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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### reluctantly

*adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

*synonym*: unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave  
He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

### mahjong

*n.* a game played by four players, originating in China that involves tiles and strategy; a game that is often played socially and is popular in many countries

(1) **mahjong** friend, (2) **mahjong** tiles

I love playing **mahjong** with my family on game nights.

### immigrant

*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

*synonym*: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

### gossip

*n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others

*synonym*

: rumor, chitchat, tittle-tattle

(1) **gossip** magazine, (2) celebrity **gossip**

I heard some juicy **gossip** about our co-worker at the water cooler.

## **feast**

*n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion  
*synonym*: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

## **wonton**

*n.* a type of Chinese dumpling, typically filled with a savory mixture of ground meat or vegetables and served boiled or fried

*synonym*: dumpling, potsticker

(1) shrimp **wonton**, (2) fried **wonton**

The **wonton** soup was a delicious appetizer, perfect for sharing.

## **struggle**

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## **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**.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb  
*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## tan

*v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun  
*synonym*: brown, sunburn

(1) **tan** after sun exposure, (2) **tan** poorly

She spent the whole summer **tanning** on the beach.

## debut

*n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor  
*synonym*: introduction, launching, premiere

(1) **debut** on national TV, (2) **debut** performance

The **debut** album of the band was a success.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym*: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## departure

*n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey  
*synonym*: leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## vignette

*n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a

small decorative design or illustration

*synonym* : sketch, drawing, illustration

(1) poignant **vignette**, (2) **vignette** from the incident

The novel has a series of **vignettes** that showcase the everyday struggles of its characters.

## loose

*adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

*synonym* : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

## structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

*synonym* : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

## imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym* : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym* : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## chapter

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

*synonym* : section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party  
The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

## alternate

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

*synonym* : substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

## narrate

*v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

*synonym* : tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

## matriarch

*n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

*synonym* : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

## zone

*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

*synonym* : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

## rural

*adj.* of or relating to the countryside

*synonym* : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## tense

*adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried;  
stretched tight or rigid

*synonym* : tight, stretched, strained

(1) **tense** atmosphere, (2) have a **tense** face

This story makes me **tense**.

## survival

*n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the  
face of difficulty or danger

*synonym* : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

## ambition

*n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something

*synonym* : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

## satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they  
want or need

*synonym* : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## plot

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the  
plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan  
secretly, usually something illegal

*synonym* : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who  
uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

## hostile

*adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed

*synonym* : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym* : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

## arrival

*n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

*synonym* : reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

## dire

*adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

*synonym* : serious, critical, desperate

(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation

The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym* : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets

enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## assign

*v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone  
*synonym* : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

## tragedy

*n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

*synonym* : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

## trauma

*n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

*synonym* : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

## tale

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

*synonym* : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

## illustrate

*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

*synonym* : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

## tirelessly

*adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort



*synonym* : inexhaustibly, indefatigably, unceasingly

(1) dedicated **tirelessly**, (2) **tirelessly** help out

She worked **tirelessly** for hours to finish her project on time.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## weigh

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym* : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

## fulfill

*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

*synonym* : satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

## ignorant

*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

*synonym* : uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

## mindful

*adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

*synonym* : aware, attentive, conscious

(1) **mindful** of my responsibilities, (2) **mindful** eating

Practicing **mindful** meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.

## strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something  
*synonym*: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

## heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

*synonym*: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

## reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

*synonym*: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

## perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## 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.

## anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

*synonym*: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

## plague

*n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

*synonym* : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

## alienated

*adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

*synonym* : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

## hometown

*n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

*synonym* : motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **hometown**, (2) **hometown** pride

I miss my **hometown** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

## disconnect

*v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

*synonym* : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

## adopt

*v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

*synonym* : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads

at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## peer

*n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

*synonym* : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

## strength

*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

*synonym* : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

## tackle

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

*synonym* : deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

## minimal

*adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

*synonym* : tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

## prediction

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

*synonym* : forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive**

layoffs.

