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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### specifically

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

*synonym*: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

### conservation

*n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

*synonym*: preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

### biology

*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

### weird

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

*synonym*: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## detection

*n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something

*synonym*: discovery, identification, recognition

(1) **detection** by the security software, (2) importance of early **detection**

This smartphone has a collision **detection** function.

## scour

*v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

*synonym*: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

## shelter

*n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

*synonym*: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

## pet

*n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

## barbecue

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

*synonym*: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

## slobbery

*adj.* excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness

*synonym*: drooling, slavering, slobbering

(1) the **slobbery** way he eats his food, (2) **slobbery** dog  
The dog's **slobbery** kisses left my face dripping with saliva.

## distance

*n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

*synonym*: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

## rid

*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

*synonym*: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products  
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

## overwhelming

*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

*synonym*: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

## desire

*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

*synonym*: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

## evolution

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

*synonym*: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

## companion

*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

*synonym*: affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

## livestock

*n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

*synonym*: cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry

**Livestock** feed is made from fodder crops.

## planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym*: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## camel

*n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**

A **camel** has a hump on its back.

## unbelievable

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

*synonym*: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

## unrelenting

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

*synonym*: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

## categorize

*v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

*synonym*: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

## reject

*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

*synonym*: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

## destructive

*adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

*synonym*: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

## characteristic

*n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

*synonym*: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

## inability

*n.* the state of being unable to do something or achieve a particular task or goal; a lack of physical or mental capacity or skill

*synonym*: incapacity, disability, incompetence

(1) mental **inability**, (2) chronic **inability** to focus

Her **inability** to speak the local language made it difficult for her to communicate with the locals.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym* : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## poach

*v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

*synonym* : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym* : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## snare

*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

*synonym* : trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

## trafficking

*n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

*synonym* : smuggling, trading, dealing

(1) **trafficking** operation, (2) narcotic **trafficking**

Human **trafficking** is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.

## ivory

*n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

*synonym* : elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

## basin

*n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

*synonym* : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

## rhinoceros

*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

*synonym* : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

## horn

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

*synonym* : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle  
He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

## bush

*n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

*synonym*: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

## contraband

*n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission

*synonym*: illegal goods, smuggled goods, bootleg

(1) **contraband** goods, (2) **contraband** detection dog

The police discovered **contraband** in the back of the suspect's vehicle.

## ammunition

*n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

*synonym*: bullets, cartridges, shells

(1) **ammunition** storage, (2) **ammunition** depot

The soldiers were equipped with ample **ammunition** for the battle.

## horrible

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

*synonym*: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

## snap

*v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

*synonym*: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.



## scary

*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

*synonym* : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

## blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

*synonym* : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## scout

*n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

*synonym* : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

## colleague

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym* : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

## intensive

*adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

*synonym* : thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

(1) **intensive** agriculture, (2) **intensive** care

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

## roadblock

*n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

*synonym* : obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**

The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

## illegal

*adj.* not allowed by law

*synonym*: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

## lug

*v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

*synonym*: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

## alert

*v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

*synonym*: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

## handle

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

*synonym*: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

## spirit

*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

*synonym*: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

## unload

*v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

*synonym* : empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

## insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

*synonym* : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

## wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym* : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## primer

n. a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied

*synonym* : undercoat, base coat, foundation

(1) a **primer** coat, (2) computer science **primer**

I need to apply **primer** to the walls before painting them.

## handmade

adj. made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

*synonym* : handcrafted, homemade, artisanal

(1) **handmade** crafts, (2) **handmade** soap

The jewelry was all **handmade** by local artisans using traditional techniques.

## rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

*synonym* : gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## backstory

*n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

*synonym* : history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

## reserve

*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

*synonym* : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

## puppy

*n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old

*synonym* : dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**

She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## minibus

*n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire

*synonym* : shuttle, van, microbus

(1) **minibus** taxi, (2) crowded **minibus**

I took a **minibus** to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym* : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## confiscate

*v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

*synonym* : seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

## homemade

*adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop

*synonym* : self-made

(1) **homemade** article, (2) **homemade** bread

I prefer **homemade** cookies over store-bought ones.

