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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### underworld

*n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

*synonym*: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

### heaven

*n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym*: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

### outshine

*v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel

*synonym*: surpass, excel, outdo

(1) **outshine** his teacher, (2) **outshine** expectations

The new singer **outshined** all the others on stage with her powerful voice.

## resentful

*adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly

*synonym* : bitter, indignant, angry

(1) **resentful** attitude, (2) grow bitter and **resentful**

She was **resentful** of her ex-partner's new relationship, feeling that he had unfairly replaced her.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym* : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## 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.

## mythology

*n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

*synonym* : folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym* : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## visible

*adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

*synonym* : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray  
My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

## **sunrise**

*n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

*synonym* : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries  
I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

## **sunset**

*n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

*synonym* : evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views  
He is in the **sunset** of his life.

## **occasionally**

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

*synonym* : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

## **ancient**

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## **identify**

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym* : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## roughly

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner  
*synonym* : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking  
Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

## cycle

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym* : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym* : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## 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.

## disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym*: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week  
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

*synonym*: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book  
Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source

*synonym*: attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

## invisible

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

*synonym*: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

## wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

*synonym*: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## spear

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

*synonym*: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

## dart

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along

rapidly and lightly

*synonym* : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

## discord

*n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

*synonym* : disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## sustenance

*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

*synonym* : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

## lightning

*n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

*synonym* : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

## aim

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

*synonym* : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse  
We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon  
*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## damage

*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym* : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## chaos

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

*synonym* : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

## reborn

*adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

*synonym* : regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

## jaguar

*n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

*synonym* : cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

## dawn

*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

*synonym*: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

## plunge

*v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

*synonym*: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

## warfare

*n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

*synonym*: combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

## victim

*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

*synonym*: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

## maize

*n.* a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock

*synonym*: corn



(1) **maize** meal, (2) genetically altered **maize**  
The farmers grew a large **maize** crop this year and expected a good harvest.

## humankind

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth  
*synonym*: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**  
On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

## harvest

*n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm  
*synonym*: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**  
During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

## 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.

## staple

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used  
*synonym*: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop  
Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

## inhabitant

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place  
*synonym*: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax  
His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## emerge

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym*: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty  
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## cave

*n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

*synonym*: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

## solstice

*n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events

(1) celebrate **solstice**, (2) summer **solstice**

The winter **solstice** marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

## claim

*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

*synonym*: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

## omen

*n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

*synonym*: portent, sign, prediction

(1) bad **omen**, (2) prophetic **omen**

The alignment of the planets was considered an **omen** of major changes in people's lives.

## reign

*n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

*synonym*: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

## hero

*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

*synonym* : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

## twin

*n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

## vanquish

*v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something

*synonym* : conquer, triumph over, defeat

(1) **vanquish** an opponent, (2) **vanquish** a fear

The army successfully **vanquished** their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.

## lord

*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

*synonym* : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

## balance

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

*synonym* : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym*: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym*: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## temporary

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

*synonym*: provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

## endless

*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

*synonym*: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

## supremacy

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym*: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

## 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.

**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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. scanty sus_____ce             | <i>n.</i> food and drink that living things need to nourish their body   |
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| 4. vi___m support                | <i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event                       |
| 5. every al_____te year          | <i>adj.</i> occurring or existing one after the other regularly  |
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| 7. as___n projects               | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone   |
| 8. inh_____nt tax                | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place   |
| 9. di_____d between team members | <i>n.</i> lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise                         |
| 10. prophetic o___n              | <i>n.</i> a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence |

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12. st\_\_\_e commodities      *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
13. in di\_\_\_\_d with my friend      *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
14. da\_\_\_e a relationship      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
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17. as\_\_\_\_e everything to nature      *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
18. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e      *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
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ANSWERS: 11. claim, 12. staple, 13. discord, 14. damage, 15. represent, 16. warfare, 17. ascribe, 18. cycle, 19. sunset

20. ma\_\_e meal *n.* a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock
21. te\_\_\_\_\_ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
22. god of the und\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
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25. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
26. em\_\_\_e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
27. ac\_\_\_\_\_te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
28. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
29. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
30. wi\_\_d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
31. streaks of li\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

