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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### humiliate

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym* : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

### conservatism

*n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

*synonym* : traditionalism, preservation

(1) fiscal **conservatism**, (2) **conservatism** party

**Conservatism** in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

### utensil

*n.* a tool used in the house

*synonym* : appliance, equipment, instrument

(1) cooking **utensils**, (2) cleaning **utensils**

This cuisine requires special kitchen **utensils**.

## envelop

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

*synonym* : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

## howl

*v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

*synonym* : wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## self-sufficient

*adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

*synonym* : independent, self-reliant, self-sustaining

(1) **self-sufficient** economy, (2) **self-sufficient** renewable energy

He was determined to become **self-sufficient** and not rely on anyone else.

## deathbed

*n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

*synonym* : dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

## meritocratic

*adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

*synonym*: merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation

The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## purify

*v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

*synonym*: refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

## evasion

*n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

*synonym*: escape, avoidance, dodging

(1) **evasion** of responsibility, (2) take shelter in **evasion**

The **evasion** of his responsibility was reprehensible.

## millennial

*adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

*synonym*: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign  
Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

## **opioid**

*n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor  
Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

## **cascade**

*n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units  
*synonym*: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**  
The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

## **adrift**

*adj.* without purpose or direction; floating with no clear destination or goal; lacking a stable or secure position or status

*synonym*: afloat, aimless, unanchored

(1) **adrift** boat, (2) **adrift** at sea  
After their boat engine failed, they were left **adrift** in the middle of the ocean.

## **uncommitted**

*adj.* not pledged or bound to a specific opinion, belief, or course of action

*synonym*: undecided, neutral, nonaligned

(1) **uncommitted** voter, (2) **uncommitted** people  
The politician should have taken a stance on the issue, remaining **uncommitted** until more information was available.

## **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.

## lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

*synonym* : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

## theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

*synonym* : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

## carve

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

*synonym* : sculpt, engrave, cut

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

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

## 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**.

## yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

*synonym* : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

## leftover

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

*synonym*: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

## blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym*: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

## obliterate

*v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

## crumble

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## inexplicable

*adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

*synonym*: incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

## downstairs

*adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

*synonym* : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

## huggy

*adj.* showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way

*synonym* : affectionate, cuddly, loving

(1) **huggy** teddy bear, (2) **huggy** mood

He's not a very **huggy**, so it surprised me when he reached out for a hug.

## intimacy

*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

*synonym* : closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

## aspen

*n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

*synonym* : tree, hardwood

(1) **aspen** grove, (2) golden **aspen** leaves

The **aspen** trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

## 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.

## plop

*n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

*synonym* : drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

## weaver

*n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

## butler

*n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

*synonym* : valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

## individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym* : self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

## relationism

*n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the importance of relationships between individuals or objects rather than their specific qualities or attributes

*synonym* : contextualism, relativism

(1) **relationism** theory, (2) **relationism** philosophy

Her research adopted a **relationism** approach, focusing on the interconnectedness of different societal groups.

## certitude

*n.* a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt

*synonym* : confidence, assurance, conviction



(1) **certitude** belief, (2) **certitude** theory

I have no **certitude** about what the future holds.

## empathy

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

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## naturalism

*n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

## jellyfish

*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

*synonym*: medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

(1) spineless **jellyfish**, (2) **jellyfish** sting

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## stingray

*n.* a marine fish with a flattened diamond-shaped body, a long tail bearing venomous spines, and large pectoral fins that are used for swimming

*synonym*: sting fish

(1) **stingray** habitat, (2) blue-spotted **stingray**

The tour guide warned us not to step on a hidden **stingray** in

the shallow water.

## vocation

*n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life

*synonym*: occupation, profession, career

(1) **vocation** training, (2) artistic **vocation**

Her **vocation** as a nurse gave her great satisfaction and purpose in life.

## dissolve

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym*: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## nightclub

*n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

*synonym*: discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music

They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## 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.

## morph

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym*: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## mindset

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

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

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

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

## Session 2: Spelling

1. philosophical nat\_\_\_\_\_sm  
*n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
2. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion  
*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
3. de\_\_\_\_\_ed confession  
*n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
4. re\_\_\_\_\_ul attitude  
*adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly
5. rel\_\_\_\_\_sm philosophy  
*n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the importance of relationships between individuals or objects rather than their specific qualities or attributes
6. mo\_\_h into something entirely different  
*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
7. l\_\_h a rope  
*v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 1. naturalism, 2. anthropology, 3. deathbed, 4. resentful, 5. relationism, 6. morph, 7. lash

8. rel\_\_\_\_\_sm theory *n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the importance of relationships between individuals or objects rather than their specific qualities or attributes
9. hu\_\_y mood *adj.* showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way
10. bl\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
11. 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
12. transistor ca\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
13. nation of ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
14. cooking ut\_\_\_\_\_ls *n.* a tool used in the house
15. the textile we\_\_\_\_rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
16. sel\_\_\_\_\_ent renewable energy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

ANSWERS: 8. relationism, 9. huggy, 10. blossom, 11. weave, 12. cascade, 13. individualism, 14. utensil, 15. weaver, 16. self-sufficient

17. op\_\_\_d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
18. full of em\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
19. on terms of in\_\_\_\_cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
20. vo\_\_\_\_on training *n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
21. le\_\_\_\_er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
22. artistic vo\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
23. obl\_\_\_\_te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

ANSWERS: 17. opioid, 18. empathy, 19. intimacy, 20. vocation, 21. leftover, 22. vocation, 23. obliterate

24. je\_\_\_\_\_sh sting *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
25. creep dow\_\_\_\_\_rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
26. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
27. tapestry we\_\_\_\_rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
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29. mo\_\_h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
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31. an op\_\_\_\_d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
32. en\_\_\_\_\_p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 24. jellyfish, 25. downstairs, 26. mindset, 27. weaver, 28. stingray, 29. morph, 30. conservatism, 31. opioid, 32. envelop

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34. sel\_\_\_\_\_ent economy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
35. household bu\_\_\_r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
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38. Swedish the\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
39. ye\_\_n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
40. 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
41. golden as\_\_n leaves *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
42. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
43. ye\_\_n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something

ANSWERS: 33. adrift, 34. self-sufficient, 35. butler, 36. crumble, 37. stingray, 38. theologian, 39. yearn, 40. overwhelm, 41. aspen, 42. crumble, 43. yearn



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48. take shelter in ev\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation
49. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience      *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
50. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
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ANSWERS: 44. purify, 45. individualism, 46. astonishing, 47. certitude, 48. evasion, 49. humiliate, 50. blossom, 51. sham, 52. jellyfish

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56. great the\_\_\_\_\_ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
57. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub music *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
58. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble decision *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
59. obl\_\_\_\_\_te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
60. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
61. ev\_\_\_\_\_n of responsibility *n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 53. millennial, 54. cascade, 55. conservatism, 56. theologian, 57. nightclub, 58. inexplicable, 59. obliterate, 60. empathy, 61. evasion

62. officially di\_\_\_\_ved the marriage      *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
63. mer\_\_\_\_tic society      *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
64. bla\_\_\_\_th welding      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
65. nat\_\_\_\_sm in literature      *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
66. h\_\_l at the moon      *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
67. bu\_\_\_\_r service      *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
68. ca\_\_e a statue      *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
69. l\_\_h the oxen      *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 62. dissolve, 63. meritocratic, 64. blacksmith, 65. naturalism, 66. howl, 67. butler, 68. carve, 69. lash

70. the threats te\_\_\_\_y him      *v.* to frighten someone very much
71. te\_\_\_\_y people      *v.* to frighten someone very much
72. 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
73. escort him dow\_\_\_\_rs      *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
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75. loud p\_\_p      *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
76. p\_\_p of water      *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
77. de\_\_\_\_ed scene      *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
78. ce\_\_\_\_de theory      *n.* a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt
79. ca\_\_e my name on the plate      *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 70. terrify, 71. terrify, 72. weave, 73. downstairs, 74. humiliate, 75. plop, 76. plop, 77. deathbed, 78. certitude, 79. carve

80. cleaning ut\_\_\_\_ls *n.* a tool used in the house
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82. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
83. en\_\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
84. h\_\_l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
85. di\_\_\_\_\_ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
86. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
87. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub entertainment *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

ANSWERS: 80. utensil, 81. rev, 82. blacksmith, 83. envelop, 84. howl, 85. dissolve, 86. sham, 87. nightclub

88. 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
89. mer\_\_\_\_\_tic evaluation      *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
90. grow bitter and re\_\_\_\_\_ul      *adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly
91. ad\_\_\_\_t boat      *adj.* without purpose or direction; floating with no clear destination or goal; lacking a stable or secure position or status
92. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble event      *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
93. hu\_\_y teddy bear      *adj.* showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way
94. le\_\_\_\_\_er goods      *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
95. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement      *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
96. the mil\_\_\_\_\_al reign      *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
97. social ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 88. overwhelm, 89. meritocratic, 90. resentful, 91. adrift, 92. inexplicable, 93. huggy, 94. leftover, 95. astonishing, 96. millennial, 97. anthropology

98. flexible mi\_\_\_\_t                    *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
99. unc\_\_\_\_\_ed voter                *adj.* not pledged or bound to a specific opinion, belief, or course of action
100. unc\_\_\_\_\_ed people              *adj.* not pledged or bound to a specific opinion, belief, or course of action
101. build in\_\_\_\_\_cy                  *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
102. pu\_\_\_y the blood                    *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
103. 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
104. as\_\_n grove                         *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

ANSWERS: 98. mindset, 99. uncommitted, 100. uncommitted, 101. intimacy, 102. purify, 103. rev, 104. aspen

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.
  - v. to frighten someone very much
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
  - n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
  
3. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of \_\_\_\_\_ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.
  - n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
  
4. The wolves began to \_\_\_\_\_ in the distance as the sunset.
  - v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
  
5. Please get the desk \_\_\_\_\_.
  - adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
  
6. This company \_\_\_\_\_ into an enterprise company.
  - v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
  
7. I have no \_\_\_\_\_ about what the future holds.
  - n. a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt

ANSWERS: 1. terrify, 2. Empathy, 3. naturalism, 4. howl, 5. downstairs, 6. morphed, 7. certitude



8. 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
9. The personal \_\_\_\_\_ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.  
*n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
10. Her research adopted a \_\_\_\_\_ approach, focusing on the interconnectedness of different societal groups.  
*n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the importance of relationships between individuals or objects rather than their specific qualities or attributes
11. \_\_\_\_\_ in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.  
*n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
12. The beach was filled with hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ so swimming was not recommended.  
*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.  
*n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

ANSWERS: 8. resentful, 9. butler, 10. relationism, 11. Conservatism, 12. jellyfish, 13. aspen

14. This cuisine requires special kitchen \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a tool used in the house

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ fringed the scarf.

*n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

16. 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

17. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

18. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ out at her child for misbehaving in public.

*v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

19. The political party \_\_\_\_\_ after much internal fighting.

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

20. He's not a very \_\_\_\_\_ so it surprised me when he reached out for a hug.

*adj.* showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way

21. The equipment is frequently used to \_\_\_\_\_ and distribute drinking water.

*v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

ANSWERS: 14. utensils, 15. weaver, 16. weaves, 17. blossom, 18. lashed, 19. dissolved, 20. huggy, 21. purify

22. The chef will make soup with the \_\_\_\_\_ ham bone.

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

23. An ethic of \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

24. 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

25. The ball fell into the water with a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

26. The accident at that nuclear power plant \_\_\_\_\_ the local ecosystem.

*v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

27. She \_\_\_\_\_ for the days when things were simpler.

*v.* to strongly desire or long for something

28. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

29. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by \_\_\_\_\_ changes in climate.

*adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

ANSWERS: 22. leftover, 23. individualism, 24. rev, 25. plop, 26. obliterated, 27. yearned, 28. inexplicable, 29. millennial-scale

30. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.  
*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
31. He was determined to become \_\_\_\_\_ and not rely on anyone else.  
*adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.  
*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
33. The politician should have taken a stance on the issue, remaining \_\_\_\_\_ until more information was available.  
*adj.* not pledged or bound to a specific opinion, belief, or course of action
34. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ the city, making it difficult to see.  
*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
35. They were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.  
*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
36. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.  
*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his responsibility was reprehensible.  
*n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 30. mindset, 31. self-sufficient, 32. blacksmith, 33. uncommitted, 34. enveloped, 35. intimacy, 36. carved, 37. evasion

38. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
- v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
39. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
- v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
40. The family gathered around their grandfather's \_\_\_\_\_ to say goodbye.
- n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
41. The tour guide warned us not to step on a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ in the shallow water.
- n.* a marine fish with a flattened diamond-shaped body, a long tail bearing venomous spines, and large pectoral fins that are used for swimming
42. Death gets more than its share of attention from \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an expert or student who studies theology
43. The company prides itself on being \_\_\_\_\_ in its hiring and promotion practices.
- adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
44. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 38. crumble, 39. humiliated, 40. deathbed, 41. stingray, 42. theologians, 43. meritocratic, 44. sham

45. 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

46. They decided to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ to dance the night away.

- n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

47. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.

- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

48. After their boat engine failed, they were left \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the ocean.

- adj.* without purpose or direction; floating with no clear destination or goal; lacking a stable or secure position or status

49. Her \_\_\_\_\_ as a nurse gave her great satisfaction and purpose in life.

- n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life

50. Treatment for \_\_\_\_\_ dependence may be a long-term process.

- n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

- n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

52. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 45. overwhelm, 46. nightclub, 47. astonishing, 48. adrift, 49. vocation, 50.

opioid, 51. cascade, 52. anthropology

ANSWERS: