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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sneeze

*v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

*synonym* : exhale, whiff, blow

(1) **sneeze** into my hand, (2) **sneeze** loudly

Whenever I get a cold, I tend to **sneeze** a lot.

### mantle

*n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another

*synonym* : crust, cloak, cover

(1) **mantle** of power, (2) **mantle** of the presidency

The **mantle** layer on Mars is much thinner than on Earth.

### wand

*n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

*synonym* : rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

## disinfect

*v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms

*synonym* : cleanse, sanitize, sterilize

(1) **disinfect** a wound, (2) **disinfect** the kitchen

It is important to **disinfect** surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.

## envious

*adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

*synonym* : jealous, covetous, green-eyed

(1) **envious** gaze, (2) feel **envious**

She was **envious** of her friend's success in the stock market.

## encompass

*v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

*synonym* : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## chuckle

*n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

*synonym* : laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly

photo my friend had sent me.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym*: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## morbid

*adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing

*synonym*: unhealthy, sickly, gruesome

(1) **morbid** fascination, (2) **morbid** joke

The decayed and **morbid** atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.

## quarantine

*n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

*synonym*: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

## bedrock

*n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

*synonym*: foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

## episodic

*adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

*synonym* : intermittent, recurrent, sporadic

(1) **episodic** story, (2) **episodic** event

The patient's memory loss is **episodic**, with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym* : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## doodad

*n.* a small ornament, gadget, or trinket; something whose name one does not know or cannot recall

*synonym* : gadget, thingamajig, widget

(1) handy **doodad**, (2) electronic **doodad**

I have this handy **doodad** that helps organize all my cables.

## overconfidence

*n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior

*synonym* : overestimation, hubris, arrogance

(1) **overconfidence** bias, (2) false **overconfidence**

The student's **overconfidence** in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.

## electrocardiogram

*n.* a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity

*synonym* : ECG, heart monitor, cardiac monitor

(1) **electrocardiogram** technician, (2) abnormal **electrocardiogram**

The hospital invested in state-of-the-art **electrocardiogram**

machines to improve patient care.

## telemedicine

*n.* the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services

*synonym* : remote healthcare, online medicine, virtual care

(1) **telemedicine** consultation, (2) **telemedicine** technology

Due to the pandemic, many doctors have started offering **telemedicine** appointments.

## mystic

*adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

*synonym* : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

## aerosol

*n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application

*synonym* : spray, mist, fog

(1) **aerosol** container, (2) **aerosol** can

She waited a few seconds after spraying the **aerosol** insecticide before entering the room.

## zoonotic

*adj.* relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans

*synonym* : infectious, contagious, transmissible

(1) **zoonotic** diseases, (2) **zoonotic** transmission

The spread of the disease was due to its **zoonotic** nature, able to infect both humans and animals.

## encroach

*v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

*synonym* : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym*: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## avian

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds

*synonym*: bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

## swine

*n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

*synonym*: pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

## human-made

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

*synonym*: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

## exacerbate

*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

*synonym*: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

## ferocity

*n.* the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness

*synonym*: fierceness, intensity, violence

(1) roar with **ferocity**, (2) the **ferocity** of the battle  
The **ferocity** of the windstorm knocked over trees and caused power outages.

## ravage

*v.* to cause damage to something badly  
*synonym*: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain  
A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

## endemic

*adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area  
*synonym*: prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area  
Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

## underfunded

*adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise  
*synonym*: undercapitalized, cash-strapped, insolvent

(1) severely **underfunded**, (2) **underfunded** programs  
The healthcare system is **underfunded**, and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

## 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.

## co-occurrence

*n.* the simultaneous occurrence or presence of two or more things, often used in statistical or scientific contexts  
*synonym*: simultaneity, coincidence, conjunction

(1) **co-occurrence** pattern, (2) **co-occurrence** matrix  
The **co-occurrence** of these two events suggests that there may be a causal relationship between them.

## 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.

## 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.

## rhesus

*n.* a type of macaque monkey (any of the various short-tailed monkeys found in Asia and Africa) often used in scientific research

*synonym*: macaca mulatta, macaque

(1) **Rhesus** macaque, (2) **rhesus** experiment

**Rhesus** monkeys are known for their intelligence and adaptability in captivity.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## airbag

*n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death

*synonym*: air cushion, safety bag, crash bag

(1) defective **airbag**, (2) **airbag** deployment



The **airbag** system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.

