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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### puzzled

*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

*synonym* : confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

### binge

*n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

*synonym* : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

### illicit

*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

*synonym* : illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

### alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym* : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym*: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## reckless

*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

*synonym*: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

**Reckless** youth makes rueful age.

## neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

## unintentional

*adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental

*synonym*: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

## habituate

v. to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice

*synonym* : accustom, familiarize, adapt

(1) **habituate** to coffee, (2) **habituate** to exercise

It takes time to **habituate** to a new work schedule, but eventually, it becomes routine.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## relentless

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym* : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

## 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.

## sensitize

*v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

*synonym* : acclimate, sensitize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**  
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## schooler

*n.* a student who attends a school

*synonym*: student, pupil, learner

(1) a primary **schooler**, (2) **schooler** uniform  
He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high **schooler**.

## stubborn

*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

*synonym*: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains  
He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

## deem

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate  
Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## anomaly

*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

*synonym*: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

## inventive

*adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

*synonym*: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

## unassuming

*adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward

*synonym*: diffident, humble, modest

(1) **unassuming** appearance, (2) an **unassuming** fashion

His **unassuming** manner concealed his ambition.

**electroencephalography**. (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions

*synonym*: brain wave test, EEG, neural scan

(1) **electroencephalography** test, (2) abnormal

**electroencephalography**

She is an **electroencephalography** technician skilled in performing EEG tests on patients.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## cubicle

*n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

*synonym*: compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and

fluorescent lights.

## gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

*synonym*: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune  
Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

## mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

*synonym*: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments  
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

## frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

*synonym*: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste  
The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

## meticulously

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

*synonym*: carefully, attentively, scrupulously

(1) **meticulously** crafted product, (2) **meticulously** executed

She **meticulously** planned every detail of her wedding.

## daze

n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

*synonym*: stupor, confusion, (verb) stun

(1) walk around in a **daze**, (2) **daze** of sleep

He was in a **daze** from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## underdeveloped

*adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

*synonym* : unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

## 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.

## escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym* : increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## defy

*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym* : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## hurdle

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym* : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

### detectable

*adj.* capable of being discovered or identified

*synonym*: perceptible, noticeable, observable

(1) a barely **detectable** change, (2) **detectable** by the human ear

The object is **detectable** at ultraviolet wavelengths.

### 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**.

### culmination

*n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

*synonym*: climax, completion, ending

(1) the **culmination** of her ambition, (2) **culmination** altitude

Their achievements stand as a **culmination** of centuries of development.

### garner

*v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

*synonym*: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

### disbelief

*n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

*synonym*: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.



## blunder

*n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error

*synonym* : mistake, error, goof

(1) a capital **blunder**, (2) make a **blunder** in my work  
The CEO's **blunder** in the meeting cost the company millions.

## needless

*adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

*synonym* : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste  
This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

## perseverance

*n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

*synonym* : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**  
Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

## ironic

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym* : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events  
It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

## foresee

*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

*synonym* : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges  
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## unconventional

*adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established

norms or standards

*synonym* : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. walk around in a d__e       | <i>n.</i> the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise   |
| 2. abnormal<br>ele_____phy     | <i>n.</i> (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions |
| 3. an____y detection           | <i>n.</i> something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand  |
| 4. in an unc_____nal manner    | <i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards  |
| 5. d__m wrong or inappropriate | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way  |
| 6. ga___e away my fortune      | <i>v.</i> to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes  |
| 7. rel_____ss attack           | <i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks   |

ANSWERS: 1. daze, 2. electroencephalography, 3. anomaly, 4. unconventional, 5. deem, 6. gamble, 7. relentless

8. ne\_\_\_\_ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
9. d\_\_e of sleep *n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
10. mi\_\_c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
11. in\_\_\_\_\_ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
12. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. ir\_\_\_\_c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
14. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
15. avoid uni\_\_\_\_\_nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
16. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 8. needless, 9. daze, 10. mimic, 11. inventive, 12. determinant, 13. ironic, 14. numb, 15. unintentional, 16. confuse

