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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### grasp

*v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

*synonym* : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

### utter

*adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

*synonym* : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

### confusion

*n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

*synonym* : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

### argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or

### dispute

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

### suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

### accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym* : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

### communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

### animosity

*n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

*synonym* : enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

### misunderstand

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym* : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## probe

*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

*synonym*: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

## mar

*v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

*synonym*: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## interpretation

*n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

*synonym*: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**  
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

## transmission

*n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

*synonym*: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

## toss

*v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion

*synonym*: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

## simplistic

*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

*synonym*: basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

## transact

*v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

*synonym*: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

## acknowledge

*v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

*synonym* : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help  
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym* : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## transaction

*n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

*synonym* : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

## exchange

*v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

*synonym* : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words  
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

## complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym* : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

- trek** *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot  
*synonym*: journey, expedition, hike  
(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition  
He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.
- universe** *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy  
*synonym*: cosmos, macrocosm  
(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**  
The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.
- meld** *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse  
*synonym*: blend, merge, combine  
(1) **meld** business and pleasure, (2) **meld** physics with life science  
The chef **melded** the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.
- lens** *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation  
*synonym*: glass  
(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle  
The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.
- perception** *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses  
*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness  
(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus  
He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## filter

*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

*synonym* : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

## continually

*adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

*synonym* : repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

## shift

*n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

*synonym* : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

## lump

*n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

*synonym* : mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

## clay

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

*synonym* : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

## variable

*adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

*synonym*: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

## gender

*n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

*synonym*: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

## ethnicity

*n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

*synonym*: race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

## religion

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

*synonym*: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

## background

*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

*synonym*: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

## simultaneously

*adv.* at the same time

*synonym*: concurrently, coincidentally, together



(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs  
**simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question  
**simultaneously**.

## interpret

*v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

*synonym*: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

## 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.

## semantics

*n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

*synonym*: meaning, connotation, denotation

(1) lexical **semantics**, (2) information **semantics**

The **semantics** of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.

## connote

*v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

*synonym*: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

## distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym*: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

## stimulus

*n.* something that causes growth or arouses action

*synonym*: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

## traffic

*n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

*synonym*: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

## growl

*v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

*synonym*: snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

## stomach

*n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

*synonym*: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym*: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**  
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## conversation

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.  
*synonym*: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**  
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## exponential

*adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function  
Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

## 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.

## mushy

*adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet  
*synonym*: sappy, sentimental

(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas  
The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

## navigate

*v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map  
*synonym*: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document  
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

## interaction

*n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

*synonym* : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## engage

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

*synonym* : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## verbal

*adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words

*synonym* : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

## nonverbal

*adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

*synonym* : silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

## adjust

*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it

function better.

*synonym*: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

## facilitate

*v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

*synonym*: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

## 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.

## element

*n.* a fundamental or essential part of something

*synonym*: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

*synonym*: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life  
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

## **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.

## **dialogue**

*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

*synonym*: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation  
*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
2. provide ac\_\_\_\_\_te information  
*adj.* correct and exact in all details
3. 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
4. gr\_\_l menacingly  
*v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
5. na\_\_\_\_\_te the Pacific  
*v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
6. ut\_\_r a big sigh  
*adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; *(verb)* to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
7. ge\_\_\_r-blind policies  
*n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 1. distracted, 2. accurate, 3. gut, 4. growl, 5. navigate, 6. utter, 7. gender

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| 8. Platonic di_____ues                           | <i>n.</i>   | a conversation in a book, play, or film  |
| 9. freedom of re_____on                          | <i>n.</i>   | a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny  |
| 10. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i>   | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals                                  |
| 11. re_____on sociology                          | <i>n.</i>   | a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny  |
| 12. a response to a st_____us                    | <i>n.</i>   | something that causes growth or arouses action   |
| 13. t__k expedition                              | <i>n.</i>   | a long and difficult journey, typically on foot  |
| 14. the int_____ion of history                   | <i>n.</i>   | an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious   |
| 15. co_____al swimming pool                      | <i>adj.</i> | belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use  |
| 16. soft c__y ground                             | <i>n.</i>   | a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics |
| 17. in_____et a graph                            | <i>v.</i>   | to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.   |
| 18. in great co_____on                           | <i>n.</i>   | the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty  |
| 19. co_____e emotion                             | <i>v.</i>   | to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning        |

ANSWERS: 8. dialogue, 9. religion, 10. communicate, 11. religion, 12. stimulus, 13. trek, 14. interpretation, 15. communal, 16. clay, 17. interpret, 18. confusion, 19. connote



20. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
21. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
22. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
23. exp\_\_\_\_\_al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
24. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
25. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
26. in\_\_\_\_\_et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
27. new design el\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
28. no\_\_\_\_\_al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
29. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

