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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### palindrome

*n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

*synonym*: word palindrome, reversible, mirror-image word

(1) **palindrome** phrase, (2) **palindrome** number

The word "deified" is an example of a **palindrome**, where it reads the same backward as it does forward.

### kayak

*n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle

*synonym*: canoe, skiff, paddle boat

(1) **kayak** adventure, (2) **kayak** paddle

We're planning a **kayak** trip down the river next weekend.

### pathological

*adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

*synonym*: aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

## **mute**

*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

*synonym* : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

## **quitter**

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

*synonym* : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

## **pigeon**

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

## **spat**

*n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

*synonym* : argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

## **disarm**

*v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

*synonym* : demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

## masculine

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

*synonym*: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

## matriarch

*n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

*synonym*: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

## cocoon

*n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

*synonym*: chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**

The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning into a butterfly.

## anecdote

*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

*synonym*: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

## embellish

*v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

*synonym*: decorate, adorn, beautify

(1) **embellish** a story, (2) **embellish** a room  
I decided to **embellish** the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

## carve

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

*synonym*: sculpt, engrave, cut

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

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

## taper

v. to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

*synonym*: decrease, dwindle, diminish

(1) **taper** the medication slowly, (2) **taper** the dose down

Most of the tree trunks **taper** toward the top.

## 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.

## tendrils

*n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

*synonym*: vine, creeper

(1) **tendrils** of hair, (2) creeping **tendrils**

The plant's delicate **tendrils** curled around the trellis as it began to climb.

## intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## sham

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

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

## akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym*: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## hieroglyph

*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

*synonym*: character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird

Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

## fluent

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

*synonym*: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

## sculpt

*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym*: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

## haberdasher

*n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories

*synonym*: hatter, milliner, tailor

(1) vintage **haberdashery**, (2) traditional **haberdashery** items

She spent the afternoon browsing in the **haberdashery** department of the large store.

## tortuous

*adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated

*synonym*: twisted, convoluted, winding

(1) **tortuous** road, (2) **tortuous** path

The hiker had a difficult time navigating the **tortuous** mountain trail.

## obsessive

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym*: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## doorway

*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

*synonym*: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

## neurodiversity

*n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed

*synonym*: neurodivergence, cognitive diversity

(1) **neurodiversity** conference, (2) **neurodiversity** spectrum

The concept of **neurodiversity** celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.

## misfit

*n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

*synonym*: outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**

He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

## giddy

*adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

*synonym*: dizzy, lightheaded, vertiginous

(1) **giddy** with excitement, (2) a **giddy** ride

The rollercoaster ride left her feeling **giddy** and disoriented.

## newfound

*adj.* newly discovered or acquired

*synonym*: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

## grieve

*v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

*synonym*: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym*: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## untangle

*v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

*synonym*: disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem

I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

## cohesive

*adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

*synonym*: sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

## 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.

## visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

*synonym*: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

## punchline

*n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

*synonym*: joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**



The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

## tickle

*v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

*synonym*: titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym*: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

## mindless

*adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

*synonym*: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

**Mindless** scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

## flaccid

*adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force

*synonym*: limp, soft, drooping

(1) **flaccid** economy, (2) **flaccid** response

The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely **flaccid** when the doctor examined them.

## reshape

*v.* to change the form or structure of something

*synonym*: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

## pretended

*adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

*synonym*: feigned, assumed, simulated

(1) **pretended** illness, (2) make a **pretended** purchase  
His **pretended** interest soon caught everyone's attention.

## **misdirect**

v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

*synonym*: misguide, mislead, botch

(1) **misdirect** my anger, (2) **misdirect** the letter

I believe this analysis is **misdirected** to some extent.

## **giggle**

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

*synonym*: titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

## **truism**

n. a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

*synonym*: platitude, cliché, aphorism

(1) **truism** of life, (2) economic **truism**

It's a **truism** that practice makes perfect.

