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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym*: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

### decision-maker

*n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

### wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym*: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

### relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## outcome

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

*synonym*: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

## 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.

## dice

*n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

*synonym*: cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

## conscious

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym*: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## cancer

*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

*synonym*: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

## ripe

*adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

*synonym* : mature, ready, developed

(1) a **ripe** old age, (2) **ripe** tomato

The fruit was **ripe** and ready to eat.

## ambiguity

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

*synonym* : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

## strategy

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

*synonym* : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## tournament

*n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

*synonym* : competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**

The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym* : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym* : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

## risky

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

*synonym*: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

## profit

*n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

*synonym*: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

## graph

*n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

*synonym*: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

## downhill

*adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

*synonym*: downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

## trend

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

*synonym*: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

## overestimate

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

*synonym*: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

## cryptocurrency

*n.* any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it

(1) **cryptocurrency** boom, (2) **cryptocurrency** market

The **cryptocurrency** community is becoming more diverse every year.

## invest

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym*: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

## specialize

*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

*synonym*: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

## nowhere

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

## genius

*n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

*synonym*: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

**ego** *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one  
*synonym* : self-esteem, personality, psyche  
(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**  
She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

**downplay** *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something  
*synonym* : minimize, downsize, play down  
(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes  
The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

**importance** *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note  
*synonym* : significance, primacy, matter  
(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**  
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

**quantify** *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms  
*synonym* : measure, express, determine  
(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow  
He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

**bluff** *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion  
*synonym* : abrupt, cliff, precipice  
(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**  
He **bluffed** a person out of going.

**bunch** *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together  
*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle  
(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## probabilistic

*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

*synonym* : probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

## precision

*n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

*synonym* : accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

## vague

*adj.* not clearly expressed or understood

*synonym* : ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

## unlikely

*adj.* not probable or likely to happen

*synonym* : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

## estimate

*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

*synonym* : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

## numerical

*adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number

*synonym* : quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad

The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## odd

*adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

*synonym* : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

## poll

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

*synonym* : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym* : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

## apparently

*adv.* based on what you have heard or read

*synonym* : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.



## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly  
*synonym* : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

## useless

*adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

*synonym* : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

## convey

*v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

*synonym* : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement

or creativity

*synonym*: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## **meme**

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym*: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## **gut**

*n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

*synonym*: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

## **purity**

*n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

*synonym*: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

## **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.

## analyze

*v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

*synonym*: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

## outgrow

*v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## vulnerable

*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

*synonym*: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

## bias

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym*: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## conclude

*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy  
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## suited

*adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

*synonym*: appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality  
The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.

## mad

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

*synonym*: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily  
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

## tight

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

*synonym*: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget  
The national election was held amid **tight** security.

## calibrate

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym*: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements  
It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## ignore

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

*synonym*: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym*: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## summarize

*v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

*synonym*: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

## twist

*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

*synonym*: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym*: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## damn

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

*synonym*: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

## Session 2: Spelling

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66. military st\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
67. creative in\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
68. public opinion p\_\_ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
69. source of ins\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
70. tw\_\_t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

ANSWERS: 61. mad, 62. odd, 63. conclude, 64. purity, 65. conclude, 66. strategy, 67. intuition, 68. poll, 69. inspiration, 70. twist

71. an international tr\_\_d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
72. es\_\_\_\_\_te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
73. it is un\_\_\_\_\_ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
74. es\_\_\_\_\_te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
75. qu\_\_\_\_\_fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
76. app\_\_\_\_\_ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
77. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
78. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
79. walk do\_\_\_\_\_ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
80. tw\_\_t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
81. vul\_\_\_\_\_le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
82. high pu\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

ANSWERS: 71. trend, 72. estimate, 73. unlikely, 74. estimate, 75. quantify, 76. apparently, 77. bunch, 78. brain, 79. downhill, 80. twist, 81. vulnerable, 82. purity

83. ou\_\_\_\_w my coat                    *v.*    to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
84. as\_\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss                    *v.*    to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
85. high imp\_\_\_\_ce                    *n.*    the quality of being important and worthy of note
86. d\_\_n the consequences                    *v.*    to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
87. make a pr\_\_\_\_t                    *n.*    money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
88. qu\_\_\_\_fy blood flow                    *v.*    to express or measure something in numerical terms
89. r\_\_e tomato                    *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
90. a desirable ou\_\_\_\_e                    *n.*    the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
91. a gr\_\_h sample                    *n.*    a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
92. d\_\_e game                    *n.*    a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
93. riverside bl\_\_f                    *v.*    to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

ANSWERS: 83. outgrow, 84. assume, 85. importance, 86. damn, 87. profit, 88. quantify, 89. ripe, 90. outcome, 91. graph, 92. dice, 93. bluff

94. br\_\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
95. ski do\_\_\_\_\_ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
96. un\_\_\_\_\_ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
97. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
98. gr\_\_h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
99. an\_\_\_\_\_e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
100. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
101. us\_\_\_\_\_s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
102. cry\_\_\_\_\_ncy market *n.* any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it
103. change ri\_\_y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
104. su\_\_\_\_\_zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
105. a ge\_\_\_s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 94. brilliant, 95. downhill, 96. unlikely, 97. conscious, 98. graph, 99. analyze, 100. roll, 101. useless, 102. cryptocurrency, 103. risky, 104. summarize, 105. genius



106. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
107. free from am\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
108. gets m\_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
109. r\_\_l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
110. ca\_\_\_\_\_te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
111. make a va\_\_e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
112. p\_\_e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
113. e\_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
114. ac\_\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
115. a pre-election p\_\_l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 106. privilege, 107. ambiguity, 108. mad, 109. roll, 110. calibrate, 111. vague, 112. poke, 113. ego, 114. achieve, 115. poll

116. in__t in stocks	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
117. br_____nt performance	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
118. come out of no_____e	<i>adv.</i> not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
119. avoid am_____ty in writing	<i>n.</i> the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
120. an_____e a chemical compound	<i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
121. app_____ly simple	<i>adv.</i> based on what you have heard or read
122. a bu__h of schoolgirls	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
123. develop a st_____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
124. the nu_____al keypad	<i>adj.</i> relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
125. gross pr____t	<i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
126. ob_____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
127. va__e idea	<i>adj.</i> not clearly expressed or understood
128. en_____us potential	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
129. religious m__e	<i>n.</i> a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 116. invest, 117. brilliant, 118. nowhere, 119. ambiguity, 120. analyze, 121. apparently, 122. bunch, 123. strategy, 124. numerical, 125. profit, 126. obvious, 127. vague, 128. enormous, 129. meme

130. g\_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
131. co\_\_\_y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
132. us\_\_\_\_s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
133. the blind g\_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
134. ma\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
135. a man of imp\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
136. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
137. playing d\_\_e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
138. student on a ti\_\_t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 130. gut, 131. convey, 132. useless, 133. gut, 134. magical, 135. importance, 136. assume, 137. dice, 138. tight

139. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

140. spe\_\_\_\_\_ze in child care

*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 139. inspiration, 140. specialize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.  
*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
  
2. In a \_\_\_\_\_ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.  
*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
  
3. His grandfather was an \_\_\_\_ man.  
*adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
  
4. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.  
*v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
  
5. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.  
*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
  
6. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
  
7. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
  
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.  
*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 1. ambiguity, 2. probabilistic, 3. odd, 4. quantify, 5. absolutely, 6. bunch, 7. strategy, 8. concluded

9. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

10. The company tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the significance of the issue.

*v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

11. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

12. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

13. The company's poor financial performance is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

14. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

15. The old, rusty tools were now \_\_\_\_\_ and had to be thrown away.

*adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

16. The restaurant has chefs who \_\_\_\_\_ in beef.

*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 9. magical, 10. downplay, 11. achieve, 12. assumes, 13. damn, 14. conscious, 15. useless, 16. specialize

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

*adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number

18. This business yields little \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

19. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

20. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities.

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

21. The basketball \_\_\_\_\_ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

*n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

22. The police \_\_\_\_\_ believed this explanation was plausible.

*adv.* based on what you have heard or read

23. The job offer was perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ to her skills and experience.

*adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

24. He was \_\_\_ with joy to see the results.

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 17. numerical, 18. profit, 19. decision-makers, 20. overestimate, 21. tournament, 22. apparently, 23. suited, 24. mad

25. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
26. This bar \_\_\_\_\_ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
27. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ rumor turned out to be false.
- adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
29. Higher \_\_\_\_\_ requires additional equipment and energy.
- n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
30. She was constantly trying to boost her \_\_\_\_\_ by talking about her accomplishments.
- n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
31. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
32. They awaited news of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. ignored, 26. graph, 27. relations, 28. vague, 29. purity, 30. ego, 31. bias, 32. outcome



33. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
34. He rolled the \_\_\_\_\_ hoping for a lucky outcome.
- n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
35. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
36. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
37. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
38. Mozart was a musical \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
39. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
40. Infants and pregnant women are particularly \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
41. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 33. meme, 34. dice, 35. analyze, 36. obvious, 37. importance, 38. genius, 39. trend, 40. vulnerable, 41. brain

42. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.  
*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
43. This operation requires both patience and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
44. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.  
*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
45. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.  
*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
46. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.  
*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
47. He \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of rope out of straw.  
*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
48. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
49. The family's finances have been going \_\_\_\_\_ since they lost their main source of income.  
*adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

ANSWERS: 42. inspiration, 43. precision, 44. tight, 45. calibrate, 46. invest, 47. twisted, 48. nowhere, 49. downhill

50. Bamboo will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the other plants.

- v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

52. An ironic remark often \_\_\_\_\_ an intended meaning obliquely.

- v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

53. He told me a \_\_\_\_\_ truth about my parent's death.

- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

54. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

55. Each chapter \_\_\_\_\_ the most critical issues.

- v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

56. He \_\_\_\_\_ a person out of going.

- v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

57. We \_\_\_\_\_ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 50. outgrow, 51. wealth, 52. conveys, 53. gut-wrenching, 54. brilliant, 55. summarizes, 56. bluffed, 57. estimated

58. It is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to sail in such a storm.

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

60. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.

*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

61. 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

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ community is becoming more diverse every year.

*n.* any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it

63. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

64. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 58. risky, 59. process, 60. cancer, 61. rolled, 62. cryptocurrency, 63. spot, 64. intuitions

65. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* extremely large or great

66. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

67. The fruit was \_\_\_\_\_ and ready to eat.

*adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

68. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

69. The passage of the bill is \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not probable or likely to happen

70. Several \_\_\_\_\_ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 65. enormous, 66. poked, 67. ripe, 68. privilege, 69. unlikely, 70. polls