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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### **mischief**

*n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

*synonym*: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

### **writhe**

*v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

*synonym*: contort, twist, convulse

(1) **writhe** in agony, (2) **writhe** with pleasure

The snake **writhe**d and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

### **uncomfortable**

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

*synonym*: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

### **grip**

*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

*synonym*: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

## sneak

*v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym* : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## shear

*v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

*synonym* : clip, cut, crop

(1) **shear** a hedge, (2) **shear** force

I need to **shear** the wool off of the sheep before winter.

## prank

*n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

*synonym* : hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym* : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## matchless

*adj.* without equal; too good to be compared to anything else; unparalleled or unbeatable

*synonym* : unmatched, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) **matchless** quality, (2) a **matchless** experience

Her singing voice was **matchless** in its beauty and power.

## wheat

*n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

*synonym* : grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

## dwarf

*n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

*synonym* : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

## legendary

*adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

*synonym* : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

## blacksmith

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

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

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

## realm

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

*synonym* : domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

## wily

*adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals

*synonym* : cunning, sly, crafty

(1) **wily** politician, (2) **wily** tactics

The **wily** fox was able to outsmart the hunters and escape

unscathed.

## scheme

*n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

*synonym*: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

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

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

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym*: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## pit

*n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

*synonym*: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

## rival

*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

*synonym*: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

## claim

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

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## craftsman

*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

*synonym* : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

## 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.

## competition

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

*synonym* : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym* : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's

intramural sports program.

## forfeit

*v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

*synonym*: surrender, relinquish, abandon

(1) **forfeit** your deposit, (2) **forfeit** a legal right

The defendant may have to **forfeit** his assets as part of his punishment.

## emerge

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

*synonym*: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## victorious

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

*synonym*: triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

## bellows

*n.* a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely

*synonym*: blower, puffer, blaster

(1) **bellows** pump, (2) blow a **bellows**

The blacksmith's apprentice operated the **bellows** to maintain the forge's heat.

## treasure

*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

*synonym*: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

- ruin**
- v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,  
*synonym*: bankrupt, demolish, destroy
- (1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation
- He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.
- forge**
- v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
- synonym*: create, build, establish
- (1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron
- She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.
- sting**
- v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
- synonym*: bite, prick, poke
- (1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face
- Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- flinch**
- v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
- synonym*: shudder, recoil, wince
- (1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth
- I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.
- furnace**
- n. an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
- synonym*: incinerator
- (1) electrical **furnace**, (2) gas-fired **furnace**
- In the **furnace**, the metal gleamed with radiance.
- eyelid**
- n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading

tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

*synonym* : lid, palpebra, shield

(1) **eyelid** twitch, (2) drooping **eyelid**

Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy **eyelids**.

## split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym* : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

## reappear

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

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

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym* : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

*synonym* : follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

## bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

*synonym* : jump, bounce, leap



(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase  
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

## radiant

*adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly

*synonym* : shining, glowing, brilliant

(1) **radiant** smile, (2) **radiant** light

She looked **radiant** on her wedding day.

## magnificent

*adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

*synonym* : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

## spear

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

*synonym* : javelin, pike, lance

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

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

## pierce

*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

*synonym* : jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## mighty

*adj.* very large, powerful, or strong

*synonym* : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

## harvest

*n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

*synonym*: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

## bristle

*n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

*synonym*: spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

## boar

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

*synonym*: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

## chariot

*n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

## 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.

## identical

*adj.* being the exact same one

*synonym*: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

## 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.

## smirk

*v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

*synonym*: grin, sneer, simper

(1) **smirk** confidently, (2) **smirk** after playing a prank

He couldn't help but **smirk** when he heard her absurd excuse.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## defect

*n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

*synonym*: fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

**Defects** in the design could cause much worse issues.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

*synonym*: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

## stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

*synonym*: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

## flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## begrudge

v. to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone

*synonym*: resent, envy

(1) **begrudge** him the opportunity to study abroad,

(2) **begrudge** spending money

I don't **begrudge** you for your success.

## sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## trickster

*n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

*synonym* : swindler, cheat, deceiver

(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**

The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who scammed people out of their money.