## **onstage**

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

## **recite**

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

*synonym*: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a\_\_n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
2. neu\_\_\_\_\_ity conference *n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
3. the hie\_\_\_\_\_ph of the bird *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
4. re\_\_\_e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
5. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
6. appeared on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
7. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
8. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
9. ruled by a ma\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

ANSWERS: 1. akin, 2. neurodiversity, 3. hieroglyph, 4. recite, 5. trait, 6. onstage, 7. quitter, 8. intern, 9. matriarch

10. corporate mi\_\_\_t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
11. traditional hab\_\_\_\_\_ery items *n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories
12. re\_\_\_e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
13. a wide do\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
14. minor s\_\_\_t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
15. di\_\_\_m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
16. gi\_\_\_y with excitement *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
17. tr\_\_\_m of life *n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

ANSWERS: 10. misfit, 11. haberdasher, 12. recite, 13. doorway, 14. spat, 15. disarm, 16. giddy, 17. truism

18. sc\_\_\_\_r around the internet      *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
19. to\_\_\_\_us path      *adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
20. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder      *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
21. ka\_\_k paddle      *n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle
22. mi\_\_\_\_ss entertainment      *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
23. in a fl\_\_\_\_t tone      *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
24. 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
25. vintage hab\_\_\_\_\_ery      *n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories

ANSWERS: 18. scatter, 19. tortuous, 20. obsessive, 21. kayak, 22. mindless, 23. fluent, 24. sting, 25. haberdasher

26. make a pr\_\_\_\_\_ed purchase      *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
27. di\_\_\_m opponents      *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
28. Egyptian hie\_\_\_\_\_ph      *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
29. mi\_\_\_\_\_ct my anger      *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
30. un\_\_\_\_\_le a situation      *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
31. co\_\_\_\_\_ve ability      *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
32. re\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts      *v.* to change the form or structure of something
33. gr\_\_\_e at the sad news      *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
34. do\_\_\_\_\_y to success      *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
35. m\_\_e button      *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
36. creeping te\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

ANSWERS: 26. pretended, 27. disarm, 28. hieroglyph, 29. misdirect, 30. untangle, 31. cohesive, 32. reshape, 33. grieve, 34. doorway, 35. mute, 36. tendril

37. gu\_\_y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
38. pi\_\_\_n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
39. em\_\_\_\_\_sh a room *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
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ANSWERS: 37. gutsy, 38. pigeon, 39. embellish, 40. spat, 41. quitter, 42. flaccid, 43. sham, 44. kayak

45. ti\_\_\_e his ribs      *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
46. in\_\_\_n civilians      *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
47. co\_\_\_n silk      *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
48. a dried co\_\_\_n      *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
49. vi\_\_\_\_\_al organ      *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
50. sc\_\_\_t an image      *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
51. economic tr\_\_\_m      *n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning
52. a racing pi\_\_\_n      *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
53. a ne\_\_\_\_\_nd mine      *adj.* newly discovered or acquired

ANSWERS: 45. tickle, 46. intern, 47. cocoon, 48. cocoon, 49. visceral, 50. sculpt, 51. truism, 52. pigeon, 53. newfound



54. gi\_\_\_e like a child *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
55. a gi\_\_y ride *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
56. social mi\_\_\_t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
57. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
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60. m\_\_e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
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62. mi\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
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ANSWERS: 54. giggle, 55. giddy, 56. misfit, 57. profoundly, 58. obsessive, 59. neurodiversity, 60. mute, 61. sculpt, 62. mindless, 63. untangle

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ANSWERS: 64. akin, 65. trait, 66. misdirect, 67. punchline, 68. embellish, 69. flaccid, 70. tortuous, 71. reshape, 72. pathological, 73. sting

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83. pal\_\_\_\_\_me number *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

ANSWERS: 74. gutsy, 75. anecdote, 76. pretended, 77. grieve, 78. opportune, 79. anecdote, 80. visceral, 81. cohesive, 82. tendril, 83. palindrome

84. walk on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
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86. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
87. ma\_\_\_\_\_ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
88. ma\_\_\_\_\_ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
89. ta\_\_r the dose down *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
90. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
91. ta\_\_r the medication slowly *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
92. ti\_\_\_e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
93. wear ma\_\_\_\_\_ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
94. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
95. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 84. onstage, 85. pathological, 86. profoundly, 87. matriarch, 88. masculine, 89. taper, 90. carve, 91. taper, 92. tickle, 93. masculine, 94. carve, 95. sham