ANSWERS: 20. maize, 21. temporary, 22. underworld, 23. twin, 24. disappear, 25. bury, 26. emerge, 27. accurate, 28. bury, 29. descend, 30. wield, 31. lightning



32. history of hu\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
33. an\_\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
34. an in\_\_\_\_\_le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
35. hunting sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
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37. st\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
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39. the wan light of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
40. domiciliary c\_\_es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
41. vi\_\_\_\_\_e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
42. reap a ha\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
43. ou\_\_\_\_\_ne his teacher *v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel
44. ro\_\_\_\_\_y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 32. humankind, 33. ancient, 34. invisible, 35. spear, 36. reappear, 37. staple, 38. cycle, 39. dawn, 40. cave, 41. visible, 42. harvest, 43. outshine, 44. roughly

45. re\_\_n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
46. va\_\_\_\_\_sh a fear *v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
47. tale from my\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
48. vi\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
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50. d\_\_t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
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52. l\_\_d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
53. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 45. reign, 46. vanquish, 47. mythology, 48. victim, 49. mysterious, 50. dart, 51. recognize, 52. lord, 53. recognize

54. local h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
55. summer so\_\_\_\_ce *n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events
56. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
57. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
58. celebrate so\_\_\_\_ce *n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events
59. as\_\_\_n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
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ANSWERS: 54. hero, 55. solstice, 56. emerge, 57. chaos, 58. solstice, 59. assign, 60. damage



71. 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
72. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
73. ancient my\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
74. the early inh\_\_\_\_\_nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
75. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
76. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
77. a\_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
78. sus\_\_\_\_\_ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
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81. al\_\_\_\_\_te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
82. ro\_\_\_\_\_y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 71. plot, 72. victory, 73. mythology, 74. inhabitant, 75. occasionally, 76. spear, 77. aim, 78. sustenance, 79. sunrise, 80. identify, 81. alternate, 82. roughly

83. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
84. wi\_\_d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
85. midst of ch\_\_s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
86. pl\_\_\_e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
87. re\_\_\_n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
88. li\_\_\_\_\_ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
89. the mouth of the c\_\_e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
90. asset on the company's ba\_\_\_\_\_e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
91. 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
92. grow bitter and re\_\_\_\_\_ul *adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly

ANSWERS: 83. strike, 84. wield, 85. chaos, 86. plunge, 87. reborn, 88. lightning, 89. cave, 90. balance, 91. plot, 92. resentful

93. re\_\_\_\_ar throughout this book      *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
94. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
95. genetically altered ma\_\_e      *n.* a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock
96. a te\_\_\_\_\_ry permit      *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
97. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly change the routine      *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
98. en\_\_\_\_\_s hours      *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
99. a wild ja\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
100. re\_\_\_n soul      *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
101. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
102. pl\_\_\_e into the water      *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
103. de\_\_\_\_\_d a steep hill      *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 93. reappear, 94. decide, 95. maize, 96. temporary, 97. occasionally, 98. endless, 99. jaguar, 100. reborn, 101. supremacy, 102. plunge, 103. descend

104. in\_\_\_\_\_le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
105. ascend to he\_\_\_n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
106. he\_\_\_n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
107. ou\_\_\_\_\_ne expectations *v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel
108. unsung h\_\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
109. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
110. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
111. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 104. invisible, 105. heaven, 106. heaven, 107. outshine, 108. hero, 109. victory, 110. decide, 111. represent



112. crack of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
113. re\_\_n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
114. bad o\_\_n *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
115. blow d\_\_t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
116. vi\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
117. beautiful su\_\_\_\_e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
118. id\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
119. a young l\_\_d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
120. a scanty ha\_\_\_\_t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
121. a t\_\_n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
122. a female ja\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

ANSWERS: 112. dawn, 113. reign, 114. omen, 115. dart, 116. visible, 117. sunrise, 118. identify, 119. lord, 120. harvest, 121. twin, 122. jaguar

123. wa\_\_\_\_\_e aircraft      *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
124. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
125. hu\_\_\_\_\_nd as a species      *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
126. en\_\_\_\_\_s possibilities      *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
127. va\_\_\_\_\_sh an opponent      *v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
128. as\_\_\_\_\_e my failure to bad luck      *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
129. 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
130. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 123. warfare, 124. supremacy, 125. humankind, 126. endless, 127. vanquish, 128. ascribe, 129. struggle, 130. predict