ANSWERS: 20. recognize, 21. argument, 22. conversation, 23. exponential, 24. complexity, 25. complication, 26. interpret, 27. element, 28. nonverbal, 29. simplistic

30. gr\_\_p his hand      *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
31. die su\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
32. major paradigm sh\_\_t      *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
33. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
34. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct in cash      *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
35. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic approach      *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
36. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion      *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
37. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future      *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
38. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
39. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect      *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
40. st\_\_\_\_\_h virus      *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 30. grasp, 31. suddenly, 32. shift, 33. recognize, 34. transact, 35. simplistic, 36. relation, 37. influence, 38. conversation, 39. relation, 40. stomach

41. 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
42. control my em\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
43. horseback t\_\_k      *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
44. open to int\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
45. m\_r the reputation      *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
46. no\_\_\_\_\_al communication      *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
47. exp\_\_\_\_\_al growth      *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
48. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
49. dual ge\_\_\_r      *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
50. int\_\_\_\_\_on among human beings      *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 41. assume, 42. emotion, 43. trek, 44. interpretation, 45. mar, 46. nonverbal, 47. exponential, 48. communal, 49. gender, 50. interaction

51. na\_\_\_\_te through a document      *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
52. l\_\_p in the throat      *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
53. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
54. tra\_\_\_\_ion speed      *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
55. get dis\_\_\_\_ed by an urgent matter      *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
56. a convex l\_\_s      *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
57. en\_\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
58. m\_r a proper relationship      *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

ANSWERS: 51. navigate, 52. lump, 53. background, 54. transmission, 55. distracted, 56. lens, 57. engage, 58. mar

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| 59. information se_____cs                    | <i>n.</i> the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning   |
| 60. com_____ion of structure                 | <i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused  |
| 61. en___e a new employee                    | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something                              |
| 62. get inc_____ly insecure                  | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely   |
| 63. re_____e my thoughts                     | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something   |
| 64. nonmetallic el_____ts                    | <i>n.</i> a fundamental or essential part of something   |
| 65. ac_____te measurements                   | <i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details   |
| 66. expansion of the un_____se               | <i>n.</i> everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy |
| 67. clogged fi___r                           | <i>n.</i> any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light   |
| 68. the ar_____nt against capital punishment | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute              |
| 69. fac_____te the process                   | <i>v.</i> to make something easier or more likely to happen  |

ANSWERS: 59. semantics, 60. complication, 61. engage, 62. incredibly, 63. reshape, 64. element, 65. accurate, 66. universe, 67. filter, 68. argument, 69. facilitate

70. card with no foreign tra\_\_\_\_\_ on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
71. fac\_\_\_\_\_te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
72. gr\_\_l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
73. c\_\_y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
74. economic st\_\_\_\_\_us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
75. the form of a di\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
76. lexical se\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
77. m\_\_d physics with life science *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
78. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
79. gas fi\_\_\_\_r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
80. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 70. transaction, 71. facilitate, 72. growl, 73. clay, 74. stimulus, 75.

dialogue, 76. semantics, 77. meld, 78. influence, 79. filter, 80. exchange

81. with respect to et\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
82. ve\_\_\_\_l communication      *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
83. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
84. ad\_\_\_\_t a schedule      *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
85. pr\_\_e for inside information      *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
86. based on their et\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
87. heavy tr\_\_\_\_\_c      *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
88. tra\_\_\_\_\_on balance      *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 81. ethnicity, 82. verbal, 83. suddenly, 84. adjust, 85. probe, 86. ethnicity, 87. traffic, 88. transaction



89. t\_\_s the bottle into a trash can      *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
90. ack\_\_\_\_\_ge his help      *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
91. t\_\_s a coin      *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
92. ve\_\_\_l abuse      *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
93. a lunar pr\_\_e      *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
94. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
95. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
96. theory of the un\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
97. a dependent va\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 89. toss, 90. acknowledge, 91. toss, 92. verbal, 93. probe, 94. misunderstand, 95. emotion, 96. universe, 97. variable

98. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
99. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
100. con\_\_\_\_\_ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
101. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
102. mu\_\_y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
103. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
104. the tra\_\_\_\_\_ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
105. 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
106. mu\_\_y romance *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

ANSWERS: 98. shift, 99. complexity, 100. continually, 101. accuse, 102. mushy, 103. perception, 104. transmission, 105. gut, 106. mushy

107. administrative co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
108. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
109. re\_\_\_\_\_e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
110. con\_\_\_\_\_ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
111. the int\_\_\_\_\_on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
112. 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
113. m\_\_d business and pleasure *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
114. single l\_\_p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
115. a l\_\_s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 107. confusion, 108. communicate, 109. reshape, 110. continually, 111. interaction, 112. assume, 113. meld, 114. lump, 115. lens

116. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
117. gr\_\_p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
118. ac\_\_\_e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
119. ut\_\_r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
120. ad\_\_\_t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
121. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
122. deep-seated an\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
123. sim\_\_\_\_\_sly affected *adv.* at the same time
124. a va\_\_\_\_\_le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 116. background, 117. grasp, 118. accuse, 119. utter, 120. adjust, 121. incredibly, 122. animosity, 123. simultaneously, 124. variable

125. upset st\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
126. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
127. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
128. take several inputs sim\_\_\_\_\_sly *adv.* at the same time
129. personal an\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
130. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
131. co\_\_\_\_\_e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
132. tr\_\_\_\_\_c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 125. stomach, 126. exchange, 127. misunderstand, 128. simultaneously, 129. animosity, 130. transact, 131. connote, 132. traffic

133. ack\_\_\_\_\_ge the deed

*v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

134. keen per\_\_\_\_\_on

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 133. acknowledge, 134. perception

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
  - v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
  
2. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
  
3. The advent of the Internet completely \_\_\_\_\_ the manufacturing industry.
  - v. to change the form or structure of something
  
4. The cake was \_\_\_\_\_ because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.
  - adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
  
5. The word 'home' \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of warmth and comfort.
  - v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
  
6. They spent a lot of time trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the current situation.
  - v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
  
7. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience \_\_\_\_\_ growth.
  - adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

ANSWERS: 1. communicate, 2. background, 3. reshaped, 4. mushy, 5. connotes, 6. grasp, 7. exponential

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.
- n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
9. He recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the incident.
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
10. He was preparing for a long \_\_\_\_ through the mountains.
- n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
12. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
13. There is a small \_\_\_\_ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
- n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
14. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
15. His \_\_\_\_\_ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 8. animosity, 9. dialogue, 10. trek, 11. universe, 12. complexity, 13. lump, 14. complications, 15. interpretations



16. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

17. The company implemented a new software system to \_\_\_\_\_ employee communication and collaboration.

*v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

18. NASA sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

19. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

20. The sculptor carefully molded the \_\_\_\_\_ into the desired shape.

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

21. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ some business at the bank before it closes.

*v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

22. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 16. distracted, 17. facilitate, 18. probe, 19. lens, 20. clay, 21. transact, 22. emotions

23. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

24. Many communication skills rely on \_\_\_\_\_ cues such as body language and facial expressions.

- adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

25. The politician's solution to the problem was too \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the underlying issue.

- adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

26. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

28. Ozone is a primary \_\_\_\_\_ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

29. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction \_\_\_\_\_ on the main road.

- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 23. conversation, 24. nonverbal, 25. simplistic, 26. exchange, 27. interaction, 28. filter, 29. traffic

30. The dog began to \_\_\_\_\_ at the stranger approaching the house.

- v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

31. The candidate must have excellent \_\_\_\_\_ skills.

- adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

32. Different people might \_\_\_\_\_ this news differently.

- v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

33. It would be best if you \_\_\_\_\_ out all those old magazines.

- v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

34. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

35. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ your content to the age of the audience.

- v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

36. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

37. Cultural norms strongly influence \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.

- n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 30. growl, 31. verbal, 32. interpret, 33. tossed, 34. accused, 35. adjust, 36. perception, 37. gender

38. Rainfall in the tropics is highly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.

*n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

40. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

41. The scratches on the car \_\_\_\_\_ its otherwise perfect appearance.

*v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

42. Her tongue runs on \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

43. He never \_\_\_\_\_ his fault.

*v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

*adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

45. 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

ANSWERS: 38. variable, 39. semantics, 40. misunderstand, 41. marred, 42. continually, 43. acknowledged, 44. utter, 45. relations

46. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.  
*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
47. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.  
*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
48. This book provides children with ideas and a \_\_\_\_\_ for outside recreation.  
*n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
49. The chef \_\_\_\_\_ the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.  
*v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
50. Education is the \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization.  
*n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
51. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
52. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?  
*n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
54. Electronic \_\_\_\_\_ remain incomplete due to system errors.  
*n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 46. engaged, 47. incredibly, 48. stimulus, 49. melded, 50. transmission, 51. Communal, 52. shift, 53. argument, 54. transactions

55. The sudden policy change has caused \_\_\_\_\_ among employees.  
*n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
56. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ ache after overeating junk food.  
*n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
57. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.  
*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
58. 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
59. Natural selection is an essential \_\_\_\_\_ in Darwin's theory of evolution.  
*n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
60. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
61. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.  
*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
62. Our knowledge helps \_\_\_\_\_ our clients successfully.  
*v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 55. confusion, 56. stomach, 57. influence, 58. assumes, 59. element, 60. suddenly, 61. recognize, 62. navigate

63. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

64. 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

65. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

66. The company has a diverse workforce representing different \_\_\_\_\_ and backgrounds.

*n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

67. Two students answered the teacher's question \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* at the same time

ANSWERS: 63. accurate, 64. gut-wrenching, 65. religion, 66. ethnicity, 67. simultaneously