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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### bleach

*v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

*synonym*: whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

### mahogany

*n.* a reddish-brown hardwood that is prized for its strength, durability, and beauty, often used in furniture-making and other decorative applications

*synonym*: rosewood, cherry, teak

(1) **mahogany** furniture, (2) **mahogany** finish

The antique desk was made of rich **mahogany** wood, adding to its timeless beauty.

### homicide

*n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

*synonym*: murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

### reframe

*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

*synonym*: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## unbroken

*adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

*synonym*: intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

## sew

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

*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor

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

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

## elicit

*v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

## radiology

*n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries

*synonym* : medical imaging, radiography, radioscopy

(1) interventional **radiology**, (2) diagnostic **radiology**

The patient underwent a **radiology** scan to diagnose their medical condition.

## discern

*v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

*synonym* : determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

## discreet

*adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense

*synonym* : cautious, careful, circumspect

(1) **discreet** manner, (2) **discreet** conversation

He was **discreet** with the sensitive information he had been entrusted with.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## expel

*v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

*synonym* : deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

- lurk**
- v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal  
*synonym*: hide, creep, stalk
- (1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness  
In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.
- rethink**
- v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it  
*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider
- (1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager  
We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.
- synchronicity**
- n. the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose  
*synonym*: coincidence, simultaneity, concurrence
- (1) **synchronicity** theory, (2) **synchronicity** effect  
The occurrence of events in **synchronicity** is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.
- entitle**
- v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something  
*synonym*: allow, permit, enable
- (1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo  
The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.
- foresee**
- v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future  
*synonym*: predict, anticipate, forecast
- (1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges  
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## candlelight

*n.* light provided by a candle or candles

*synonym* : lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

## mantle

*n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another

*synonym* : crust, cloak, cover

(1) **mantle** of power, (2) **mantle** of the presidency

The **mantle** layer on Mars is much thinner than on Earth.

## counterintuitive

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym* : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## eyewitness

*n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

*synonym* : observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

## occupant

*n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there

*synonym* : denizen, dweller, resident

(1) illegal **occupant**, (2) rear seat **occupants**

He found graffiti left by a previous **occupant** of the house.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals

easily.

## instinctively

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

*synonym*: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## totem

*n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice

*synonym*: emblem, symbol, mascot

(1) tribal **totem**, (2) animal **totem**

The **totem** pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.

## instruct

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## necessitate

*v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

*synonym*: require, demand, entail

(1) **necessitate** compromise, (2) **necessitate** action

The new law will **necessitate** changes in our current procedures.

## overhaul

*n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

*synonym*: renovation, revamp, modernization

(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**

The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

## astute

*adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness

*synonym*: perceptive, shrewd, keen

(1) **astute** decision-making, (2) **astute** businessman

His **astute** observation allowed him to catch the mistake before anyone else did.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym*: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## unmistakable

*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

*synonym* : apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

## amazement

*n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

*synonym* : astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

## astonishment

*n.* a feeling of very great surprise

*synonym* : wonder, surprise, amazement

(1) blink in **astonishment**, (2) struck with **astonishment**

They stood rooted in **astonishment** for a while.

## uncharted

*adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

*synonym* : unknown, unexplored, undiscovered

(1) **uncharted** wilderness, (2) **uncharted** waters

The explorer ventured into **uncharted** territory, not knowing what to expect.

## paramilitary

*adj.* relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces

(1) **paramilitary** personnel, (2) **paramilitary** operation

The **paramilitary** group was responsible for maintaining security in the region.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym* : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.



## caregiving

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

*synonym*: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

## 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.

## observable

*adj.* that can be noticed or seen

*synonym*: visible, perceptible, detectable

(1) **observable** change, (2) experimentally **observable**

Any theorem relies on both **observable** fact and assumption.

## sentinel

*n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

*synonym*: guard, watchman, lookout

(1) **sentinel** duty, (2) **sentinel** lymph node

The security camera acted as a **sentinel**, monitoring the area for suspicious activity.