## critic

*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## commerce

*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

*synonym*: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

## achievement

*n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

*synonym*: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

## captivate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

*synonym*: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

## uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. int_____te an enemy soldier   | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner  |
| 2. ar_____l and departure gate   | <i>n.</i> the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective   |
| 3. an_____y for knowledge        | <i>n.</i> a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future                                   |
| 4. dis_____ct the water supply   | <i>v.</i> to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment |
| 5. im_____e painting styles      | <i>v.</i> to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something   |
| 6. as_____n projects             | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone   |
| 7. boundless am_____on           | <i>n.</i> a strong wish to do or achieve something   |
| 8. we__h heavily on stock prices | <i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion   |
| 9. ca_____te the mind            | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention or interest of   |
| 10. muscular st_____th           | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong  |

ANSWERS: 1. interrogate, 2. arrival, 3. anxiety, 4. disconnect, 5. imitate, 6. assign, 7. ambition, 8. weigh, 9. captivate, 10. strength

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| 11. im_____nt communities             | <i>n.</i> a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently |
| 12. student ach_____nt                | <i>n.</i> a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability     |
| 13. a remarkable ach_____nt           | <i>n.</i> a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability     |
| 14. z__e defense                      | <i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way         |
| 15. we__h a cargo                     | <i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion  |
| 16. suffer d__e poverty               | <i>adj.</i> extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous                         |
| 17. rel_____ly leave                  | <i>adv.</i> in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation                    |
| 18. res_____le for a customer service | <i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management  |
| 19. t_n after sun exposure            | <i>v.</i> to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun                                    |
| 20. severe cr___c                     | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.                |
| 21. people in ru__l areas             | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the countryside   |
| 22. an am_____on for political power  | <i>n.</i> a strong wish to do or achieve something  |

ANSWERS: 11. immigrant, 12. achievement, 13. achievement, 14. zone, 15. weigh, 16. dire, 17. reluctantly, 18. responsible, 19. tan, 20. critic, 21. rural, 22. ambition

23. ta\_\_\_e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
24. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
25. interstate co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
26. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
27. a tr\_\_\_\_\_y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
28. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
29. tir\_\_\_\_\_ly help out *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
30. help ta\_\_\_e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
31. low-r\_v engine *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
32. time z\_\_e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 23. tackle, 24. novel, 25. commerce, 26. overwhelm, 27. tragedy, 28. uncover, 29. tirelessly, 30. tackle, 31. rev, 32. zone



33. the aftermath of this tr\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
34. ruled by a ma\_\_\_\_\_ch      *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
35. su\_\_\_\_\_al ability      *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
36. a fairy t\_\_e      *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
37. a fe\_\_t for the eyes      *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
38. p\_\_r review      *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
39. ho\_\_\_\_\_e environment      *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
40. p\_\_r group      *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
41. al\_\_\_\_\_ed from my parents      *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
42. dedicated tir\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
43. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 33. tragedy, 34. matriarch, 35. survival, 36. tale, 37. feast, 38. peer, 39. hostile, 40. peer, 41. alienated, 42. tirelessly, 43. divide

44. ig\_\_\_\_\_nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
45. ru\_\_l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
46. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
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48. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
49. he\_\_\_\_\_ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
50. mo\_\_\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
51. make my pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
52. ma\_\_\_\_\_ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
53. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
54. fried wo\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a type of Chinese dumpling, typically filled with a savory mixture of ground meat or vegetables and served boiled or fried

ANSWERS: 44. ignorant, 45. rural, 46. satisfy, 47. mindful, 48. immigrant, 49. heritage, 50. modern, 51. prediction, 52. matriarch, 53. overwhelm, 54. wonton

55. an introductory ch\_\_\_\_r                    *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
56. ho\_\_\_\_nd pride                            *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
57. poignant vi\_\_\_\_te                        *n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration
58. take up a ho\_\_\_\_e attitude               *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
59. st\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain      *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
60. every al\_\_\_\_te year                       *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
61. te\_\_e atmosphere                         *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
62. st\_\_\_\_th of the economy                 *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
63. st\_\_\_e for excellence                     *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
64. gloomy pre\_\_\_\_ons                       *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
65. ma\_\_\_\_g friend                           *n.* a game played by four players, originating in China that involves tiles and strategy; a game that is often played socially and is popular in many countries

ANSWERS: 55. chapter, 56. homeland, 57. vignette, 58. hostile, 59. structure, 60. alternate, 61. tense, 62. strength, 63. strive, 64. prediction, 65. mahjong