## muzzleloader

*n.* a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding

(1) **muzzleloader** hunting, (2) antique **muzzleloader**

The old-fashioned **muzzleloader** used black powder as its propellant.

## preference

*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

*synonym* : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

## poacher

*n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally

(1) crackdown on **poachers**, (2) a suspected **poacher**

An old **poacher** makes the best keeper.

## dye

*v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance

*synonym*: color, tint, stain

(1) **dye** a T-shirt red, (2) **dye** patterns

She **dyed** her hair purple for a change.

## woad

*n.* a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself

*synonym*: indigo, blue, dye

(1) extract **woad**, (2) **woad** pigment

The process of using **woad** to dye fabric is a time-consuming and complex one.

## noxious

*adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

*synonym*: harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

## mount

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym*: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## sentinel

*n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

*synonym*: guard, watchman, lookout

(1) **sentinel** duty, (2) **sentinel** lymph node

The security camera acted as a **sentinel**, monitoring the area for suspicious activity.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## unthinkable

*adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

*synonym*: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## infestation

*n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

*synonym*: plague, invasion, swarm

(1) **infestation** with a parasite, (2) flea **infestation**

The hotel had an **infestation** of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## accomplished

*adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

*synonym* : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

## continent

*n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

*synonym* : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

## zebra

*n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

*synonym* : striped horse, wild horse

(1) **zebra** pattern, (2) **zebra** crossing

The **zebra's** distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.

## mussel

*n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

*synonym* : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

## microscopic

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym* : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis



Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

## larva

*n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

*synonym* : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

## vest

*n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

*synonym* : jacket, waistcoat, garment

(1) **vest** him with authority, (2) bulletproof **vest**

The hiker put his map and compass in the **vest** pocket for easy access.

## narcotic

*n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

*synonym* : drug, sedative, opiate

(1) **narcotic** drug, (2) **narcotic** addiction

The doctor prescribed a **narcotic** painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.

## indoor

*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

## whip

*v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

*synonym* : thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

## disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.  
*synonym*: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## scat

v. to go away, leave, or depart; to excrete feces; (noun, of jazz) a vocal improvisation technique where the singer improvises melodies and rhythms using the voice as an instrument rather than a speaking tool

*synonym*: flee, run away

(1) **scat** singing, (2) **scat** from the park

The cat **scatted** away as soon as I opened the door.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## grizzly

n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

*synonym*: bear, ursus, bruin

(1) **grizzly** size, (2) **grizzly** encounter

The hiker stumbled upon a **grizzly** bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

## wolverine

n. a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia

*synonym*: glutton, devil bear, skunk bear

(1) **wolverine** habitat, (2) reintroduction of **wolverine**

The **wolverine** population has declined in many areas due to habitat loss and human activity.

## meadow

*n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

*synonym*: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

## scent

*n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

*synonym*: fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) natural **scent**, (2) **scent** memory

The **scent** of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

## pal

*n.* a close friend

*synonym*: buddy, friend, chum

(1) baseball **pal**, (2) long-time **pal**

She is a pen **pal** of mine.

## command

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

*synonym*: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## tusk

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

*synonym*: ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. iv\_\_y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
2. w\_\_p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
3. tra\_\_\_\_\_ng operation *n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
4. l\_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
5. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pursuit *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
6. antique muz\_\_\_\_\_der *n.* a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding
7. wo\_\_\_\_\_ne habitat *n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia
8. co\_\_\_\_\_nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 1. ivory, 2. wrap, 3. trafficking, 4. lug, 5. unrelenting, 6. muzzleloader, 7. wolverine, 8. continent

9. lowland me\_\_\_w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
10. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pressure *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
11. w\_\_p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
12. evolutionary bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
13. ho\_\_\_\_\_le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
14. social di\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
15. re\_\_\_\_\_e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
16. un\_\_\_d a dishwasher *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
17. co\_\_\_\_\_d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 9. meadow, 10. unrelenting, 11. whip, 12. biology, 13. horrible, 14. distance, 15. reserve, 16. unload, 17. command

18. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
19. po\_\_h on his land      *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
20. re\_\_\_\_e a concert ticket      *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
21. long-time p\_l      *n.* a close friend
22. inland ba\_\_n      *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
23. designed for in\_\_\_\_r use      *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
24. ho\_\_\_\_de article      *adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
25. in\_\_\_\_t on a clear answer      *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
26. a working co\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
27. anti-air raid sh\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

ANSWERS: 18. suddenly, 19. poach, 20. reserve, 21. pal, 22. basin, 23. indoor, 24. homemade, 25. insist, 26. companion, 27. shelter

28. boy sc\_\_t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
29. extract w\_\_d *n.* a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself
30. bypass ro\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
31. de\_\_\_\_\_on by the security software *n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
32. ove\_\_\_\_\_ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
33. in\_\_\_t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
34. re\_\_\_t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
35. in\_\_\_\_\_ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
36. the ba\_\_n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

ANSWERS: 28. scout, 29. woad, 30. roadblock, 31. detection, 32. overwhelming, 33. insist, 34. reject, 35. intensive, 36. basin

37. importance of early de\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
38. po\_\_h deer      *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
39. na\_\_\_\_\_ic drug      *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
40. a p\_t bird      *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
41. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the cause of failure      *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
42. se\_\_\_\_\_el duty      *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
43. an indomitable sp\_\_\_t      *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
44. ha\_\_\_ed the incident      *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
45. al\_\_t consumers to the dangers      *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

ANSWERS: 37. detection, 38. poach, 39. narcotic, 40. pet, 41. categorize, 42. sentinel, 43. spirit, 44. handle, 45. alert



46. ride a ca\_\_l *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
47. mu\_\_\_l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
48. w\_\_p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
49. ho\_\_\_\_\_le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
50. amm\_\_\_\_\_on depot *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
51. ho\_\_\_\_\_de bread *adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
52. muz\_\_\_\_\_der hunting *n.* a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding
53. crackdown on po\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
54. w\_\_p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
55. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
56. na\_\_\_\_\_ic addiction *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

ANSWERS: 46. camel, 47. mussel, 48. whip, 49. horrible, 50. ammunition, 51. homemade, 52. muzzleloader, 53. poacher, 54. wrap, 55. quitter, 56. narcotic

57. un\_\_\_d the cargo *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
58. stripes cha\_\_\_\_\_tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
59. ha\_\_\_\_de crafts *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
60. human ev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
61. trees and b\_\_hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
62. biological ro\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
63. my friend's cha\_\_\_\_\_tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
64. no\_\_\_\_\_s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
65. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
66. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
67. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 57. unload, 58. characteristic, 59. handmade, 60. evolution, 61. bush, 62. roadblock, 63. characteristic, 64. noxious, 65. crazy, 66. progression, 67. colleague

68. sc\_\_t memory *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
69. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
70. con\_\_\_\_\_te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
71. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
72. fall into a sn\_\_\_e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
73. bl\_\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
74. l\_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
75. la\_\_\_a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
76. mo\_\_\_t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 68. scent, 69. categorize, 70. confiscate, 71. planet, 72. snare, 73. blind, 74. lug, 75. larva, 76. mount

77. mi\_\_\_\_s taxi *n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
78. get r\_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
79. a habit des\_\_\_\_\_ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
80. graze in the me\_\_\_w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
81. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
82. sl\_\_\_\_\_ry dog *adj.* excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness
83. al\_\_t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
84. bl\_\_d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
85. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
86. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
87. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 77. minibus, 78. rid, 79. destructive, 80. meadow, 81. eradicate, 82. slobbery, 83. alert, 84. blind, 85. quitter, 86. microscopic, 87. suddenly

88. baseball p\_l *n.* a close friend
89. pu\_\_y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
90. cause unb\_\_\_\_\_ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
91. r\_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
92. amm\_\_\_\_\_on storage *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
93. se\_\_\_\_\_el lymph node *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
94. sc\_\_t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
95. re\_\_t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
96. tower of iv\_\_y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
97. ha\_\_\_\_\_de soap *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

ANSWERS: 88. pal, 89. puppy, 90. unbelievable, 91. rid, 92. ammunition, 93. sentinel, 94. scout, 95. reject, 96. ivory, 97. handmade