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the \_\_\_\_\_ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.  
*n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
2. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.  
*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
3. He looked out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ stream of people.  
*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
4. Please \_\_\_\_\_ a different color to each other kind of item.  
*v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.  
*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
6. I got up early to watch the \_\_\_\_\_ at the summit.  
*n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
7. The human eye is \_\_\_\_\_ in recognizing objects.  
*n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

ANSWERS: 1. underworld, 2. recognize, 3. endless, 4. assign, 5. mysterious, 6. sunrise, 7. lightning-fast

8. He is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.

*n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

9. He managed to get \_\_\_\_\_ jobs during the recession.

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

10. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

11. Political \_\_\_\_\_ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

*n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

12. The farmers grew a large \_\_\_\_\_ crop this year and expected a good harvest.

*n.* a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock

13. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

14. Try to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and off.

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

15. The company's profits \_\_\_\_\_ after the recall of their new product.

*v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 8. sunset, 9. temporary, 10. spears, 11. discord, 12. maize, 13. chaos, 14. balance, 15. plunged

16. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

17. She still \_\_\_\_\_ writes a short romance novel.

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

18. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

19. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

20. We \_\_\_\_ for an overseas expansion.

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

21. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ person with a new perspective on life.

*adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

22. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

23. Five miles is \_\_\_\_\_ similar to eight kilometers.

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

24. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 16. dart, 17. occasionally, 18. staple, 19. strike, 20. aim, 21. reborn, 22. emerged, 23. roughly, 24. inhabitant

25. 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
26. The project's success was \_\_\_\_\_ to the team's hard work.
- v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
27. The new singer \_\_\_\_\_ all the others on stage with her powerful voice.
- v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel
28. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
29. During \_\_\_\_\_ farmers are incredibly busy.
- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
30. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
31. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
32. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 25. plot, 26. ascribed, 27. outshined, 28. decide, 29. harvest, 30. disappear, 31. damage, 32. descended

33. The empire's military power ensured its \_\_\_\_\_ over the neighboring states.  
*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
34. On the geological time scale, \_\_\_\_\_ has existed for a brief moment.  
*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
35. The dictator's \_\_\_\_\_ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.  
*n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
36. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of her ex-partner's new relationship, feeling that he had unfairly replaced her.  
*adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly
37. The phenomenon is \_\_\_\_\_ at optical wavelengths.  
*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
38. The cleaning lady comes on \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesdays.  
*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
39. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern \_\_\_\_\_ tactics.  
*n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
40. The alignment of the planets was considered an \_\_\_\_\_ of major changes in people's lives.  
*n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

ANSWERS: 33. supremacy, 34. humankind, 35. reign, 36. resentful, 37. invisible, 38. alternate, 39. warfare, 40. omen

41. My home is easily \_\_\_\_\_ from the shore.

*adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

42. The army successfully \_\_\_\_\_ their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.

*v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something

43. The feudal \_\_\_\_\_ had ruled the land for many years.

*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

44. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

45. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

46. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

47. 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

48. He studies Greek and Roman \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

ANSWERS: 41. visible, 42. vanquished, 43. lord, 44. represent, 45. predict, 46. hero, 47. struggle, 48. mythology



49. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.  
*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
50. Missile assaults on the capital continued around \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
51. Humans have developed the \_\_\_\_\_ habitat over several decades.  
*n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
52. A regular job is often a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
53. Bats reside in sheltered \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
54. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
55. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.  
*adj.* correct and exact in all details
56. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.  
*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
57. The winter \_\_\_\_\_ marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.  
*n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events

ANSWERS: 49. identify, 50. dawn, 51. jaguar's, 52. sustenance, 53. caves, 54. cycle, 55. accurate, 56. ancient, 57. solstice

58. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
59. Cancer has \_\_\_\_\_ at the same site.
- v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
60. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
62. Its \_\_\_\_\_ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
63. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.
- v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
64. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
65. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 58. claim, 59. reappeared, 60. victory, 61. victim, 62. twin, 63. wielded, 64. heaven, 65. bury

ANSWERS: