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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### poetry

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

*synonym*: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

### workshop

*n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

*synonym*: studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

### descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

### chain

*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

*synonym*: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

## mantra

*n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

*synonym* : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## heel

*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

*synonym* : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

## glamorous

*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

*synonym* : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

## horrify

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym* : shock, dismay, terrify

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

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

## strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

*synonym*: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

## terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## impediment

n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

*synonym*: obstacle, hindrance, barrier

(1) have a speech **impediment**, (2) biological **impediment**

The language barrier was an **impediment** to their communication.

## pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

*synonym*: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

## jumble

v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

*synonym*: mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

## stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life  
She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## **mumble**

*v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

*synonym*: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

## **silent**

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym*: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## **strength**

*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

*synonym*: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

## **ancestor**

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## **relate**

*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym*: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## 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.

## poet

*n.* a person who writes poetry

*synonym*: versifier, rhymers, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

## barrier

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

*synonym*: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

## irritate

*v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

*synonym*: annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

## poem

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

*synonym*: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the

waters of wisdom and delight.

## rectangle

*n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

*synonym*: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## artistic

*adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

*synonym*: beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## educational

*adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

*synonym*: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for

children and adults.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym* : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## preoccupied

*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

*synonym* : absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

## tyrant

*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

*synonym* : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

## creative

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

## rid

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

*synonym* : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym* : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym*: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## polity

*n.* a form or system of government or administration; a political organization or entity

*synonym*: government, regime, state

(1) national **polity**, (2) civic **polity**

A local council governs the **polity** of the small town.

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym*: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## democracy

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

*synonym*: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## protest

*n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

*synonym*: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.



## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb  
*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## hew

*v.* to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool

*synonym*: cut, chop, carve

(1) **hew** my way through effort, (2) **hew** out a cave

He used a chisel to **hew** the wood into the shape of a bird.

## despair

*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

*synonym*: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

## statue

*n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

*synonym*: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

## liberty

*n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

*synonym*: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

## sonnet

*n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

*synonym*: poetic form, 14-line verse

(1) **sonnet** poetry, (2) Shakespeare's **sonnets**

The poet wrote a **sonnet** to express his love for his wife.

## declare

*v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

*synonym*: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

## huddle

*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

*synonym*: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

## mass

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

*synonym*: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

## yearn

*v.* to strongly desire or long for something

*synonym*: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym*: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## pulse

*n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

*synonym*: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

## 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.

## nation

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

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

## reaction

*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

*synonym*: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

## roll

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

*synonym*: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

## boulder

*n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

*synonym* : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

## courage

*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

*synonym* : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

## humble

*adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

*synonym* : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

## strum

*v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

*synonym* : pluck, pick, play

(1) **strum** a ukulele, (2) **strum** chords

He loved to **strum** his guitar while singing his favorite songs.

## celebrate

*v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

*synonym* : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

## rhyme

*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

*synonym* : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

## **bold**

*adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

*synonym* : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. Shakespeare's so___ts    | <i>n.</i> a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme   |
| 2. a hu___e cottage         | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance  |
| 3. the threats te____y him  | <i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much  |
| 4. a domestic ty___t        | <i>n.</i> a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person   |
| 5. hold a pr____t           | <i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition  |
| 6. mu___e under your breath | <i>v.</i> to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately   |
| 7. st____e through life     | <i>v.</i> to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily   |
| 8. ter____ng experience     | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating   |
| 9. a circular mo____nt      | <i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively |
| 10. a b__d design           | <i>adj.</i> brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks   |
| 11. st____e financially     | <i>v.</i> to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily   |

ANSWERS: 1. sonnet, 2. humble, 3. terrify, 4. tyrant, 5. protest, 6. mumble, 7. stumble, 8. terrifying, 9. movement, 10. bold, 11. stumble

12. so\_\_\_t poetry *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
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15. pu\_\_e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
16. civic po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a form or system of government or administration; a political organization or entity
17. biological imp\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
18. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
19. pre\_\_\_\_\_ed with other things *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
20. get r\_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
21. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
22. a court p\_\_t *n.* a person who writes poetry

ANSWERS: 12. sonnet, 13. secondly, 14. sight, 15. pulse, 16. polity, 17. impediment, 18. ancestor, 19. preoccupied, 20. rid, 21. poem, 22. poet