98. unsatisfied de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
99. mu\_\_\_l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
100. the sl\_\_\_\_ry way he eats his food *adj.* excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness
101. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
102. a moth la\_\_a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
103. acc\_\_\_\_hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
104. s\_\_t from the park *v.* to go away, leave, or depart; to excrete feces; (noun, of jazz) a vocal improvisation technique where the singer improvises melodies and rhythms using the voice as an instrument rather than a speaking tool
105. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
106. ba\_\_\_\_ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

ANSWERS: 98. desire, 99. mussel, 100. slobbery, 101. planet, 102. larva, 103. accomplished, 104. scat, 105. nation, 106. backstory

107. an ove\_\_\_\_\_ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
108. the con\_\_\_\_\_ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
109. computer science pr\_\_\_\_r *n.* a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied
110. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
111. unb\_\_\_\_\_ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
112. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
113. ze\_\_a pattern *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
114. t\_\_k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
115. white rhi\_\_\_\_\_os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

ANSWERS: 107. overwhelming, 108. conservation, 109. primer, 110. resilient, 111. unbelievable, 112. resilient, 113. zebra, 114. tusk, 115. rhinoceros

116. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
117. inf\_\_\_\_\_on with a parasite *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
118. sc\_\_r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
119. gr\_\_\_\_\_y size *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
120. co\_\_\_\_\_d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
121. chronic in\_\_\_\_\_ty to focus *n.* the state of being unable to do something or achieve a particular task or goal; a lack of physical or mental capacity or skill
122. an unt\_\_\_\_\_le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
123. a suspected po\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
124. di\_\_\_\_\_b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 116. amazing, 117. infestation, 118. scour, 119. grizzly, 120. command, 121. inability, 122. unthinkable, 123. poacher, 124. disturb



125. ba\_\_\_\_ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
126. de\_\_\_\_t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
127. rhi\_\_\_\_os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
128. a handle of h\_\_n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
129. li\_\_\_\_ck agriculture *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
130. d\_e patterns *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
131. ri\_\_e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
132. t\_\_k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
133. natural sc\_\_t *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

ANSWERS: 125. barbecue, 126. detect, 127. rhinoceros, 128. horn, 129. livestock, 130. dye, 131. rifle, 132. tusk, 133. scent

134. not no\_\_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
135. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
136. in unt\_\_\_\_\_le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
137. no\_\_\_\_\_s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
138. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
139. con\_\_\_\_\_te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
140. sc\_\_r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
141. d\_e a T-shirt red *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
142. il\_\_\_\_\_l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
143. con\_\_\_\_\_nd detection dog *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
144. s\_\_p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

ANSWERS: 134. normally, 135. microscopic, 136. unthinkable, 137. noxious, 138. nation, 139. confiscate, 140. scour, 141. dye, 142. illegal, 143. contraband, 144. snap

145. flea inf\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
146. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
147. acc\_\_\_\_\_hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
148. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
149. a pr\_\_\_\_r coat *n.* a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied
150. narcotic tra\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
151. s\_\_p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
152. sc\_\_y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
153. reintroduction of wo\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia

ANSWERS: 145. infestation, 146. colleague, 147. accomplished, 148. barbecue, 149. primer, 150. trafficking, 151. snap, 152. scary, 153. wolverine

154. a b\_\_h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
155. ha\_\_\_e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
156. bulletproof v\_\_t *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
157. li\_\_\_\_\_ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
158. mo\_\_t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
159. di\_\_\_\_\_b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
160. lead to des\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
161. a we\_\_d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
162. for spe\_\_\_\_\_lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
163. hunting ri\_\_e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
164. w\_\_d pigment *n.* a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself

ANSWERS: 154. bush, 155. handle, 156. vest, 157. livestock, 158. mount, 159. disturb, 160. destructive, 161. weird, 162. specifically, 163. rifle, 164. woad

165. fleshly de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
166. the inland of a co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
167. an in\_\_\_r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
168. nurse a pu\_\_y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
169. the ba\_\_\_\_\_ry about this sweet moment *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
170. gr\_\_\_\_\_y encounter *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
171. soil con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
172. con\_\_\_\_\_nd goods *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
173. sc\_\_y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
174. ca\_\_l hair *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

ANSWERS: 165. desire, 166. continent, 167. indoor, 168. puppy, 169. backstory, 170. grizzly, 171. conservation, 172. contraband, 173. scary, 174. camel

175. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
176. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
177. his meal pre\_\_\_\_\_ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
178. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
179. drinking co\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
180. h\_\_n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
181. crowded mi\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
182. the state of being we\_\_d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
183. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
184. cell and molecular bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
185. ze\_\_a crossing *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

ANSWERS: 175. crazy, 176. eradicate, 177. preference, 178. specifically, 179. companion, 180. horn, 181. minibus, 182. weird, 183. amazing, 184. biology, 185. zebra

186. in\_\_\_\_\_ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
187. rainproof sh\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
188. ev\_\_\_\_\_on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
189. sp\_\_\_\_t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
190. sn\_\_e drum *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
191. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
192. a teacher's p\_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
193. v\_\_t him with authority *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
194. s\_\_t singing *v.* to go away, leave, or depart; to excrete feces; (noun, of jazz) a vocal improvisation technique where the singer improvises melodies and rhythms using the voice as an instrument rather than a speaking tool

ANSWERS: 186. intensive, 187. shelter, 188. evolution, 189. spirit, 190. snare, 191. normally, 192. pet, 193. vest, 194. scat

195. a particular pre\_\_\_\_\_ce for Chinese art     *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
196. de\_\_\_\_t a bad event     *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
197. driving di\_\_\_\_\_ce     *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
198. child of il\_\_\_\_\_l immigrants     *adj.* not allowed by law
199. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease     *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
200. mental in\_\_\_\_\_ty     *n.* the state of being unable to do something or achieve a particular task or goal; a lack of physical or mental capacity or skill

ANSWERS: 195. preference, 196. detect, 197. distance, 198. illegal, 199. progression, 200. inability



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old-fashioned \_\_\_\_\_ used black powder as its propellant.  
*n.* a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding
2. The hiker stumbled upon a \_\_\_\_\_ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.  
*n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
3. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.  
*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
4. Human \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.  
*n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
5. It was the most \_\_\_\_\_ storm in decades.  
*adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
6. She is a pen \_\_\_\_\_ of mine.  
*n.* a close friend
7. The hiker put his map and compass in the \_\_\_\_\_ pocket for easy access.  
*n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 1. muzzleloader, 2. grizzly, 3. blind, 4. trafficking, 5. destructive, 6. pal, 7. vest

8. The forest was recently designated a \_\_\_\_\_ area.
- n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
9. Her dog is her excellent \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
10. He had to \_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
11. \_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
12. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
13. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
14. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
15. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 8. conservation, 9. companion, 10. lug, 11. Wrap, 12. weird, 13. tusks, 14. command, 15. resilient

16. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

17. She \_\_\_\_\_ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

*v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

18. She adopted a small brown \_\_\_\_\_ from the shelter.

*n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old

19. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

20. He has shown signs of uneasiness and \_\_\_\_\_ worry.

*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

22. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

23. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 16. suddenly, 17. snapped, 18. puppy, 19. preference, 20. overwhelming, 21. barbecue, 22. horns, 23. normally

24. The jewelry was all \_\_\_\_\_ by local artisans using traditional techniques.  
*adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
25. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
26. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
27. The accident caused a \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.  
*n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.  
*n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
29. The doctor prescribed a \_\_\_\_\_ painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.  
*n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
30. The construction industry is labor \_\_\_\_\_ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.  
*adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

ANSWERS: 24. handmade, 25. quitter, 26. spirit, 27. roadblock, 28. scent, 29. narcotic, 30. intensive,

31. Flight across the \_\_\_\_\_ was a daring adventure in its day.  
*n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
32. Tourists frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the island's delicate natural balance.  
*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
33. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ seats over the telephone.  
*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.  
*n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
35. The intricate carvings on the \_\_\_\_\_ tusk were a work of art.  
*n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
36. The security officer had to \_\_\_\_\_ the weapon from the suspect.  
*v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
37. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ cookies over store-bought ones.  
*adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
38. The jockey \_\_\_\_\_ the horse hard to take first place.  
*v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 31. continent, 32. disturb, 33. reserve, 34. zebra's, 35. ivory, 36. confiscate, 37. homemade, 38. whipped