96. gi\_\_\_e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
97. sc\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
98. have no pu\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
99. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
100. pal\_\_\_\_\_me phrase *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand
101. ne\_\_\_\_\_nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
102. fl\_\_\_t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 96. giggle, 97. scatter, 98. punchline, 99. opportune, 100. palindrome, 101. newfound, 102. fluent

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. Her interests are \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.
  - adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
  
3. The caterpillar spins a \_\_\_\_\_ around itself before turning into a butterfly.
  - n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
  
4. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.
  - v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
  
5. Each beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ represents either an idea or a sound.
  - n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
  
6. He spent hours every day \_\_\_\_\_ figures out of clay.
  - v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
  
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of her parents.
  - v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
  
8. The advent of the Internet completely \_\_\_\_\_ the manufacturing industry.
  - v. to change the form or structure of something

ANSWERS: 1. sting, 2. akin, 3. cocoon, 4. embellish, 5. hieroglyph, 6. sculpting, 7. grieved, 8. reshaped

9. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.  
*n.* a particular feature of your nature
10. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ that practice makes perfect.  
*n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning
11. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this knot before using this rope piece.  
*v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
12. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.  
*n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
14. Most of the tree trunks \_\_\_\_\_ toward the top.  
*v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
15. She entertained the guests with \_\_\_\_\_ about her travels and experiences.  
*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
16. She learned five languages but is only \_\_\_\_\_ in two of them.  
*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 9. traits, 10. truism, 11. untangle, 12. quitter, 13. matriarch, 14. taper, 15. anecdotes, 16. fluent



17. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
18. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.
- n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
19. The actor played a \_\_\_\_\_ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.
- adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
20. The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely \_\_\_\_\_ when the doctor examined them.
- adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
21. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.
- v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
22. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
23. The plant's delicate \_\_\_\_\_ curled around the trellis as it began to climb.
- n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

ANSWERS: 17. sham, 18. neurodiversity, 19. mute, 20. flaccid, 21. scattered, 22. visceral, 23. tendril

24. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to quit her job and start her own business.

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

25. Her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

26. I believe this analysis is \_\_\_\_\_ to some extent.

*v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

27. He could \_\_\_\_\_ all of Shakespeare's works.

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

28. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.

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

29. The rollercoaster ride left her feeling \_\_\_\_\_ and disoriented.

*adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the joke was hilarious.

*n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

31. She spent the afternoon browsing in the \_\_\_\_\_ department of the large store.

*n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories

ANSWERS: 24. gutsy, 25. obsessive, 26. misdirected, 27. recite, 28. carved, 29. giddy, 30. punchline, 31. haberdashery

32. With his \_\_\_\_\_ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.  
*adj.* newly discovered or acquired
33. His \_\_\_\_\_ interest soon caught everyone's attention.  
*adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
34. He skillfully combines these fragments into a \_\_\_\_\_ whole.  
*adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
35. These models explain why you can't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.  
*v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
36. Her allure lies in her \_\_\_\_\_ rather than feminine beauty.  
*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
37. The police were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect without any violence.  
*v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation;  
to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
38. When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
39. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.  
*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 32. newfound, 33. pretended, 34. cohesive, 35. tickle, 36. masculine, 37. disarm, 38. giggle, 39. profoundly,

40. The hiker had a difficult time navigating the \_\_\_\_\_ mountain trail.  
*adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
41. We're planning a \_\_\_\_\_ trip down the river next weekend.  
*n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle
42. He performed his magic trick \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience in awe.  
*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
43. He felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ in his new school.  
*n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
44. He leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for her to come home.  
*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
45. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.  
*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.  
*n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

ANSWERS: 40. tortuous, 41. kayak, 42. onstage, 43. misfit, 44. doorway, 45. opportune, 46. interned, 47. spat

48. \_\_\_\_\_ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

*adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

50. The word "deified" is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ where it reads the same backward as it does forward.

*n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

51. The doctor was concerned that the patient's \_\_\_\_\_ fear of germs impacted their daily life.

*adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

ANSWERS: 48. Mindless, 49. pigeon, 50. palindrome, 51. pathological