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 17. remain und_____ped         | <i>adj.</i> not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement   |
| 18. ask in di_____ef           | <i>n.</i> the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real   |
| 19. d__m socially responsible  | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way   |
| 20. a primary sc_____er        | <i>n.</i> a student who attends a school  |
| 21. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous   |
| 22. unwavering per_____nce     | <i>n.</i> steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success   |
| 23. hu____e race               | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome   |
| 24. aggressive in_____ct       | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 25. sma_____ne addict          | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet  |
| 26. dogged per_____nce         | <i>n.</i> steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success   |
| 27. al_____ng news             | <i>adj.</i> causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing  |
| 28. pu_____d expression        | <i>adj.</i> confused or uncertain because you do not understand something   |

ANSWERS: 17. underdeveloped, 18. disbelief, 19. deem, 20. schooler, 21. well-being, 22. perseverance, 23. hurdle, 24. instinct, 25. smartphone, 26. perseverance, 27. alarming, 28. puzzled

29. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
32. st\_\_\_\_\_rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
33. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
34. pu\_\_\_\_\_d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
35. a barely det\_\_\_\_\_le change *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
36. il\_\_\_\_\_t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
37. uni\_\_\_\_\_nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
38. make a da\_\_\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
39. il\_\_\_\_\_t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
40. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
41. una\_\_\_\_\_ng appearance *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward

ANSWERS: 29. opportune, 30. opportune, 31. smartphone, 32. stubborn, 33. resilient, 34. puzzled, 35. detectable, 36. illicit, 37. unintentional, 38. daring, 39. illicit, 40. confuse, 41. unassuming

42. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
43. global temperature an\_\_\_\_y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
44. cul\_\_\_\_\_on altitude *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
45. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
46. unc\_\_\_\_\_nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
47. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
48. camping cu\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
49. sc\_\_\_\_\_er uniform *n.* a student who attends a school
50. ha\_\_\_\_\_te to exercise *v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice
51. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 42. excite, 43. anomaly, 44. culmination, 45. defy, 46. unconventional, 47. well-being, 48. cubicle, 49. schooler, 50. habituate, 51. escalate

52. make a bl\_\_\_\_\_r in my work *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
53. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
54. overcome hu\_\_\_\_es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
55. al\_\_\_\_\_ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
56. have the in\_\_\_\_\_ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
57. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
58. the branch of neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
59. st\_\_\_\_\_rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
60. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
61. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
62. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 52. blunder, 53. resilient, 54. hurdle, 55. alarming, 56. inventive, 57. instinct, 58. neuroscience, 59. stubborn, 60. eradicate, 61. determinant, 62. numb



63. fr\_\_\_\_c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
64. se\_\_\_\_\_ze cells to radiation *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
65. alcohol bi\_\_e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
66. cu\_\_\_\_e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
67. met\_\_\_\_\_sly executed *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
68. ga\_\_\_r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
69. det\_\_\_\_\_le by the human ear *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
70. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
71. ele\_\_\_\_\_phy test *n.* (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions

ANSWERS: 63. frantic, 64. sensitize, 65. binge, 66. cubicle, 67. meticulously, 68. garner, 69. detectable, 70. eradicate, 71. electroencephalography

72. bi\_\_e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
73. in a re\_\_\_\_\_ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
74. ha\_\_\_\_\_te to coffee *v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice
75. re\_\_\_\_\_ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
76. met\_\_\_\_\_sly crafted product *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
77. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
78. di\_\_\_\_\_ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
79. fo\_\_\_\_\_e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
80. a capital bl\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
81. ga\_\_\_r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
82. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. binge, 73. reckless, 74. habituate, 75. reckless, 76. meticulously, 77. excite, 78. disbelief, 79. foresee, 80. blunder, 81. garner, 82. defy