## malicious

*adj.* intended to do harm or upset other people; having the nature of the harm

*synonym* : adversarial, opposing, hostile

(1) have a **malicious** expression, (2) a **malicious** conspiracy

Everyone kept looking at him with **malicious** eyes.

## deceit

*n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth

*synonym* : deception, dishonesty, trickery

(1) person of **deceit**, (2) web of **deceit**

The politician's **deceit** was exposed when leaked emails revealed he had accepted lobbyists' bribes.

## irony

*n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym* : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. br____e brush                                | <i>n.</i> a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid                 |
| 2. hunting sp__r                                | <i>n.</i> a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past  |
| 3. wild b__r                                    | <i>n.</i> a wild pig, especially a male with tusks  |
| 4. be____ge him the opportunity to study abroad | <i>v.</i> to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone |
| 5. electrical fu____e                           | <i>n.</i> an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures  |
| 6. mo__t a hill                                 | <i>v.</i> 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  |
| 7. ac____ny the book                            | <i>v.</i> to go somewhere or travel with someone or something   |
| 8. ha___e a precious object                     | <i>v.</i> to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion  |

ANSWERS: 1. bristle, 2. spear, 3. boar, 4. begrudge, 5. furnace, 6. mount, 7. accompany, 8. handle

9. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny a chicken dish      *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
10. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
11. wh\_\_t crop      *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
12. w\_\_y politician      *adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
13. br\_\_\_\_\_e with anger      *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
14. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone      *v.* to take the place of something
15. sm\_\_k confidently      *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
16. 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
17. g\_\_p of fear      *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 9. accompany, 10. obvious, 11. wheat, 12. wily, 13. bristle, 14. replace, 15. smirk, 16. mount, 17. grip

18. re\_\_\_\_ar on the surface      *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
19. ri\_\_l bidder      *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
20. 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
21. em\_\_\_e from poverty      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
22. bo\_\_ded with delight      *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
23. b\_t on a race      *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
24. an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble silence      *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
25. sn\_\_k out of danger      *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
26. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
27. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 18. reappear, 19. rival, 20. determinant, 21. emerge, 22. bound, 23. bet, 24. uncomfortable, 25. sneak, 26. competition, 27. rev



28. with an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble face      *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
29. tr\_\_\_\_\_er character      *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
30. a subtle cr\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
31. b\_\_r's head      *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
32. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
33. sh\_\_r a hedge      *v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
34. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
35. public re\_\_m      *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
36. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another      *v.* to take the place of something
37. a ma\_\_\_\_\_ss experience      *adj.* without equal; too good to be compared to anything else; unparalleled or unbeatable
38. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r      *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

ANSWERS: 28. uncomfortable, 29. trickster, 30. craftsman, 31. boar, 32. blacksmith, 33. shear, 34. blacksmith, 35. realm, 36. replace, 37. matchless, 38. spear

39. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
40. a potted dw\_\_f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
41. execution by burning at a st\_\_e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
42. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
43. fl\_\_\_h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
44. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
45. pi\_\_\_e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
46. ma\_\_\_\_\_ss quality *adj.* without equal; too good to be compared to anything else; unparalleled or unbeatable
47. sp\_\_t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
48. fo\_\_\_\_\_t your deposit *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

ANSWERS: 39. norm, 40. dwarf, 41. stake, 42. bet, 43. flinch, 44. norm, 45. pierce, 46. matchless, 47. split, 48. forfeit

49. playful mi\_\_\_\_ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
50. cl\_\_m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
51. blow a be\_\_\_\_s *n.* a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely
52. intraspecific com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
53. sm\_\_k after playing a prank *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
54. be\_\_\_\_s pump *n.* a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely

ANSWERS: 49. mischief, 50. claim, 51. bellows, 52. competition, 53. smirk, 54. bellows

55. fo\_\_\_\_t a legal right      *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
56. the bottomless p\_t      *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
57. visual de\_\_\_\_ts      *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
58. le\_\_\_\_ry actor      *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
59. w\_\_y tactics      *adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
60. par\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation      *v.* to take part in something
61. have a ma\_\_\_\_us expression      *adj.* intended to do harm or upset other people; having the nature of the harm
62. a scanty ha\_\_\_\_t      *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
63. a pilot sc\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
64. un\_\_\_\_d the story      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
65. mi\_\_\_\_y works      *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong

ANSWERS: 55. forfeit, 56. pit, 57. defect, 58. legendary, 59. wily, 60. participate, 61. malicious, 62. harvest, 63. scheme, 64. unfold, 65. mighty

66. re\_\_\_\_ar throughout this book      *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
67. an id\_\_\_\_\_al equation      *adj.* being the exact same one
68. st\_\_g his face      *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
69. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
70. person of de\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth
71. cr\_\_\_\_\_an skill      *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
72. de\_\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
73. harvesting wh\_\_t      *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
74. pi\_\_\_\_e the armored shells      *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
75. harmless pr\_\_k      *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

ANSWERS: 66. reappear, 67. identical, 68. sting, 69. determinant, 70. deceit, 71. craftsman, 72. decide, 73. wheat, 74. pierce, 75. prank

76. fo\_\_e iron v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
77. fo\_\_e an alliance v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
78. r\_\_n the reputation v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
79. struck a mi\_\_\_y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
80. gas-fired fu\_\_\_\_e *n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
81. tr\_\_\_\_re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
82. ra\_\_\_\_t smile *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
83. buy the company's st\_\_e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
84. a wise old dw\_\_f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

ANSWERS: 76. forge, 77. forge, 78. ruin, 79. mighty, 80. furnace, 81. treasure, 82. radiant, 83. stake, 84. dwarf

85. sh\_\_r force v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
86. de\_\_\_e on a course of action v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
87. pair of id\_\_\_\_\_al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
88. s\_w with thread v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
89. ra\_\_\_\_\_t light *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
90. a ma\_\_\_\_\_us conspiracy *adj.* intended to do harm or upset other people; having the nature of the harm
91. st\_\_g me on the arm v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
92. tr\_\_\_\_\_re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
93. reap a ha\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
94. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 85. shear, 86. decide, 87. identical, 88. sew, 89. radiant, 90. malicious, 91. sting, 92. treasure, 93. harvest, 94. emerge

95. de\_\_\_ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
96. pr\_\_k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
97. bitter ir\_\_y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
98. web of de\_\_\_t *n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth
99. lose my g\_\_p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
100. ch\_\_\_\_\_t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
101. the p\_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
102. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
103. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
104. merge with a ri\_\_l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

ANSWERS: 95. defect, 96. prank, 97. irony, 98. deceit, 99. grip, 100. chariot, 101. pit, 102. obvious, 103. flee, 104. rival



105. sp\_\_t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
106. drooping ey\_\_\_d *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
107. ir\_\_y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
108. cunning tr\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
109. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
110. draw out a sc\_\_\_e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
111. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
112. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
113. achieve a le\_\_\_\_\_ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
114. a mag\_\_\_\_\_nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
115. ha\_\_\_ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 105. split, 106. eyelid, 107. irony, 108. trickster, 109. victorious, 110. scheme, 111. flee, 112. victorious, 113. legendary, 114. magnificent, 115. handle

116. a mag\_\_\_\_\_nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
117. false cl\_\_m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
118. wr\_\_\_e with pleasure *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
119. wr\_\_\_e in agony *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
120. sn\_\_k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
121. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
122. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
123. ch\_\_\_\_\_t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
124. malicious mi\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

ANSWERS: 116. magnificent, 117. claim, 118. writhe, 119. writhe, 120. sneak, 121. participate, 122. rev, 123. chariot, 124. mischief

125. bo\_\_d up a staircase v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
126. sh\_\_\_\_r a world record v. to break suddenly into many pieces
127. un\_\_\_\_d the stroller v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
128. sh\_\_\_\_r the plate v. to break suddenly into many pieces
129. s\_w a button v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
130. be\_\_\_\_ge spending money v. to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
131. r\_\_n the plan v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
132. beyond the re\_\_m of possibility n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
133. fl\_\_\_\_h from the truth v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
134. ey\_\_\_\_d twitch n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

ANSWERS: 125. bound, 126. shatter, 127. unfold, 128. shatter, 129. sew, 130. begrudge, 131. ruin, 132. realm, 133. flinch, 134. eyelid

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.  
*n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
  
2. Canada \_\_\_\_\_ on the United States.  
*v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
  
3. The defendant may have to \_\_\_\_\_ his assets as part of his punishment.  
*v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
  
4. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.  
*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
  
5. The pirates searched for buried \_\_\_\_\_ in the dunes.  
*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
  
6. Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
  
7. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 1. pit, 2. bounds, 3. forfeit, 4. competition, 5. treasure, 6. eyelids, 7. norms

8. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
- adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
10. 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
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
12. He knocked over the red wine and \_\_\_\_\_ the tablecloth.
- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
13. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
14. The extreme cold \_\_\_\_\_ our bones.
- v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
15. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 8. unfolded, 9. legendary, 10. determinant, 11. stake, 12. ruined, 13. split, 14. pierced, 15. rev

16. The farmer grew \_\_\_\_\_ on his land.

- n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

17. She looked \_\_\_\_\_ on her wedding day.

- adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly

18. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when the door slammed shut.

- v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

19. Her husband's death \_\_\_\_\_ her life entirely.

- v.* to break suddenly into many pieces

20. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard her absurd excuse.

- v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

21. During \_\_\_\_\_ farmers are incredibly busy.

- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

- adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

23. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

24. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

ANSWERS: 16. wheat, 17. radiant, 18. flinch, 19. shattered, 20. smirk, 21. harvest, 22. magnificent, 23. uncomfortable, 24. claim

25. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.
- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
26. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the wool off of the sheep before winter.
- v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
27. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ you for your success.
- v.* to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
28. 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
29. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
31. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 25. spears, 26. shear, 27. begrudge, 28. mounted, 29. sew, 30. blacksmith, 31. emerged



32. The con artist was known as a notorious \_\_\_\_\_ who scammed people out of their money.
- n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
33. Cancer has \_\_\_\_\_ at the same site.
- v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
34. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
35. The children tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
36. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost \_\_\_\_\_ to a mother's breast milk.
- adj.* being the exact same one
37. Bees \_\_\_\_\_ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
38. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ led to the destruction of the living room furniture.
- n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
39. I \_\_\_\_\_ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 32. trickster, 33. reappeared, 34. handle, 35. sneak, 36. identical, 37. sting, 38. mischief, 39. bet

40. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating \_\_\_\_\_ races.  
*n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
41. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ God has the power to brighten this dark land.  
*adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.  
*n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
43. The hunter tracked the \_\_\_\_\_ through the forest for a good shot.  
*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
44. Please let me know if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ me to my hometown.  
*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ fox was able to outsmart the hunters and escape unscathed.  
*adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
46. He had a firm \_\_\_\_\_ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.  
*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
47. In the \_\_\_\_\_ the metal gleamed with radiance.  
*n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
48. \_\_\_\_\_ in the design could cause much worse issues.  
*n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

ANSWERS: 40. chariot, 41. mighty, 42. irony, 43. boar, 44. accompany, 45. wily, 46. grip, 47. furnace, 48. Defects

49. Everyone kept looking at him with \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.

*adj.* intended to do harm or upset other people; having the nature of the harm

50. They carefully executed the well-planned \_\_\_\_\_ they had prepared over the years.

*n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

51. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

*n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ troops marched back to their homeland.

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

53. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.

*v.* to take the place of something

54. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

*v.* to take part in something

55. The adept \_\_\_\_\_ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

*n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

ANSWERS: 49. malicious, 50. scheme, 51. bristle, 52. victorious, 53. replace, 54. participated, 55. craftsman, 56. dwarf

57. The group of teenagers played an innocent \_\_\_\_\_ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

*n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

58. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

59. The blacksmith's apprentice operated the \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain the forge's heat.

*n.* a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely

60. Her singing voice was \_\_\_\_\_ in its beauty and power.

*adj.* without equal; too good to be compared to anything else; unparalleled or unbeatable

61. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

*v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

62. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

63. He interfered with his \_\_\_\_\_ in various ways during the campaign.

*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

ANSWERS: 57. prank, 58. obvious, 59. bellows, 60. matchless, 61. forge, 62. flee, 63. rivals

64. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

65. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ was exposed when leaked emails revealed he had accepted lobbyists' bribes.

- n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth

66. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

- v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

67. Her passions are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of real-world political affairs.

- n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 64. decide, 65. deceit, 66. writhed, 67. realm