## 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.

## retardant

*n.* a substance used to slow or prevent the spread of fire; a chemical added to a material to make it less flammable; (adjective) of or relating to something that slows down or inhibits a process or action

*synonym*: inhibitor, suppressant, stopper

(1) age **retardant**, (2) fire- **retardant** equipment

The engineer added a corrosion **retardant** to the metal structure to extend its lifespan

## 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.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## grandkid

*n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

*synonym*: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

## proficient

*adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

*synonym* : expert, skilled, adept

(1) **proficient** speaker, (2) **proficient** skill

She is **proficient** in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## stagger

*v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock

*synonym* : lurch, falter, astound

(1) **stagger** and nearly fall, (2) **stagger** downstairs

The malicious criticism did not **stagger** his resolution.

## decompress

*v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone

*synonym* : unload, relieve, unburden

(1) **decompress** data, (2) **decompress** an archive file

She **decompressed** after a long day at work with a yoga class.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym* : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## disproportionately

*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is

unequal or excessive about something else

*synonym*: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

## disproportionate

*adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

*synonym*: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

## detrimental

*adj.* causing harm or damage

*synonym*: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) **detrimental** eating habits, (2) **detrimental** to good health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## 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.

## sacrificial

*adj.* relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity

*synonym* : offering, atoning

(1) **sacrificial** nature, (2) **sacrificial** victim

The lamb was a **sacrificial** offering to the gods.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## disparity

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym* : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## oxymoron

*n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

*synonym* : contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

## tracer

*n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

*synonym* : detector, tracker

(1) radioactive **tracer**, (2) biological **tracer**

The **tracer** gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.

## outstrip

*v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

*synonym* : outdo, surpass, exceed

(1) **outstrip** competitors, (2) **outstrip** population growth  
The company's sales have **outstripped** expectations for the quarter.

## situ

*adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

*synonym*: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

## obsolescence

*n.* the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes

*synonym*: outdatedness, antiquity, disuse

(1) planned **obsolescence**, (2) technological **obsolescence**

The rapid pace of technological advances has led to the **obsolescence** of many older products.

## believable

*adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

*synonym*: plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

## asymptomatic

*adj.* not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it

*synonym*: asymptotic, symptomless, unnoticeable

(1) **asymptomatic** carrier, (2) **asymptomatic** infection

The study showed that one-third of infected individuals could remain **asymptomatic** throughout the disease.

## bullhorn

*n.* a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law

enforcement

*synonym* : megaphone, loudspeaker, hailer

(1) **bullhorn** volume, (2) deliver a speech through a **bullhorn**

The coach shouted into a **bullhorn** to give instructions to his players.

**engender**

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

*synonym* : beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust

The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. exa\_\_\_\_\_te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
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58. st_____r downstairs	<i>v.</i> to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock

ANSWERS: 47. prioritize, 48. decompress, 49. believable, 50. medicinal, 51. disproportionate, 52. creditor, 53. wand, 54. ferocity, 55. engender, 56. pandemic, 57. co-occurrence, 58. stagger

59. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
60. co\_\_\_\_\_e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
61. age re\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a substance used to slow or prevent the spread of fire; a chemical added to a material to make it less flammable; (adjective) of or relating to something that slows down or inhibits a process or action
62. fire-re\_\_\_\_\_nt equipment *n.* a substance used to slow or prevent the spread of fire; a chemical added to a material to make it less flammable; (adjective) of or relating to something that slows down or inhibits a process or action
63. income di\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
64. det\_\_\_\_\_al eating habits *adj.* causing harm or damage
65. st\_\_\_\_\_r and nearly fall *v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
66. severely und\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
67. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
68. ov\_\_\_\_\_a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 59. germ, 60. confine, 61. retardant, 62. retardant, 63. disparity, 64. detrimental, 65. stagger, 66. underfunded, 67. infect, 68. oversea

69. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
70. tel\_\_\_\_\_ine technology *n.* the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services
71. exa\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
72. handy do\_\_\_\_d *n.* a small ornament, gadget, or trinket; something whose name one does not know or cannot recall
73. Rh\_\_\_\_s macaque *n.* a type of macaque monkey (any of the various short-tailed monkeys found in Asia and Africa) often used in scientific research
74. false ove\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
75. defective ai\_\_\_\_g *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
76. ox\_\_\_\_\_on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
77. zo\_\_\_\_\_ic transmission *adj.* relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans

ANSWERS: 69. industrious, 70. telemedicine, 71. exacerbate, 72. doodad, 73. rhesus, 74. overconfidence, 75. airbag, 76. oxymoron, 77. zoonotic

78. in\_\_\_t other animal species      *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
79. av\_\_n habitat      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
80. pro\_\_\_\_\_nt speaker      *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
81. mandatory qua\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
82. stifled ch\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
83. und\_\_\_\_\_ed programs      *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
84. me\_\_\_\_\_s vaccine      *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
85. electronic do\_\_\_d      *n.* a small ornament, gadget, or trinket; something whose name one does not know or cannot recall
86. feel en\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
87. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate amount      *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

ANSWERS: 78. infect, 79. avian, 80. proficient, 81. quarantine, 82. chuckle, 83. underfunded, 84. measles, 85. doodad, 86. envious, 87. disproportionate

88. en\_\_\_\_\_er the trust                    *v.*    to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
89. ig\_\_\_e a boom                              *v.*    to set on fire; to cause to start burning
90. en\_\_\_\_\_ch on the realm                *v.*    to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
91. deliver a speech through a  
    bu\_\_\_\_\_rn                                *n.*    a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law enforcement
92. en\_\_\_\_\_ss the enemy                    *v.*    to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
93. ae\_\_\_\_\_l container                      *n.*    a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application
94. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed for the exam                *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
95. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system    *n.*    the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
96. ele\_\_\_\_\_ram technician                *n.*    a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity
97. ep\_\_\_\_\_ic event                         *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

ANSWERS: 88. engender, 89. ignite, 90. encroach, 91. bullhorn, 92. encompass, 93. aerosol, 94. unprepared, 95. mindset, 96. electrocardiogram, 97. episodic



98. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
99. di\_\_\_\_\_ct the kitchen *v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
100. rh\_\_\_s experiment *n.* a type of macaque monkey (any of the various short-tailed monkeys found in Asia and Africa) often used in scientific research
101. ra\_\_\_e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
102. en\_\_\_\_\_c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
103. ma\_\_\_e of the presidency *n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another
104. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
105. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
106. co\_\_\_\_\_e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
107. 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

ANSWERS: 98. situ, 99. disinfect, 100. rhesus, 101. ravage, 102. endemic, 103. mantle, 104. medicinal, 105. prioritize, 106. confine, 107. coronavirus

108. sac\_\_\_\_\_al nature *adj.* relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity
109. climate sk\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
110. be\_\_\_\_\_k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
111. en\_\_\_\_\_s gaze *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
112. planned obs\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes
113. an ingrained sk\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
114. spend the weekend with their gr\_\_\_\_\_ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
115. ai\_\_\_\_\_g deployment *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
116. mo\_\_\_\_\_d fascination *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing

ANSWERS: 108. sacrificial, 109. skeptic, 110. bedrock, 111. envious, 112. obsolescence, 113. skeptic, 114. grandkid, 115. airbag, 116. morbid

117. av\_\_n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
118. sw\_\_e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
119. the worst hum\_\_\_\_\_de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
120. mo\_\_\_d joke *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
121. zo\_\_\_\_\_ic diseases *adj.* relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans
122. sn\_\_\_e loudly *v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants
123. the di\_\_\_\_\_ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
124. age-old cl\_\_\_e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
125. sw\_\_e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
126. ou\_\_\_\_\_ip competitors *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
127. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 117. avian, 118. swine, 119. human-made, 120. morbid, 121. zoonotic, 122. sneeze, 123. disparity, 124. cliché, 125. swine, 126. outstrip, 127. germ

128. asy\_\_\_\_\_tic infection      *adj.* not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it
129. technological obs\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes
130. cl\_\_\_e plot      *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
131. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success      *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
132. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely high      *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

ANSWERS: 128. asymptomatic, 129. obsolescence, 130. cliché, 131. envision, 132. disproportionately

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
  
2. 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
  
3. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.  
*v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ monkeys are known for their intelligence and adaptability in captivity.  
*n.* a type of macaque monkey (any of the various short-tailed monkeys found in Asia and Africa) often used in scientific research
  
5. The new policy had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on small businesses.  
*adj.* causing harm or damage
  
6. The lamb was a \_\_\_\_\_ offering to the gods.  
*adj.* relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity
  
7. A large fire \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.  
*v.* to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. coronavirus, 3. disinfect, 4. Rhesus, 5. detrimental, 6. sacrificial, 7. ravaged

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the windstorm knocked over trees and caused power outages.  
*n.* the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness
9. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.  
*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
10. The patient's memory loss is \_\_\_\_\_ with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.  
*adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
11. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week \_\_\_\_\_ for all travelers.  
*n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
12. The healthcare system is \_\_\_\_\_ and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.  
*adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
13. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
14. The coach shouted into a \_\_\_\_\_ to give instructions to his players.  
*n.* a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law enforcement
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ layer on Mars is much thinner than on Earth.  
*n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another

ANSWERS: 8. ferocity, 9. pandemic, 10. episodic, 11. quarantine, 12. underfunded, 13. creditor, 14. bullhorn, 15. mantle

16. I have this handy \_\_\_\_\_ that helps organize all my cables.
- n.* a small ornament, gadget, or trinket; something whose name one does not know or cannot recall
17. The study showed that one-third of infected individuals could remain \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the disease.
- adj.* not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it
18. Malaria is \_\_\_\_\_ in many tropical countries.
- adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
19. I couldn't help but let out a little \_\_\_\_\_ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.
- n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
20. The expert on \_\_\_\_\_ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
21. The rapid pace of technological advances has led to the \_\_\_\_\_ of many older products.
- n.* the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes
22. The optimal solution that would \_\_\_\_\_ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
- v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 16. doodad, 17. asymptomatic, 18. endemic, 19. chuckle, 20. avian, 21. obsolescence, 22. encompass

23. The rich can often \_\_\_\_\_ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

24. The hospital invested in state-of-the-art \_\_\_\_\_ machines to improve patient care.

*n.* a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity

25. The company's sales have \_\_\_\_\_ expectations for the quarter.

*v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

26. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

27. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

28. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed \_\_\_\_\_ and realistic.

*adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

*n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

30. He is interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ rites of that religion.

*adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;  
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 23. disproportionately, 24. electrocardiogram, 25. outstripped, 26. confined, 27. skeptic, 28. believable, 29. bedrock, 30. mystic



31. She \_\_\_\_\_ after a long day at work with a yoga class.

*v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone

32. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of her friend's success in the stock market.

*adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.

*n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.

*n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death

35. There is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in pay between men and women in the company.

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

36. Whenever I get a cold, I tend to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.

*v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

37. The heat wave \_\_\_\_\_ the drought conditions.

*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

ANSWERS: 31. decompressed, 32. envious, 33. tracer, 34. airbag, 35. disparity, 36. sneeze, 37. exacerbated

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.  
*adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
39. She waited a few seconds after spraying the \_\_\_\_\_ insecticide before entering the room.  
*n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application
40. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.  
*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
41. The decayed and \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.  
*adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
42. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.  
*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
43. Melanoma in \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.  
*adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
44. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
45. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.  
*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 38. unprepared, 39. aerosol, 40. cliché, 41. morbid, 42. infect, 43. situ, 44. prioritized, 45. envision

46. The engineer added a corrosion \_\_\_\_\_ to the metal structure to extend its lifespan
- n.* a substance used to slow or prevent the spread of fire; a chemical added to a material to make it less flammable; (adjective) of or relating to something that slows down or inhibits a process or action
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
48. You have no right to \_\_\_\_\_ on my leisure time.
- v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
49. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.
- v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
50. Due to the pandemic, many doctors have started offering \_\_\_\_\_ appointments.
- n.* the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services
51. This big gate is \_\_\_\_\_ to the small hut.
- adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
52. The discussion about war helps \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of shared humanity.
- v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
53. She was so proud of her \_\_\_\_\_ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.
- n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

ANSWERS: 46. retardant, 47. germ, 48. encroach, 49. ignited, 50. telemedicine, 51. disproportionate, 52. engender, 53. grandkids,

54. The magician waved his \_\_\_\_\_ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.  
*n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
55. The student's \_\_\_\_\_ in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.  
*n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
56. The bridge is a \_\_\_\_\_ structure and was built to span the river.  
*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
57. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
58. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.  
*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
59. 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
60. The farmer raises \_\_\_\_\_ on his farm for the market.  
*n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
61. "Awfully good" is an \_\_\_\_\_ that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.  
*n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

ANSWERS: 54. wand, 55. overconfidence, 56. human-made, 57. medicinal, 58. oversea, 59. measles, 60. swine, 61. oxymoron

62. The spread of the disease was due to its \_\_\_\_\_ nature, able to infect both humans and animals.

*adj.* relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans

63. The \_\_\_\_\_ of these two events suggests that there may be a causal relationship between them.

*n.* the simultaneous occurrence or presence of two or more things, often used in statistical or scientific contexts

64. The malicious criticism did not \_\_\_\_\_ his resolution.

*v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock

65. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

66. She is \_\_\_\_\_ in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

*adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

ANSWERS: 62. zoonotic, 63. co-occurrence, 64. stagger, 65. mindset, 66. proficient