23. ho\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
24. edu\_\_\_\_\_al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
25. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
26. na\_\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
27. gl\_\_\_\_\_us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
28. de\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
29. de\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
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31. ce\_\_\_\_\_te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
32. chant the ma\_\_\_\_a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
33. st\_\_m chords *v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

ANSWERS: 23. horrify, 24. educational, 25. bury, 26. nation, 27. glamorous, 28. descend, 29. decision, 30. mumble, 31. celebrate, 32. mantra, 33. strum



34. cost ba\_\_\_\_r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
35. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
36. h\_w out a cave *v.* to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool
37. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
38. ho\_\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
39. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
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41. ju\_\_\_\_e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
42. campaign ma\_\_\_\_a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
43. trigger a re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 34. barrier, 35. phenomenal, 36. hew, 37. storytelling, 38. horrify, 39. secondly, 40. polity, 41. jumble, 42. mantra, 43. reaction

44. a m\_\_s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
45. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
46. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
47. hu\_\_\_e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
48. big, b\_\_d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
49. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
50. a private ind\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
51. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
52. a beautiful st\_\_\_e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
53. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
54. muscular st\_\_\_\_th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 44. mass, 45. daring, 46. descend, 47. huddle, 48. bold, 49. nation, 50. individual, 51. roll, 52. statue, 53. ancestor, 54. strength

55. write in rh\_\_e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
56. ty\_\_t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
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65. orthogonal re\_\_\_\_le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
66. pr\_\_\_\_ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 55. rhyme, 56. tyrant, 57. hew, 58. protest, 59. courage, 60. terrifying, 61. declare, 62. artistic, 63. silent, 64. poet, 65. rectangle, 66. pronounce

67. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
68. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
69. h\_\_l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
70. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
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ANSWERS: 67. movement, 68. decision, 69. heel, 70. creative, 71. creative, 72. huddle, 73. barrier, 74. poem

75. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
76. mi\_\_\_y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
77. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
78. ye\_\_n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
79. ir\_\_\_\_\_te my partner *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
80. ye\_\_n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
81. str\_\_\_\_\_en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
82. li\_\_\_\_\_y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
83. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
84. ce\_\_\_\_\_te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
85. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
86. po\_\_\_c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 75. daring, 76. mighty, 77. terrify, 78. yearn, 79. irritate, 80. yearn, 81. strengthen, 82. liberty, 83. storytelling, 84. celebrate, 85. democracy, 86. poetic

87. book of po\_\_\_y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
88. cast gl\_\_\_\_\_us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
89. de\_\_\_\_\_r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
90. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
91. struck a mi\_\_\_y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
92. untold de\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
93. wo\_\_\_\_\_op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
94. hu\_\_\_e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
95. elevate edu\_\_\_\_\_al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
96. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
97. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
98. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 87. poetry, 88. glamorous, 89. despair, 90. democracy, 91. mighty, 92. despair, 93. workshop, 94. humble, 95. educational, 96. pronounce, 97. bury, 98. sight

99. the ancient Egyptian st\_\_\_es      *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
100. carpentry wo\_\_\_\_op      *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
101. po\_\_\_c justice      *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
102. bo\_\_\_\_r field      *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
103. have a speech imp\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
104. str\_\_\_\_en the immune system      *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
105. chemical re\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
106. cultural and ar\_\_\_\_ic activity      *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
107. modern po\_\_\_y      *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
108. ju\_\_\_e together different colors      *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

ANSWERS: 99. statue, 100. workshop, 101. poetic, 102. boulder, 103. impediment, 104. strengthen, 105. reaction, 106. artistic, 107. poetry, 108. jumble

109. re\_\_\_\_\_le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
110. de\_\_\_\_\_e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
111. rh\_\_e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
112. pre\_\_\_\_\_ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
113. h\_\_l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
114. supply ch\_\_n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
115. ch\_\_n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
116. critical m\_\_s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
117. lava bo\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
118. st\_\_m a ukulele *v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

ANSWERS: 109. rectangle, 110. declare, 111. rhyme, 112. preoccupied, 113. heel, 114. chain, 115. chain, 116. mass, 117. boulder, 118. strum



119. re\_\_\_e a story                    *v.*    to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
120. re\_\_\_e a message                *v.*    to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
121. ir\_\_\_\_\_te skin                *v.*    to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
122. r\_\_l down his cheeks            *v.*    to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
123. inspire co\_\_\_\_\_e              *n.*    the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
124. personal li\_\_\_\_\_y              *n.*    the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
125. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom           *n.*    a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
126. give si\_\_\_t consent              *adj.* without any or little sound
127. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth            *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 119. relate, 120. relate, 121. irritate, 122. roll, 123. courage, 124. liberty, 125. individual, 126. silent, 127. phenomenal