39. They study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.  
*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
40. I took a \_\_\_\_\_ to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.  
*n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
41. The police discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.  
*n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
42. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.  
*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
43. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in \_\_\_\_\_ class.  
*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
44. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ away as soon as I opened the door.  
*v.* to go away, leave, or depart; to excrete feces; (noun, of jazz) a vocal improvisation technique where the singer improvises melodies and rhythms using the voice as an instrument rather than a speaking tool
45. That accident was something \_\_\_\_\_ with my long experience.  
*adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
46. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the local language made it difficult for her to communicate with the locals.  
*n.* the state of being unable to do something or achieve a particular task or goal; a lack of physical or mental capacity or skill

ANSWERS: 39. evolution, 40. minibus, 41. rifle, 42. desire, 43. biology, 44. scatted, 45. unthinkable, 46. inability

47. A \_\_\_\_\_ has a hump on its back.

*n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

48. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

49. I have a parrot as a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

50. Many of the lakes and marshes in the \_\_\_\_\_ are mildly salty.

*n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

*adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

52. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

53. The soldiers were equipped with ample \_\_\_\_\_ for the battle.

*n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

54. The company's cybersecurity team \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO to potential threats.

*v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

ANSWERS: 47. camel, 48. mounted, 49. pet, 50. basin, 51. noxious, 52. eradicate, 53. ammunition, 54. alerted

55. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

56. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

57. The experience was \_\_\_\_\_ and left a lasting impression.

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

58. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

59. The marathon runner covered a long \_\_\_\_\_ in a short amount of time.

*n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat made it difficult to sleep.

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ population has declined in many areas due to habitat loss and human activity.

*n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 55. planet, 56. microscopic, 57. horrible, 58. rhinoceros, 59. distance, 60. unrelenting, 61. wolverine, 62. nation



63. The lush \_\_\_\_\_ was covered in wildflowers.

*n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the main character added depth to the story.

*n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

65. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

66. The customs agents seized the \_\_\_\_\_ shipment.

*adj.* not allowed by law

67. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

68. The horror movie was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't watch it alone.

*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

69. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

*v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

70. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

71. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 63. meadow, 64. backstory, 65. amazing, 66. illegal, 67. crazy, 68. scary, 69. unload, 70. progression, 71. insisted

72. Bananas have their \_\_\_\_\_ taste and odor.
- n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
73. The company sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
74. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ kisses left my face dripping with saliva.
- adj.* excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness
75. I need to apply \_\_\_\_\_ to the walls before painting them.
- n.* a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied
76. This smartphone has a collision \_\_\_\_\_ function.
- n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
77. The hotel had an \_\_\_\_\_ of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.
- n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
78. The process of using \_\_\_\_\_ to dye fabric is a time-consuming and complex one.
- n.* a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself

ANSWERS: 72. characteristic, 73. scout, 74. slobbery, 75. primer, 76. detection, 77. infestation, 78. woad

79. The chef \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
- v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
80. I ordered the \_\_\_\_\_ in a white wine sauce for dinner.
- n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
81. They need food and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
82. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.
- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
83. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.
- v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
84. \_\_\_\_\_ feed is made from fodder crops.
- n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
85. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after finishing her book.
- adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
86. We must \_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 79. poached, 80. mussels, 81. shelter, 82. unbelievable, 83. scour, 84. Livestock, 85. accomplished, 86. rid

87. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
88. The thief was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ set by the police.
- n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
89. I am going to trim this \_\_\_\_\_ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
90. The security camera acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ monitoring the area for suspicious activity.
- n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
91. The biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the viruses into four groups.
- v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
92. She \_\_\_\_\_ her hair purple for a change.
- v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
93. The police discovered \_\_\_\_\_ in the back of the suspect's vehicle.
- n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
94. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 87. rejected, 88. snare, 89. bush, 90. sentinel, 91. categorized, 92. dyed, 93. contraband, 94. specifically

95. An old \_\_\_\_\_ makes the best keeper.

*n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally

96. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

97. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

98. Table tennis is an \_\_\_\_\_ sport.

*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building

99. The butterfly emerged from its \_\_\_\_\_ stage.

*n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

100. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 95. poacher, 96. handle, 97. colleague, 98. indoor, 99. larva, 100. detected