</i> | a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food                                       |
| 15. int_____ted by police    | <i>v.</i> | to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner  |
| 16. per_____or identity      | <i>n.</i> | a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception  |
| 17. walk along the ri_____nk | <i>n.</i> | the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes   |
| 18. co_____e in midair       | <i>v.</i> | to hit something violently when moving   |
| 19. ca__e a statue           | <i>v.</i> | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply  |

ANSWERS: 10. synchronize, 11. psychotherapy, 12. spectacle, 13. neuron, 14. pigeon, 15. interrogate, 16. perpetrator, 17. riverbank, 18. collide, 19. carve

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| 20. VIP bo_____rd                      | <i>n.</i> a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack  |
| 21. cr_____e on the gravel road        | <i>v.</i> to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity |
| 22. pretty sp_____le                   | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision   |
| 23. wh__p it up at a party             | <i>v.</i> to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise   |
| 24. co_____e the listener              | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand  |
| 25. sparkle like fi_____y              | <i>n.</i> a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark   |
| 26. em_____te for better opportunities | <i>v.</i> to leave one's country or region to settle in another  |
| 27. hy_____ic effect                   | <i>adj.</i> inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion   |

ANSWERS: 20. bodyguard, 21. crackle, 22. spectacle, 23. whoop, 24. confuse, 25. firefly, 26. emigrate, 27. hypnotic

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| 28. make a ca__e trip          | <i>n.</i> a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle   |
| 29. the branch of neu_____nce  | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system   |
| 30. a sm_____ng blow           | <i>adj.</i> very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed  |
| 31. em_____te to a new country | <i>v.</i> to leave one's country or region to settle in another   |
| 32. mythological l__e          | <i>n.</i> traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature |
| 33. military l__e              | <i>n.</i> traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature |
| 34. spe_____nd by her beauty   | <i>adj.</i> completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell  |
| 35. ha_____ed tradition        | <i>adj.</i> considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect  |
| 36. ca__e my name on the plate | <i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply   |
| 37. an und_____le fact         | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain   |
| 38. c__p a meet with a knife   | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife   |

ANSWERS: 28. canoe, 29. neuroscience, 30. smashing, 31. emigrate, 32. lore, 33. lore, 34. spellbound, 35. hallowed, 36. carve, 37. undeniable, 38. chop

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| 39. 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 |
| 40. syn_____ze movements                     | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate   |
| 41. local vi_____er                          | <i>n.</i> a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community  |
| 42. co_____e fantasy with reality            | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand   |
| 43. ha_____ed memory                         | <i>adj.</i> considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect  |
| 44. puffed up with co_____t                  | <i>n.</i> an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance   |
| 45. sc_____y cat                             | <i>adj.</i> excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way   |
| 46. je_____sy feeling towards another person | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire   |
| 47. courtroom sto_____ing                    | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |
| 48. nieces and ne_____ws                     | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister   |
| 49. si__e the edges of a fabric              | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake   |
| 50. a warm no_____ia                         | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past   |

ANSWERS: 39. rev, 40. synchronize, 41. villager, 42. confuse, 43. hallowed, 44. conceit, 45. scrawny, 46. jealousy, 47. storytelling, 48. nephew, 49. singe, 50. nostalgia

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| 51. in____t estate          | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died   |
| 52. w__m of youth           | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained  |
| 53. r_v up the crowd        | <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    |
| 54. a racing pi____n        | <i>n.</i> a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food                                     |
| 55. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories   |
| 56. Feast of Ep____ny       | <i>n.</i> a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus     |
| 57. suffer from ho____ck    | <i>adj.</i> feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time                         |
| 58. culprit per____or       | <i>n.</i> a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception  |
| 59. 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 |

ANSWERS: 51. inherit, 52. whim, 53. rev, 54. pigeon, 55. storytelling, 56. epiphany, 57. homesick, 58. perpetrator, 59. intuition

60. give sm_____ng results	<i>adj.</i> very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
61. give a gl_____r of light	<i>n.</i> a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
62. int_____te an enemy soldier	<i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
63. wh__p with joy	<i>v.</i> to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
64. pat_____al society	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
65. mus_____gy research	<i>n.</i> the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music
66. vi_____er community	<i>n.</i> a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
67. si__e off the hair over the flames	<i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
68. an und_____le masterpiece	<i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain
69. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
70. three-year-old ne___w	<i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister

ANSWERS: 60. smashing, 61. glimmer, 62. interrogate, 63. whoop, 64. patriarchal, 65. musicology, 66. villager, 67. singe, 68. undeniable, 69. neuroscience, 70. nephew



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| 71. no_____ia trip              | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past  |
| 72. psy_____apy for depression  | <i>n.</i> the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist  |
| 73. dis_____hy album            | <i>n.</i> a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically   |
| 74. the glow of a fi_____y      | <i>n.</i> a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark   |
| 75. excite the ne_____ns        | <i>n.</i> a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body   |
| 76. without a gl_____r of truth | <i>n.</i> a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something  |
| 77. 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 |
| 78. ep_____ny about life        | <i>n.</i> a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus     |
| 79. de_____n for investigation  | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving  |

ANSWERS: 71. nostalgia, 72. psychotherapy, 73. discography, 74. firefly, 75. neuron, 76. glimmer, 77. intuition, 78. epiphany, 79. detain

80. ho____ck for home	<i>adj.</i> feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
81. pat_____al government	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
82. the qui_____nce of virtue	<i>n.</i> the perfect example of a quality or class
83. ri_____nk erosion	<i>n.</i> the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
84. elite bo_____rd unit	<i>n.</i> a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
85. de____n a terrorist	<i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
86. ent_____er of the year	<i>n.</i> a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
87. full of co_____t	<i>n.</i> an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
88. c__p wood	<i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
89. the cr_____e of the thunder	<i>v.</i> to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

ANSWERS: 80. homesick, 81. patriarchal, 82. quintessence, 83. riverbank, 84.

bodyguard, 85. detain, 86. entertainer, 87. conceit, 88. chop, 89. crackle

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| 90. qui_____nce of life         | <i>n.</i> the perfect example of a quality or class  |
| 91. in_____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died                             |
| 92. spe_____nd audience         | <i>adj.</i> completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell |

ANSWERS: 90. quintessence, 91. inherit, 92. spellbound

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is however a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope.  
*n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
3. Her influence on teenagers is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
4. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.  
*v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
5. He took \_\_\_\_\_ to help him deal with his accident trauma.  
*n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.  
*n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
7. The military personnel stationed overseas often feel \_\_\_\_\_ for their loved ones.  
*adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
8. The celebrity hired a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from the paparazzi.  
*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

ANSWERS: 1. glimmer, 2. patriarchal, 3. undeniable, 4. emigrated, 5. psychotherapy, 6. quintessence, 7. homesick, 8. bodyguard

9. 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
10. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
- n.* a son of your brother or sister
11. The band's \_\_\_\_\_ spans over four decades of hits.
- n.* a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically
12. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.
- v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
13. The police have not yet caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.
- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
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 band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.
- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
16. He quit his job on a \_\_\_\_\_ and moved to a new city.
- n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

ANSWERS: 9. synchronized, 10. nephew, 11. discography, 12. chopped, 13. perpetrator, 14. intuitions, 15. smashing, 16. whim

17. The ice cream truck's sound brought back \_\_\_\_\_ for my childhood.

*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

18. He was always insecure about his \_\_\_\_\_ physique.

*adj.* excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way

19. The rural \_\_\_\_\_ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

*n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

20. His voice had a \_\_\_\_\_ quality for me.

*adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

21. The winning team began to \_\_\_\_\_ and holler with excitement.

*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

22. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

23. In that country, there is a culture of eating live \_\_\_\_\_ squid.

*n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

*n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

ANSWERS: 17. nostalgia, 18. scrawny, 19. villagers, 20. hypnotic, 21. whoop, 22. storytelling, 23. firefly, 24. musicology

25. I was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ by the beauty of the sunset.

*adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell

26. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

27. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.

*v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

28. His \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

29. His vain \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to work well with others.

*n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

30. The village's \_\_\_\_\_ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

*n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

31. The police \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect for questioning.

*v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 25. spellbound, 26. singed, 27. interrogate, 28. jealousy, 29. conceit, 30. lore, 31. detained, 32. pigeon



33. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

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

34. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

- n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

35. Our body transfers information along each \_\_\_\_\_ using an electrical impulse.

- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

36. The interests of the two countries \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to hit something violently when moving

37. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.

- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

38. She could not help watching the sad \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

39. 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

40. We enjoyed a picnic on the \_\_\_\_\_ and watched the boats go by.

- n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 33. confused, 34. epiphany, 35. neuron, 36. collide, 37. carved, 38. spectacle, 39. rev, 40. riverbank

41. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
42. The church was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.
- adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
43. After the accident, the police found an empty \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
44. The dancer is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who captivates her audience with graceful movements.
- n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
45. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
46. The firewood \_\_\_\_\_ and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.
- v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

ANSWERS: 41. neuroscience, 42. hallowed, 43. canoe, 44. entertainer, 45. inherited, 46. crackled