66. st\_\_\_e hard to get                      *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
67. na\_\_\_\_\_e an event                      *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
68. beloved ho\_\_\_\_\_nd                      *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
69. ma\_\_\_\_\_g tiles                      *n.* a game played by four players, originating in China that involves tiles and strategy; a game that is often played socially and is popular in many countries
70. have a te\_\_\_e face                      *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
71. de\_\_t performance                      *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
72. t\_\_\_e of horror                      *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
73. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds                      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
74. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct a plug                      *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
75. p\_\_t a revolution                      *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 66. strive, 67. narrate, 68. homeland, 69. mahjong, 70. tense, 71. debut, 72. tale, 73. imitate, 74. disconnect, 75. plot

76. become al\_\_\_\_\_ed      *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
77. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
78. shrimp wo\_\_\_n      *n.* a type of Chinese dumpling, typically filled with a savory mixture of ground meat or vegetables and served boiled or fried
79. we\_\_e a story      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
80. historical he\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
81. ca\_\_\_\_\_te public sentiment      *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
82. a lo\_\_e tongue      *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
83. al\_\_\_\_\_te choice      *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
84. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
85. we\_\_e on a loom      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 76. alienated, 77. bury, 78. wonton, 79. weave, 80. heritage, 81. captivate, 82. loose, 83. alternate, 84. opportune, 85. weave

86. de\_\_t on national TV *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
87. r\_v up the crowd *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
88. de\_\_\_\_\_re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
89. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
90. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
91. blissfully ig\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
92. vi\_\_\_\_\_te from the incident *n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration
93. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
94. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
95. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 86. debut, 87. rev, 88. departure, 89. structure, 90. responsible, 91. ignorant, 92. vignette, 93. commerce, 94. satisfy, 95. interconnect

96. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
97. ad\_\_t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
98. mi\_\_\_\_\_l of my responsibilities *adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment
99. mi\_\_\_\_\_l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
100. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
101. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
102. ch\_\_\_\_\_r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
103. celebrity go\_\_\_p *n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
104. rel\_\_\_\_\_ly approve the idea *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

ANSWERS: 96. perception, 97. adopt, 98. mindful, 99. minimal, 100. illustrate, 101. reconcile, 102. chapter, 103. gossip, 104. reluctantly

105. di\_\_\_e money equally      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
106. a nightly fe\_\_t      *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
107. tr\_\_\_a care      *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
108. na\_\_\_\_\_e a news article      *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
109. ar\_\_\_\_\_l at a conclusion      *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
110. catch the pl\_\_\_e      *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
111. p\_\_t twist      *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
112. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
113. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury      *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
114. b\_\_y in the earth      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 105. divide, 106. feast, 107. trauma, 108. narrate, 109. arrival, 110. plague, 111. plot, 112. struggle, 113. ultimate, 114. bury



115. st\_\_\_\_le against discrimination      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
116. go\_\_\_\_p magazine      *n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
117. re\_\_\_\_\_le these differences      *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
118. remove lo\_\_e hair      *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
119. art cr\_\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
120. deadly pl\_\_\_\_e      *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
121. the ul\_\_\_\_te goal in life      *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
122. fu\_\_\_\_l a lifetime dream      *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
123. t\_n poorly      *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
124. keen per\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 115. struggle, 116. gossip, 117. reconcile, 118. loose, 119. critic, 120. plague, 121. ultimate, 122. fulfill, 123. tan, 124. perception

125. diagnosis of an\_\_\_\_\_y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
126. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
127. d\_\_e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
128. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
129. de\_\_\_\_\_re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
130. su\_\_\_\_\_al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
131. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
132. fu\_\_\_\_\_l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
133. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
134. un\_\_\_\_\_r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
135. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
136. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 125. anxiety, 126. opportune, 127. dire, 128. massive, 129. departure, 130. survival, 131. interrogate, 132. fulfill, 133. novel, 134. uncover, 135. modern, 136. interconnect

137. ad\_\_t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
138. mi\_\_\_\_\_l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
139. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
140. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
141. psychic tr\_\_\_a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
142. as\_\_\_n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 137. adopt, 138. minimal, 139. massive, 140. illustrate, 141. trauma, 142. assign