83. with fr\_\_\_\_c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
84. se\_\_\_\_\_ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
85. an und\_\_\_\_\_ped child *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
86. fo\_\_\_\_\_e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
87. to es\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
88. mi\_\_c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
89. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
90. ne\_\_\_\_\_ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
91. an ir\_\_\_c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
92. a theoretical concept in  
neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 83. frantic, 84. sensitize, 85. underdeveloped, 86. foresee, 87. escalate, 88. mimic, 89. daring, 90. needless, 91. ironic, 92. neuroscience

93. face rel\_\_\_\_\_ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
94. ga\_\_\_e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
95. an una\_\_\_\_\_ng fashion *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
96. the cul\_\_\_\_\_on of her ambition *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

ANSWERS: 93. relentless, 94. gamble, 95. unassuming, 96. culmination

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She stayed up all night \_\_\_\_\_ her favorite TV show.  
*n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
  
2. Many people in \_\_\_\_\_ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.  
*adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
  
3. The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ in the meeting cost the company millions.  
*n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
  
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ manner concealed his ambition.  
*adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
  
5. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
  
6. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
  
7. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.  
*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
  
8. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.  
*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 1. binge-watching, 2. underdeveloped, 3. blunder, 4. unassuming, 5. neuroscience, 6. resilient, 7. eradicate, 8. escalated

9. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. It takes time to \_\_\_\_\_ to a new work schedule, but eventually, it becomes routine.
- v.* to accustom or become accustomed to a particular situation, habit, or behavior through repeated exposure or experience; to make something a habit or regular practice
12. He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a student who attends a school
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
- v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
14. The mother was \_\_\_\_\_ as she searched for her lost child.
- adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
15. She is an \_\_\_\_\_ technician skilled in performing EEG tests on patients.
- n.* (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions

ANSWERS: 9. determinant, 10. numb, 11. habituate, 12. schooler, 13. foresee, 14. frantic, 15. electroencephalography

16. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ training paid off in the end.

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

17. This \_\_\_\_\_ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

*adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

18. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.

*adj.* brave and taking risks

19. His reaction was one of complete \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

20. He is very popular at school because he can \_\_\_\_\_ all the teachers' accents.

*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

21. All language around the world is consistently \_\_\_\_\_ but not intrusive.

*adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

22. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

*v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

23. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 16. relentless, 17. needless, 18. daring, 19. disbelief, 20. mimic, 21. inventive, 22. sensitize, 23. smartphones

24. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
25. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were \_\_\_\_\_ unsafe.
- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
26. He used his charm and charisma to \_\_\_\_\_ support for his campaign.
- v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
27. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
28. Their achievements stand as a \_\_\_\_\_ of centuries of development.
- n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
29. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
30. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
31. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ on the result of the fight?
- v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

ANSWERS: 24. alarming, 25. deemed, 26. garner, 27. confused, 28. culmination, 29. stubborn, 30. well-being, 31. gamble



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

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

33. The mistake was \_\_\_\_\_ and made in good faith.

*adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental

34. Her \_\_\_\_\_ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

*adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

35. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the strange behavior of her cat.

*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

36. He was in a \_\_\_\_\_ from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

*n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

37. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his \_\_\_\_\_ and determination led him to success.

*n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

38. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

39. I worked in an office \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

*n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

ANSWERS: 32. opportune, 33. unintentional, 34. unconventional, 35. puzzled, 36. daze, 37. perseverance, 38. instinct, 39. cubicle

40. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.  
*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
41. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
42. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.  
*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
43. She \_\_\_\_\_ planned every detail of her wedding.  
*adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
44. The object is \_\_\_\_\_ at ultraviolet wavelengths.  
*adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
45. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.  
*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
46. The sudden drop in the stock market was an \_\_\_\_\_ that puzzled many investors.  
*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
47. He was arrested for his \_\_\_\_\_ activities in the black market.  
*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

ANSWERS: 40. defy, 41. excited, 42. hurdles, 43. meticulously, 44. detectable, 45. ironic, 46. anomaly, 47. illicit

48. \_\_\_\_\_ youth makes rueful age.

*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

ANSWERS: 48. Reckless