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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### digress

v. to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

*synonym*: deviate, meander, stray

(1) **digress** into my personal opinions, (2) **digress** from the main subject

The professor always **digresses** when he gives a lecture.

### preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym*: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

### sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

*synonym*: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

### summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym* : call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## **mold**

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym* : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## **ragtag**

*adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

*synonym* : disheveled, fragmented, motley

(1) **ragtag** clothing, (2) **ragtag** team

The army's **ragtag** troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

## **madden**

*v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

*synonym* : infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

## **gravitation**

*n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

*synonym* : attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

## inward

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

*synonym* : internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

## woof

*n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric

*synonym* : weave, texture, grain

(1) **woof** fabric, (2) **woof** sound

My dog's **woof** woke me up early in the morning.

## mural

*adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

*synonym* : wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

## magician

*n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

*synonym* : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

## slam

*v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

*synonym* : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

## immerse

*v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym* :

dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

## unsurprising

*adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

*synonym*: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

## nonstop

*adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination

*synonym*: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk

We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

## lovingly

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

*synonym*: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

## unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

*synonym*: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

## illuminate

*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

*synonym*: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## lull

*n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

*synonym*: calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

## accolade

*n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

*synonym*: tribute, honor, award

(1) **accolade** ceremony, (2) professional **accolade**

The actor received an **accolade** for his outstanding performance in the play.

## soothe

*v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

*synonym*: calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

## solitude

*n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others  
*synonym*: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

## untimely

*adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time  
*synonym*: inappropriate, unfortunate, inopportune

(1) die an **untimely** death, (2) **untimely** snowfall in May

The **untimely** arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing  
*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## lizard

*n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

## affirmation

*n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly  
*synonym*: confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

## bewilder

*v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception  
*synonym*: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## cultivate

*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

*synonym*: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

## succumb

*v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

*synonym*: surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

## posse

*n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

*synonym*: crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

## rhythmic

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

*synonym*: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## spontaneity

*n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner

*synonym*: impulsiveness, uninhibitedness, unpredictability

(1) the **spontaneity** of the moment, (2) act with **spontaneity**

His public speaking skills improved when he embraced **spontaneity** rather than sticking to a script.

## incarcerate

*v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

*synonym*: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## penicillin

*n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

*synonym*: antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

## cuff

*n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

*synonym*: bracelet, handcuff, shackle

(1) **cuff** bracelet, (2) soft **cuff**

The doctor used a blood pressure **cuff** to measure my vitals.



## maroon

*adj.* a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood

*synonym*: red, dark red, brown

(1) **maroon** color, (2) deep **maroon**

She wore a **maroon** dress to the formal event.

## manifestation

*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

*synonym*: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

## curate

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

*synonym*: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

## animate

*v.* to make something full of interest and energy

*synonym*: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## panther

*n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

*synonym*: panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

## displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power  
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

*synonym* : soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**  
The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

## collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

*synonym* : clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair  
The interests of the two countries **collide**.

## erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

*synonym* : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust  
The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

## 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.

## adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

*synonym*: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

## indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

*synonym*: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

## irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

*synonym*: resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

## defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

*synonym*: disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

## riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

*synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

## **rickety**

*adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

*synonym* : unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

## **shackle**

*n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

*synonym* : chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

## **scar**

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym* : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## **rejoice**

*v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

*synonym* : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

## **horrify**

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym* : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. po\_\_e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
2. po\_\_e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
3. universal gra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
4. im\_\_\_\_\_e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
5. ad\_\_n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
6. terrestrial gra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
7. an\_\_\_\_\_e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
8. a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

ANSWERS: 1. posse, 2. posse, 3. gravitation, 4. immerse, 5. adorn, 6. gravitation, 7. animate, 8. rhythmic

9. carry a s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
10. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. soft c\_\_f *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
12. ac\_\_\_\_de ceremony *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
13. rampant ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
14. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
16. nation of ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
17. inner mo\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
18. co\_\_\_\_\_e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
19. lo\_\_\_\_\_ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

ANSWERS: 9. scar, 10. numb, 11. cuff, 12. accolade, 13. individualism, 14. excite, 15. irresistible, 16. individualism, 17. monologue, 18. collide, 19. lovingly

20. be\_\_\_\_er the reader      *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
21. un\_\_\_\_ly snowfall in May      *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
22. di\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
23. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of a deeper problem      *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
24. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene      *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
25. cu\_\_\_\_e an art website      *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (*v.*) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
26. er\_\_e trust      *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
27. in\_\_\_\_t him of injuries      *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

ANSWERS: 20. bewilder, 21. untimely, 22. displace, 23. manifestation, 24. discotheque, 25. curate, 26. erode, 27. indict

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|------------------------------------|----|---|
| 28. nu_____e his talents           | v. | to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing   |
| 29. pen_____in sensitivity testing | n. | an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections   |
| 30. su_____b to old age            | v. | to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury  |
| 31. ill_____te a dark hall         | v. | to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity   |
| 32. s__m the book against a wall   | v. | to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily  |
| 33. pa_____r habitat               | n. | a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia  |
| 34. ad__n the table with flowers   | v. | to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful  |
| 35. burn s__r                      | n. | a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed  |
| 36. c__f bracelet                  | n. | a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear |
| 37. su___n a city council          | v. | to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally   |

ANSWERS: 28. nurture, 29. penicillin, 30. succumb, 31. illuminate, 32. slam, 33. panther, 34. adorn, 35. scar, 36. cuff, 37. summon



38. s\_\_m the door                    *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
39. a n\_\_b mind                    *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
40. di\_\_\_\_s into my personal opinions                    *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
41. deep ma\_\_\_n                    *adj.* a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood
42. cu\_\_\_\_\_te a field                    *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
43. inc\_\_\_\_\_te her for life                    *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
44. enjoyment of so\_\_\_\_de                    *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
45. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble charm                    *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
46. pr\_\_\_h to the masses                    *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
47. professional ac\_\_\_\_de                    *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
48. so\_\_\_e a baby to sleep                    *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
49. in\_\_\_t a suspect                    *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

ANSWERS: 38. slam, 39. numb, 40. digress, 41. maroon, 42. cultivate, 43. incarcerate, 44. solitude, 45. irresistible, 46. preach, 47. accolade, 48. soothe, 49. indict

50. co\_\_\_\_e head-on v. to hit something violently when moving
51. ma\_\_\_n with rage v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
52. ill\_\_\_\_\_te my understanding v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
53. ho\_\_\_\_y victims v. to shock or disgust greatly
54. adopt an attitude of de\_\_\_\_ce n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
55. m\_\_d allergy n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
56. ma\_\_\_n the enemy v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
57. re\_\_\_\_\_e over a victory v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
58. r\_\_t control gas n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 50. collide, 51. madden, 52. illuminate, 53. horrify, 54. defiance, 55. mold, 56. madden, 57. rejoice, 58. riot

59. di\_\_\_\_s from the main subject      *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
60. di\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
61. un\_\_\_\_n danger      *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
62. ri\_\_\_\_y structure      *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
63. so\_\_\_\_e anxiety      *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
64. pr\_\_\_\_h the gospel      *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
65. su\_\_\_\_n a lawyer      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
66. inc\_\_\_\_te the murderer      *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
67. jazz imp\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
68. no\_\_\_\_p talk      *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
69. street ma\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
70. die an un\_\_\_\_ly death      *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

ANSWERS: 59. digress, 60. distract, 61. unseen, 62. rickety, 63. soothe, 64. preach, 65. summon, 66. incarcerate, 67. improvisation, 68. nonstop, 69. magician, 70. untimely

71. lengthy se\_\_\_n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
72. cu\_\_\_\_\_te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
73. deliver a mo\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
74. pen\_\_\_\_\_in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
75. mu\_\_l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
76. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
77. in\_\_\_d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
78. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
79. completely im\_\_\_\_\_e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
80. a no\_\_\_\_\_p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
81. in a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

ANSWERS: 71. sermon, 72. cultivate, 73. monologue, 74. penicillin, 75. mural, 76. distract, 77. inward, 78. nurture, 79. immerse, 80. nonstop, 81. rhythmic

82. in\_\_\_d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
83. l\_\_l in the battle *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
84. an un\_\_\_n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
85. ho\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
86. act with spo\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner
87. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
88. fierce de\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
89. er\_\_e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
90. the spo\_\_\_\_\_ty of the moment *n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner
91. a casting m\_\_d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 82. inward, 83. lull, 84. unseen, 85. horrify, 86. spontaneity, 87. manifestation, 88. defiance, 89. erode, 90. spontaneity, 91. mold

92. ma\_\_\_\_an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
93. a lay se\_\_\_\_n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
94. a mu\_\_l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
95. dis\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
96. imp\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
97. self-aff\_\_\_\_on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
98. ma\_\_\_\_n color *adj.* a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood
99. ri\_\_\_\_y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
100. li\_\_\_\_d leather *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
101. w\_\_f fabric *n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric
102. the l\_\_l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

ANSWERS: 92. magician, 93. sermon, 94. mural, 95. discotheque, 96. improvisation, 97. affirmation, 98. maroon, 99. rickety, 100. lizard, 101. woof, 102. lull

103. ra\_\_\_g team *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
104. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
105. live in so\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
106. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
107. black pa\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
108. lo\_\_\_\_\_ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
109. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
110. perpetual cu\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
111. giant li\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

ANSWERS: 103. ragtag, 104. animate, 105. solitude, 106. displace, 107. panther, 108. lovingly, 109. unsurprising, 110. curate, 111. lizard

112. be\_\_\_\_er scientists                    *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
113. ra\_\_\_\_g clothing                    *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
114. sh\_\_\_\_e chains                    *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
115. re\_\_\_\_e at the moment                    *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
116. w\_\_f sound                    *n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric
117. statement of aff\_\_\_\_on                    *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
118. su\_\_\_\_b to cancer                    *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
119. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion                    *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
120. uns\_\_\_\_ing result                    *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

ANSWERS: 112. bewilder, 113. ragtag, 114. shackle, 115. rejoice, 116. woof, 117. affirmation, 118. succumb, 119. excite, 120. unsurprising



121. r\_\_t police

*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

122. metal sh\_\_\_\_e

*n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

ANSWERS: 121. riot, 122. shackle

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. University is a great place to \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and expertise.  
*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
2. The actor received an \_\_\_\_\_ for his outstanding performance in the play.  
*n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
3. The pastor \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of forgiveness.  
*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
4. The doctor used a blood pressure \_\_\_\_\_ to measure my vitals.  
*n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
5. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
6. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.  
*n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
7. The architect \_\_\_\_\_ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.  
*v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
8. The preacher delivered a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ on the importance of forgiveness.  
*n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 1. cultivate, 2. accolade, 3. preached, 4. cuff, 5. distract, 6. solitude, 7. adorned, 8. sermon

9. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in his research.

- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

10. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was \_\_\_\_\_ to her.

- adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

11. He finally \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation.

- v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

- adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

13. My friends and I formed a \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the lost hiker.

- n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

14. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.

- v.* to shock or disgust greatly

15. She applied aloe vera to \_\_\_\_\_ her sunburn.

- v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

16. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the formal event.

- adj.* a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood

ANSWERS: 9. immersed, 10. irresistible, 11. succumbed, 12. rhythmic, 13. posse, 14. horrify, 15. soothe, 16. maroon

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.
- n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
18. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.
- adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
20. She looked at him \_\_\_\_\_ and knew he was the one for her.
- adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
21. The art museum has hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
22. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet \_\_\_\_\_ most students.
- v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
23. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.
- v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 17. panther's, 18. nurture, 19. inward, 20. lovingly, 21. curate, 22. bewilder, 23. summoning

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

*adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

25. The slow internet connection \_\_\_\_\_ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

*v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

26. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

27. The force of \_\_\_\_\_ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

*n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

28. She \_\_\_\_\_ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

*v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall depicted the history of the city.

*adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

30. The army's \_\_\_\_\_ troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

*adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

31. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.

*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

ANSWERS: 24. untimely, 25. maddened, 26. monologue, 27. gravitation, 28. slammed, 29. mural, 30. ragtag, 31. illuminated

32. The positive attitude of the supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.  
*v.* to make something full of interest and energy
33. We tend to choose \_\_\_\_\_ flights when we travel.  
*adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
34. The old wooden bridge was \_\_\_\_\_ and swayed with every step.  
*adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
35. The prisoner wore heavy \_\_\_\_\_ on his wrists and ankles.  
*n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
36. Mushrooms and \_\_\_\_\_ are fungi.  
*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
37. He acted in \_\_\_\_\_ of our decision.  
*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
38. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. animated, 33. nonstop, 34. rickety, 35. shackles, 36. mold, 37. defiance, 38. improvisation, 39. individualism

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

*adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

41. The ongoing budget cuts have \_\_\_\_\_ the quality of education in many schools.

*v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

42. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing \_\_\_\_\_ on the listeners.

*n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

43. The interests of the two countries \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to hit something violently when moving

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

*n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly

45. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for the duration of the war.

*v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

46. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

47. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 40. unsurprising, 41. eroded, 42. lull, 43. collide, 44. affirmation, 45. incarcerated, 46. discotheque, 47. displace

48. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to \_\_\_\_\_ the corrupt politician.
- v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ tail regenerates if severed.
- n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
51. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.
- n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
52. The consequences of the pandemic remain \_\_\_\_\_ as scientists continue to research the virus.
- adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
53. We should all \_\_\_\_\_ in the good things life has to offer.
- v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
- n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
55. The professor always \_\_\_\_\_ when he gives a lecture.
- v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 48. indict, 49. riots, 50. lizard's, 51. scar, 52. unseen, 53. rejoice, 54. manifestation, 55. digresses



56. His public speaking skills improved when he embraced \_\_\_\_\_ rather than sticking to a script.

- n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner

57. The doctor prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ to treat the bacterial infection.

- n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

58. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

59. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

60. The children were delighted with the \_\_\_\_\_ clever tricks.

- n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

61. My dog's \_\_\_\_\_ woke me up early in the morning.

- n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric

ANSWERS: 56. spontaneity, 57. penicillin, 58. excited, 59. numb, 60. magician's, 61. woof