## adversity

*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

*synonym*: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items

without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
2. blink in ast\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
3. ma\_\_\_e of the presidency *n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another
4. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
5. feeling of am\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
6. mass ho\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
7. di\_\_\_\_\_et conversation *adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense
8. vehicle ov\_\_\_\_\_ul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

ANSWERS: 1. sew, 2. astonishment, 3. mantle, 4. medicinal, 5. amazement, 6. homicide, 7. discreet, 8. overhaul

9. a tr\_\_p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
10. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
11. fo\_\_\_\_\_e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
12. nec\_\_\_\_\_te compromise *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
13. an un\_\_\_\_\_en horse *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
14. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
15. car\_\_\_\_\_ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
16. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
17. bl\_\_\_\_\_h hair *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
18. ov\_\_\_\_\_ul process *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

ANSWERS: 9. troop, 10. misunderstand, 11. foresee, 12. necessitate, 13. unbroken, 14. empower, 15. caregiving, 16. instinctively, 17. bleach, 18. overhaul

19. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student      *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
20. s\_w with thread      *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
21. interventional ra\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries
22. dr\_\_n in a bath      *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
23. di\_\_\_\_\_n friend from foe      *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
24. experimentally obs\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
25. el\_\_\_t a confession      *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
26. bl\_\_\_h stains      *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
27. re\_\_\_\_\_e resource allocation      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
28. syn\_\_\_\_\_ity effect      *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

ANSWERS: 19. instruct, 20. sew, 21. radiology, 22. drown, 23. discern, 24. observable, 25. elicit, 26. bleach, 27. reframe, 28. synchronicity

29. di\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
30. di\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
31. nec\_\_\_\_te action *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
32. the common but nu\_\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
33. syn\_\_\_\_ity theory *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
34. car\_\_\_\_ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
35. obs\_\_\_\_le change *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
36. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
37. find unm\_\_\_\_ble evidence *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
38. nu\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
39. I\_\_ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

ANSWERS: 29. disrupt, 30. disrupt, 31. necessitate, 32. nuanced, 33. synchronicity, 34. caregiving, 35. observable, 36. writ, 37. unmistakable, 38. nuanced, 39. lurk

40. serial ho\_\_\_\_de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
41. en\_\_\_\_e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
42. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
43. par\_\_\_\_ary operation *adj.* relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces
44. as\_\_\_\_e businessman *adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
45. ex\_\_l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
46. environmental ad\_\_\_\_ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
47. unm\_\_\_\_ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
48. struggling with ad\_\_\_\_ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
49. diagnostic ra\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries

ANSWERS: 40. homicide, 41. entitle, 42. empower, 43. paramilitary, 44. astute, 45. expel, 46. adversity, 47. unmistakable, 48. adversity, 49. radiology

50. eye\_\_\_\_\_ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
51. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
52. express am\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
53. rear seat oc\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
54. di\_\_\_\_\_n the big picture *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
55. climate sk\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
56. di\_\_\_\_\_et manner *adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense
57. fo\_\_\_\_\_e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
58. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
59. un\_\_\_\_\_ed wilderness *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

ANSWERS: 50. eyewitness, 51. rethink, 52. amazement, 53. occupant, 54. discern, 55. skeptic, 56. discreet, 57. foresee, 58. rethink, 59. uncharted



60. a memory of an eye\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
61. el\_\_\_t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
62. se\_\_\_\_\_el lymph node *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
63. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
64. re\_\_\_\_\_e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
65. can\_\_\_\_\_ht vigil *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
66. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
67. as\_\_\_e decision-making *adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
68. the members of a military tr\_\_p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
69. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
70. struck with ast\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
71. ex\_\_l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

ANSWERS: 60. eyewitness, 61. elicit, 62. sentinel, 63. medicinal, 64. reframe, 65. candlelight, 66. drown, 67. astute, 68. troop, 69. misunderstand, 70. astonishment, 71. expel

72. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
73. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
74. an ingrained sk\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
75. par\_\_\_\_\_ary personnel *adj.* relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces
76. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
77. l\_\_k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
78. un\_\_\_\_\_en chain *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
79. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
80. ma\_\_\_e of power *n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another

ANSWERS: 72. Christ, 73. instinctively, 74. skeptic, 75. paramilitary, 76. Christ, 77. lurk, 78. unbroken, 79. counterintuitive, 80. mantle

81. un\_\_\_\_\_ed waters *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
82. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
83. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
84. can\_\_\_\_\_ht dinner *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
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90. animal to\_\_m *n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
91. illegal oc\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there

ANSWERS: 81. uncharted, 82. counterintuitive, 83. resonate, 84. candlelight, 85. instruct, 86. mahogany, 87. writ, 88. entitle, 89. mahogany, 90. totem, 91. occupant

92. tribal to\_\_m *n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
93. re\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
94. se\_\_\_\_el duty *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

ANSWERS: 92. totem, 93. resonate, 94. sentinel

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.  
*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.  
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3. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
4. The room was dimly lit by soft \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* light provided by a candle or candles
5. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.  
*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
6. The detective was called to investigate a \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.  
*n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
7. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with the sensitive information he had been entrusted with.  
*adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense

ANSWERS: 1. misunderstand, 2. totem, 3. empowered, 4. candlelight, 5. skeptic, 6. homicide, 7. discreet

8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ group was responsible for maintaining security in the region.
- adj.* relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces
10. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at every corner.
- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
12. He found graffiti left by a previous \_\_\_\_\_ of the house.
- n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
13. He enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ quiet of the afternoon at the villa.
- adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
14. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this shirt to remove the stains.
- v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
15. The security camera acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ monitoring the area for suspicious activity.
- n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

ANSWERS: 8. Christmas, 9. paramilitary, 10. lurks, 11. medicinal, 12. occupant, 13. unbroken, 14. bleach, 15. sentinel,

16. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

18. He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the smoke.

*v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

19. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

20. The antique desk was made of rich \_\_\_\_\_ wood, adding to its timeless beauty.

*n.* a reddish-brown hardwood that is prized for its strength, durability, and beauty, often used in furniture-making and other decorative applications

21. His talent for singing is \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

22. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.

*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

23. She devoted her life to \_\_\_\_\_ looking after her aging parents.

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

ANSWERS: 16. rethink, 17. counterintuitive, 18. expelled, 19. amazement, 20. mahogany, 21. unmistakable, 22. entitled, 23. caregiving,

24. The mechanic suggested an \_\_\_\_\_ of the engine to improve performance.
- n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
25. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
26. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ a response from them yet?
- v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
27. The explorer ventured into \_\_\_\_\_ territory, not knowing what to expect.
- adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
28. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
29. The sommelier can distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ layer on Mars is much thinner than on Earth.
- n.* a layer of rock between the surface and the core of a planet or moon; a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl; the responsibilities of an important position or job that passes from one person to another
31. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and won the game.
- n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

ANSWERS: 24. overhaul, 25. drown, 26. elicited, 27. uncharted, 28. sew, 29. nuanced, 30. mantle, 31. adversity



32. I \_\_\_\_\_ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.  
*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
33. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.  
*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
34. They stood rooted in \_\_\_\_\_ for a while.  
*n.* a feeling of very great surprise
35. The new law will \_\_\_\_\_ changes in our current procedures.  
*v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ testimony was crucial in solving the case.  
*n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
37. Parents need to help their children \_\_\_\_\_ right and wrong.  
*v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
38. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.  
*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
40. His \_\_\_\_\_ observation allowed him to catch the mistake before anyone else did.  
*adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness

ANSWERS: 32. foresee, 33. resonates, 34. astonishment, 35. necessitate, 36. eyewitness, 37. discern, 38. disrupt, 39. troop, 40. astute

41. Any theorem relies on both \_\_\_\_\_ fact and assumption.

*adj.* that can be noticed or seen

42. The occurrence of events in \_\_\_\_\_ is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

*n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

43. The therapist tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his negative thoughts.

*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

44. Some researchers claim that even humans can \_\_\_\_\_ sense earthquakes.

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

45. The patient underwent a \_\_\_\_\_ scan to diagnose their medical condition.

*n.* the branch of medicine that uses medical imaging technologies such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries

46. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

*n.* a written legal order or command

47. The facility manager \_\_\_\_\_ the security guards to be on high alert.

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 41. observable, 42. synchronicity, 43. reframe, 44. instinctively, 45. radiology, 46. writ, 47. instructed