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## Session 1: Word List

### revelry

*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

*synonym*: festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

### adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym*: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

### clam

*n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

### polystyrene

*n.* a lightweight, thermoplastic polymer material used in the manufacture of a wide range of products, including packaging, insulation, and consumer goods

(1) **polystyrene** foam, (2) **polystyrene** packaging

The construction industry often utilizes **polystyrene**

insulation panels to improve building energy efficiency.

## upheaval

*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

*synonym*: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

## sentimental

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

*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

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

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

## subside

*v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

*synonym*: decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

## dormant

*adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

*synonym*: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

## bastardize

*v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

*synonym*: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

## apprehensive

*adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

*synonym* : anxious, uneasy, nervous

(1) **apprehensive** of danger, (2) **apprehensive** mood

She was **apprehensive** about speaking in front of a large crowd.

## mustard

*n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

*synonym* : condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

## pickle

*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

*synonym* : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

## grail

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

*synonym* : chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

## spit

*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

*synonym* : expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

## stark

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

*synonym* : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

## chlorine

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

*synonym* : element, greenish-yellow gas, bleach

(1) **chlorine** gas, (2) **chlorine** tablet

Some people are sensitive to the smell of **chlorine** and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.

## bleach

*v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

*synonym* : whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym* : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## corrugated

*adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

*synonym* : ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing

The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

## napkin

*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed

on a table for formal occasions

*synonym*: serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

## speckle

*n.* a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color

*synonym*: fleck, spot, dot

(1) **speckle** pattern, (2) **speckle** noise

The **speckle** of red on the white porcelain vase made it stand out in the antique shop.

## vogue

*n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

*synonym*: trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

## crusader

*n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

*synonym*: advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice

The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

## contrarian

*n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy

*synonym*: dissenter, maverick, rebel

(1) **contrarian** investor, (2) **contrarian** philosophy

The politician's **contrarian** stance on immigration has earned him a lot of supporters and detractors alike.

## 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.

## vociferous

*adj.* characterized by loud, insistent, or attention-grabbing verbal expression

*synonym* : loud, noisy, clamorous

(1) **vociferous** protest, (2) **vociferous** criticism

The **vociferous** fans cheered loudly for their team during the game.

## vigilant

*adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

*synonym* : watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym* : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## 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.

## vegan

*n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

## sausage

*n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

*synonym*: bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

## pastry

*n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

*synonym*: bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

## gracious

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

*synonym*: cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

## 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.

## slaughterhouse

*n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

*synonym*: abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility

The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

## prod

v. to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

*synonym* : poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** him into action, (2) **prod** him with a stick

She used a stick to **prod** the fire and make it burn brighter.

## zap

v. to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

*synonym* : destroy, kill, exterminate

(1) **zap** a huge target, (2) **zap** bar code

They provided allies with powerful weapons that could **zap** the enemy from thousands of miles away.

## appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

*synonym* : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

## corral

n. a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence

*synonym* : pen, enclosure, yard

(1) **corral** fence, (2) enclose in a **corral**

The farmer used a high **corral** to keep the cattle from wandering off.

## deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

*synonym* : clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

## miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym* : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous**



change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## pristine

*adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

*synonym*: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

## 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.

## blatant

*adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

*synonym*: obvious, flagrant, conspicuous

(1) **blatant** hypocrisy, (2) **blatant** disregard

Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's **blatant** lie.

## rainforest

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

## moratorium

*n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

*synonym*: suspension, pause, halt

(1) a temporary **moratorium** on evictions, (2) impose **moratorium**

The council has decided to impose a **moratorium** on building new houses in the area.

## commonplace

*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

*synonym*: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

## batter

*v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

*synonym*: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. voc\_\_\_\_\_us criticism *adj.* characterized by loud, insistent, or attention-grabbing verbal expression
2. pi\_\_\_e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
3. bl\_\_\_\_\_t disregard *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
4. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
5. bas\_\_\_\_\_ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
6. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
7. sp\_\_\_\_\_e pattern *n.* a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color
8. cor\_\_\_\_\_ed metal roofing *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

ANSWERS: 1. vociferous, 2. pickle, 3. blatant, 4. liberate, 5. bastardize, 6. liberate, 7. speckle, 8. corrugated

9. bas\_\_\_\_\_ze a recipe
10. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood
11. pol\_\_\_\_\_ne foam
12. ve\_\_n lifestyle
13. ch\_\_\_\_\_ne gas
14. ap\_\_\_l me
15. mu\_\_\_\_\_d leaf
16. bl\_\_\_\_\_t hypocrisy
- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
- n.* a lightweight, thermoplastic polymer material used in the manufacture of a wide range of products, including packaging, insulation, and consumer goods
- n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
- v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
- n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
- adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

ANSWERS: 9. bastardize, 10. sentimental, 11. polystyrene, 12. vegan, 13. chlorine, 14. appall, 15. mustard, 16. blatant

17. a cr\_\_\_\_\_er for justice      *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
18. app\_\_\_\_\_ive of danger      *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
19. bl\_\_\_\_h stains      *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
20. linen na\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
21. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. holy gr\_\_l      *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
23. gr\_\_\_\_\_us hospitality      *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
24. pi\_\_\_\_e barrel      *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
25. the ba\_\_\_\_r's box      *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

ANSWERS: 17. crusader, 18. apprehensive, 19. bleach, 20. napkin, 21. industrious, 22. grail, 23. gracious, 24. pickle, 25. batter

26. pa\_\_\_y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
27. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
28. con\_\_\_\_\_an philosophy *n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
29. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
30. con\_\_\_\_\_an investor *n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
31. sla\_\_\_\_\_use operation *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
32. com\_\_\_\_\_ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
33. ba\_\_\_r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
34. pol\_\_\_\_\_ne packaging *n.* a lightweight, thermoplastic polymer material used in the manufacture of a wide range of products, including packaging, insulation, and consumer goods

ANSWERS: 26. pastry, 27. recycle, 28. contrarian, 29. mindset, 30. contrarian, 31. slaughterhouse, 32. commonplace, 33. batter, 34. polystyrene

35. p\_\_d him into action      *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
36. z\_p bar code      *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
37. the worst hum\_\_\_\_\_de disaster      *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
38. ultimate gr\_\_l      *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
39. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
40. pr\_\_\_\_\_ne beach      *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
41. cor\_\_\_\_\_ed panel      *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
42. become a com\_\_\_\_\_ce sight      *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
43. German sa\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
44. ch\_\_\_\_\_ne tablet      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

ANSWERS: 35. prod, 36. zap, 37. human-made, 38. grail, 39. empathy, 40. pristine, 41. corrugated, 42. commonplace, 43. sausage, 44. chlorine

45. festival re\_\_\_\_y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
46. re\_\_\_\_y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
47. the big up\_\_\_\_al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
48. do\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
49. vi\_\_\_\_nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
50. p\_\_d him with a stick *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
51. beef sa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
52. s\_\_t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
53. raw food ve\_\_n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

ANSWERS: 45. revelry, 46. revelry, 47. upheaval, 48. dormant, 49. vigilant, 50. prod, 51. sausage, 52. spit, 53. vegan



54. paper na\_\_\_n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
55. black mu\_\_\_\_d seed *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
56. z\_p a huge target *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
57. go through a mir\_\_\_\_us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
58. giant c\_\_m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
59. rai\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
60. re\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
61. political ad\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
62. flexible mi\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
63. sp\_\_\_\_e noise *n.* a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color

ANSWERS: 54. napkin, 55. mustard, 56. zap, 57. miraculous, 58. clam, 59. rainforest, 60. recycle, 61. adversary, 62. mindset, 63. speckle

64. s\_\_t a bullet v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
65. follow vo\_\_e trends n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
66. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
67. voc\_\_\_\_\_us protest adj. characterized by loud, insistent, or attention-grabbing verbal expression
68. ad\_\_\_\_\_ry team n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
69. vi\_\_\_\_\_nt about hand-washing adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
70. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
71. su\_\_\_\_\_e an argument v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
72. bl\_\_\_\_h hair v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
73. hum\_\_\_\_\_de climate change adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
74. enclose in a co\_\_\_\_l n. a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
75. current vo\_\_e n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

ANSWERS: 64. spit, 65. vogue, 66. miraculous, 67. vociferous, 68. adversary, 69. vigilant, 70. empathy, 71. subside, 72. bleach, 73. human-made, 74. corral, 75. vogue

76. co\_\_\_l fence *n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
77. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
78. up\_\_\_\_\_al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
79. st\_\_k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
80. in a gr\_\_\_\_\_us manner *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
81. do\_\_\_\_\_t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
82. su\_\_\_\_\_e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
83. def\_\_\_\_\_ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
84. ap\_\_\_l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
85. impose mor\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
86. fruit pa\_\_\_y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

ANSWERS: 76. corral, 77. rainforest, 78. upheaval, 79. stark, 80. gracious, 81. dormant, 82. subside, 83. deforestation, 84. appall, 85. moratorium, 86. pastry

87. the lowest def\_\_\_\_\_ion rate      *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
88. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
89. app\_\_\_\_\_ive mood      *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
90. a temporary mor\_\_\_\_\_um on evictions      *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
91. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage      *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
92. anti-corruption cr\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
93. maintain the pr\_\_\_\_\_ne condition      *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
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95. sla\_\_\_\_\_use facility      *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
96. st\_\_k truth      *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

ANSWERS: 87. deforestation, 88. industrious, 89. apprehensive, 90. moratorium, 91. sentimental, 92. crusader, 93. pristine, 94. clam, 95. slaughterhouse, 96. stark

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bellbottoms were in \_\_\_\_\_ during the 1970s but are not as popular today.  
*n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
  
2. They provided allies with powerful weapons that could \_\_\_\_ the enemy from thousands of miles away.  
*v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.  
*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
  
4. He had to endure the \_\_\_\_\_ gas attack during the war.  
*n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
  
5. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.  
*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
  
6. The recent political \_\_\_\_\_ has left the country in a state of chaos.  
*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
  
7. The search for the \_\_\_\_\_ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.  
*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

ANSWERS: 1. vogue, 2. zap, 3. pickle, 4. mustard, 5. recycle, 6. upheaval, 7. grail

8. The news of the massacre \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of red on the white porcelain vase made it stand out in the antique shop.  
*n.* a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color
10. The chef's specialty is a savory \_\_\_\_\_ with spinach and feta cheese.  
*n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
11. The farmer used a high \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the cattle from wandering off.  
*n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
12. The street was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ on New Year's Eve.  
*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
13. It is terrific to camp in \_\_\_\_\_ nature.  
*adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
14. The history books are full of tales of legendary \_\_\_\_\_ who went on epic adventures.  
*n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

ANSWERS: 8. appalled, 9. speckle, 10. pastry, 11. corral, 12. revelry, 13. pristine, 14. crusaders

15. He got so angry that he \_\_\_\_\_ the door down.

- v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

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

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

17. Large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

- n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

18. The bridge is a \_\_\_\_\_ structure and was built to span the river.

- adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

19. 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

20. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about speaking in front of a large crowd.

- adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

21. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the town in peace.

- v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

22. She used a stick to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire and make it burn brighter.

- v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

ANSWERS: 15. battered, 16. industrious, 17. deforestation, 18. human-made, 19. mindset, 20. apprehensive, 21. subsided, 22. prod



23. The \_\_\_\_\_ cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

*adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

24. The scenery of the battlefield was \_\_\_\_\_ and grey.

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

25. We do not want to \_\_\_\_\_ the text's original meaning through poor translations.

*v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

26. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

27. The staff is always helpful and \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

28. The boxer's toughest \_\_\_\_\_ was his fear of losing.

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

29. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

30. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this shirt to remove the stains.

*v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

ANSWERS: 23. corrugated, 24. stark, 25. bastardize, 26. Empathy, 27. gracious, 28. adversary, 29. miraculous, 30. bleach

31. The council has decided to impose a \_\_\_\_\_ on building new houses in the area.
- n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
32. The construction industry often utilizes \_\_\_\_\_ insulation panels to improve building energy efficiency.
- n.* a lightweight, thermoplastic polymer material used in the manufacture of a wide range of products, including packaging, insulation, and consumer goods
33. The smell of the \_\_\_\_\_ made him feel sick to his stomach.
- n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
34. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
- n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
36. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ stance on immigration has earned him a lot of supporters and detractors alike.
- n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
37. Some people are sensitive to the smell of \_\_\_\_\_ and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

ANSWERS: 31. moratorium, 32. polystyrene, 33. slaughterhouse, 34. liberated, 35. clam, 36. contrarian, 37. chlorine

38. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.  
*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ fans cheered loudly for their team during the game.  
*adj.* characterized by loud, insistent, or attention-grabbing verbal expression
40. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.  
*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
41. She tried to \_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
42. The disease can remain \_\_\_\_\_ for years before it presents any symptoms.  
*adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ diet is based on plant-based foods.  
*n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
44. Forgetting someone's name is a \_\_\_\_\_ occurrence.  
*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
45. The mother sliced off a piece of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

ANSWERS: 38. rainforest, 39. vociferous, 40. sentimental, 41. spit, 42. dormant, 43. vegan, 44. commonplace, 45. sausage

46. Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's \_\_\_\_\_ lie.

*adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

47. The guards had to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

*adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

48. I always keep a stack of \_\_\_\_\_ on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

ANSWERS: 46. blatant, 47. vigilant, 48. napkins