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many \_\_\_\_\_ areas are still impoverished.  
*adj.* of or relating to the countryside
2. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
3. She finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ herself from the company.  
*v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
4. The audiobook hired a professional actor to \_\_\_\_\_ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.  
*v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city is reflected in its architecture.  
*n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
6. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.  
*v.* to connect similar things
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.  
*adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed

ANSWERS: 1. rural, 2. perception, 3. disconnect, 4. narrate, 5. heritage, 6. interconnect, 7. hostile

8. The process was carried out at \_\_\_\_\_ cost.

*adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

9. The royal \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

*n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

10. He evaluated his chances for \_\_\_\_\_ rather pessimistically.

*n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

11. The government is determined to \_\_\_\_\_ sharp inflation.

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

12. I love playing \_\_\_\_\_ with my family on game nights.

*n.* a game played by four players, originating in China that involves tiles and strategy; a game that is often played socially and is popular in many countries

13. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

14. Practicing \_\_\_\_\_ meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.

*adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ time for the flight is 6:00 am.

*n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 8. minimal, 9. feast, 10. survival, 11. tackle, 12. mahjong, 13. tales, 14. mindful, 15. departure

16. This story makes me \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

17. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

18. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

20. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

21. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

22. This \_\_\_\_\_ has never been formally accepted.

*n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

23. Police received a report of illegal \_\_\_\_\_ in the area.

*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

24. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. tense, 17. imitated, 18. ultimate, 19. novel, 20. bury, 21. uncovered, 22. achievement, 23. immigrants, 24. critics

25. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.
- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
26. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
27. She waited for her daughter with \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
28. I heard some juicy \_\_\_\_\_ about our co-worker at the water cooler.
- n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
29. Weather forecasters are predicting the \_\_\_\_\_ of a heatwave.
- n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
30. The inspector discovered \_\_\_\_\_ bolts under the fuel rods.
- adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
31. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.
- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
32. The national assembly has \_\_\_\_\_ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 25. weighs, 26. commerce, 27. anxiety, 28. gossip, 29. arrival, 30. loose, 31. weaves, 32. adopted

33. The final \_\_\_\_\_ provides a summary of the discussion.  
*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
34. Greed and \_\_\_\_\_ composed his personality.  
*n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to go to the party.  
*adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
36. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.  
*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
37. It was the first time for her, but she \_\_\_\_\_ the role of Priest.  
*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
38. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.  
*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
39. Please \_\_\_\_\_ a different color to each other kind of item.  
*v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
40. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.  
*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 33. chapter, 34. ambition, 35. reluctantly, 36. ignorant, 37. fulfilled, 38. struggle, 39. assign, 40. responsible



41. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
43. Our farm experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ of locusts this year.
- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
44. The cleaning lady comes on \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesdays.
- adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
45. The company's financial records \_\_\_\_\_ how successful it has been.
- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
46. Among young people, \_\_\_\_\_ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
47. I miss my \_\_\_\_\_ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.
- n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. reconcile, 42. plot, 43. plague, 44. alternate, 45. illustrate, 46. peer, 47. homeland, 48. rev

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ economic straits called for immediate action.

*adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

50. The magician \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with his illusions.

*v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

51. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

52. The novel has a series of \_\_\_\_\_ that showcase the everyday struggles of its characters.

*n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration

53. She worked \_\_\_\_\_ for hours to finish her project on time.

*adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

54. She spent the whole summer \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach.

*v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

55. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.

*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

56. Many civilians have suffered \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the war.

*n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

ANSWERS: 49. dire, 50. captivated, 51. overwhelm, 52. vignettes, 53. tirelessly, 54. tanning, 55. zone, 56. trauma

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
- n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
58. Macbeth is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
59. The \_\_\_\_\_ soup was a delicious appetizer, perfect for sharing.
- n.* a type of Chinese dumpling, typically filled with a savory mixture of ground meat or vegetables and served boiled or fried
60. They \_\_\_\_\_ to make their dream come true.
- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
61. These results muddied the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
62. The new employee felt \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.
- adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
63. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
64. The \_\_\_\_\_ album of the band was a success.
- n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor

ANSWERS: 57. matriarch, 58. tragedy, 59. wonton, 60. strived, 61. prediction, 62. alienated, 63. modern, 64. debut

65. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.

*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

66. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

67. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

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

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

69. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

70. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

71. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 65. strength, 66. massive, 67. satisfy, 68. interrogate, 69. structure, 70. divide, 71. opportune