128. a weak pu\_\_e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
129. r\_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
130. st\_\_\_\_th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 128. pulse, 129. rid, 130. strength

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to stand up for what you believe is right.  
*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
2. The nobler, the more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
3. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.  
*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
4. She is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who has been recognized for her work.  
*n.* a person who writes poetry
5. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
6. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ God has the power to brighten this dark land.  
*adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
7. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.  
*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
8. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with work and didn't notice me.  
*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

ANSWERS: 1. courage, 2. humble, 3. decision, 4. poet, 5. individual, 6. mighty, 7. rid, 8. preoccupied

9. The poem had a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ scheme throughout.
- n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
10. The living room had a \_\_\_\_\_ coffee table in the center of it.
- n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
11. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust greatly
12. Difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ the mind, as labor does the body.
- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
13. The effort to alleviate climate change needs \_\_\_\_\_ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
14. The sound of his chewing loudly \_\_\_\_\_ me during dinner.
- v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
15. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
16. His friend's death drove him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 9. rhyme, 10. rectangle-shaped, 11. horrify, 12. strengthen, 13. bold, 14. irritates, 15. relate, 16. despair

17. The language barrier was an \_\_\_\_\_ to their communication.  
*n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
18. The police placed a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street to halt traffic.  
*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
19. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.  
*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
20. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.  
*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
21. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.  
*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.  
*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
23. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.  
*adj.* brave and taking risks
24. He used a chisel to \_\_\_\_\_ the wood into the shape of a bird.  
*v.* to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool

ANSWERS: 17. impediment, 18. barrier, 19. sights, 20. Democracy, 21. descended, 22. mass, 23. daring, 24. hew

25. The poet wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ to express his love for his wife.  
*n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
26. She tended to \_\_\_\_\_ when she was nervous or unsure of herself.  
*v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
27. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
28. The children \_\_\_\_\_ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.  
*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
29. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of \_\_\_\_\_ varies greatly.  
*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
30. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
31. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
32. A local council governs the \_\_\_\_\_ of the small town.  
*n.* a form or system of government or administration; a political organization or entity

ANSWERS: 25. sonnet, 26. mumble, 27. secondly, 28. jumbled, 29. poetry, 30. silent, 31. terrifying, 32. polity

33. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
34. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ performance broke all previous records.  
*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.  
*n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
36. The hikers had to climb over a \_\_\_\_\_ that was blocking their path.  
*n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
37. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
38. The museum offers a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ programs for children and adults.  
*adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ rule was marked by oppression and fear.  
*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
40. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.  
*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 33. storytelling, 34. phenomenal, 35. statue, 36. boulder, 37. terrify, 38. educational, 39. tyrant's, 40. stumbled, 41. chain

42. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
43. He left the party in \_\_\_\_\_ at its radical political stance.  
*n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
45. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high \_\_\_\_\_ sensibility.  
*adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
46. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.  
*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
47. She repeated her personal \_\_\_\_\_ to herself to stay motivated.  
*n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
48. There was a chemical \_\_\_\_\_ of the lime with the groundwater.  
*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
49. He loved to \_\_\_\_\_ his guitar while singing his favorite songs.  
*v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

ANSWERS: 42. ancestor, 43. protest, 44. movement, 45. artistic, 46. pronounce, 47. mantra, 48. reaction, 49. strum



50. The children \_\_\_\_\_ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.  
*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.  
*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
52. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
53. She wore high \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.  
*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
54. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
55. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.  
*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
56. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.  
*v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
57. She \_\_\_\_\_ for the days when things were simpler.  
*v.* to strongly desire or long for something

ANSWERS: 50. huddled, 51. nation, 52. creative, 53. heels, 54. bury, 55. strength, 56. celebrated, 57. yearned

58. Foreign goods from abroad must be \_\_\_\_\_ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
59. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
60. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
61. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scene from a movie.
- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
62. The founding fathers fought for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American people.
- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
63. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
64. The artist held a \_\_\_\_\_ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
- n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
65. The south coast is less \_\_\_\_\_ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

ANSWERS: 58. declared, 59. rolled, 60. pulse, 61. poetic, 62. liberty, 63. poem, 64. workshop, 65. glamorous

ANSWERS: