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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### vacation

*n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

*synonym* : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

### journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine  
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

### abrupt

*adj.* sudden and unexpected

*synonym* : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

### finance

*n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial

organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

*synonym*: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## squad

*n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

*synonym*: team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**

The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

## colonel

*n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

*synonym*: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

## distant

*adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

*synonym*: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the

century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym*: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

## solitude

*n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others

*synonym*: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym*: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## forefront

*n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause

*synonym*: vanguard, lead, front line

(1) **forefront** technology, (2) the **forefront** of an air mass

Education is at the **forefront** of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## literature

*n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

*synonym*: writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

## remarkable

*adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

*synonym*: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

## chronicle

*n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

*synonym*: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

## fortune

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym*: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

## misfortune

*n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble

*synonym*: adversity, calamity, tragedy

(1) economic **misfortune**, (2) a string of **misfortunes**

The flood was a great **misfortune** to the small town causing extensive damage.

## lush

*adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

*synonym*: leafy, overgrown, dense

(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation

This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.

## cast

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

*synonym*: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## narrative

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

*synonym*: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym*: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## epic

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

*synonym*: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

## assortment

*n.* a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together

*synonym* : variety, collection, mixture

(1) **assortment** room, (2) whole **assortment**

The store offered an **assortment** of fresh fruits and vegetables.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## romantic

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

*synonym* : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym* : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## globe

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

*synonym* : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

- trot** *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides  
*synonym* : jog, run, race  
(1) **trot** across the street, (2) **trot** off happily  
She **trotted** to keep up with him.
- adventurer** *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences  
*synonym* : explorer, entrepreneur, daredevil  
(1) daredevil **adventurer**, (2) outdoor **adventurers**  
The ocean **adventurer** holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.
- mere** *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is  
*synonym* : bare, minor, sheer  
(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident  
He lost the election by **mere** votes.
- historic** *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so  
*synonym* : memorable, momentous, historical  
(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat  
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.
- drama** *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage  
*synonym* : acting, play, theater  
(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**  
She had an audition for **drama** school.
- genre** *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics  
*synonym* : type, category, style  
(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**  
He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

## 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.

## supernatural

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

*synonym* : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

## realistic

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

*synonym* : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

## matter-of-fact

*adj.* straightforward; without emotion or exaggeration; dealing only with facts and avoiding speculation or opinion

*synonym* : practical, pragmatic, realistic

(1) take a **matter-of-fact** approach, (2) **matter-of-fact** explanation

He delivered the news in a **matter-of-fact** tone, without any emotion.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.



## fantasy

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym* : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

## absurd

*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

*synonym* : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

## surreal

*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

*synonym* : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

## phenomenon

*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

*synonym* : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

## fictional

*adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

*synonym* : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

## intertwine

*v.* to twist together or become twisted together

*synonym* : interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

## seamless

*adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

*synonym* : smooth, continuous, unseamed

(1) enable **seamless** access, (2) **seamless** device

connectivity

The service was **seamless**, and the food was quite delicious.

## settlement

*n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

*synonym*: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

## mythical

*adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

*synonym*: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

## isolation

*n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

*synonym*: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym*: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## exposed

*adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

*synonym*: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

## calamity

*n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss  
*synonym*: disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

## reincarnation

*n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body

*synonym*: rebirth, regeneration, metempsychosis

(1) **reincarnation** cycle, (2) **reincarnation** belief

Some religions believe in the **reincarnation** of souls after death.

## mechanic

*n.* a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system

*synonym*: technician, repairman, engineer

(1) car **mechanic**, (2) aircraft **mechanic**

I must take my car to the **mechanic** to check the brakes.

## butterfly

*n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

## subsequent

*adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else

*synonym*: later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

## cycle

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym*: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by

## cycle

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## feat

*n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

*synonym*: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

## forebear

*n.* an ancestor or a precursor

*synonym*: ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor

His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

## prophecy

*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym*: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym*: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## gypsy

*n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

*synonym*: Romani, traveler, nomad

(1) **gypsy** lifestyle, (2) **gypsy** culture

The **gypsy** caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

## skirmish

*n.* a minor or brief battle or fight, often between small groups or individuals; a dispute, conflict, or argument, usually of short duration

*synonym*: clash, combat, encounter

(1) verbal **skirmish**, (2) minor **skirmish**

The **skirmish** between the two armies lasted for several hours.

## massacre

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

*synonym*: slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

## striking

*adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

*synonym*: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

## downward

*adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level

*synonym*: lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

## spiral

*n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

*synonym*: coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

## powerless

*adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

*synonym*: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

## beneath

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

*synonym*: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

## magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym*: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

## colonial

*adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

*synonym*: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

## onward

*adj.* moving or continuing forward; progressing

*synonym*: forward, continuing, progressing

(1) **onward** journey, (2) **onward** progress

When traveling to some countries, you may be required to show proof of an **onward** ticket as a condition of entry.

## firsthand

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym* : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

## conflict

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

*synonym* : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

## conservative

*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

*synonym* : traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

## liberal

*adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

*synonym* : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

## autocratic

*adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

*synonym* : domineering, omnipotent, authoritarian

(1) in an **autocratic** manner, (2) **autocratic** regimes

That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his **autocratic** rule even after he abdicated.

## coup

*n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

*synonym* : revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

## 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.

## maternal

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

*synonym* : motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

## grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## decor

*n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

*synonym* : ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles

The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

## veteran

*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

*synonym* : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher



The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

## rebellion

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

*synonym*: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## socialist

*adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

*synonym*: communistic, Marxist, socialist

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

## outlook

*n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

*synonym*: perspective, view, overlook

(1) the **outlook** of the townsite, (2) a positive **outlook** on life

Our company's business **outlook** for next year is bright.

## omnipresent

*adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

*synonym*: ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat  
The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

## superstition

*n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion  
*synonym* : belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**  
There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

## 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.

## capture

*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

*synonym* : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts  
I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym* : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation  
His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## relive

*v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

*synonym* : revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments  
I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

## tragedy

*n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe

and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

*synonym* : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**  
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

## spite

*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

*synonym* : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care  
He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

## strife

*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

*synonym* : conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**  
The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

## rampant

*adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption  
In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

## affirm

*v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

*synonym* : declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity  
I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym* : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## quotation

*n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

*synonym*: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## condemn

*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym*: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. personal na_____ve          | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story   |
| 2. review of the lit_____re    | <i>n.</i> written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value   |
| 3. in a ta___e                 | <i>n.</i> a confused mass of something twisted together  |
| 4. she is ma__c                | <i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers  |
| 5. financial ca_____ty         | <i>n.</i> a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss  |
| 6. source of ins_____on        | <i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity  |
| 7. the set_____nt of a dispute | <i>n.</i> an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.  |
| 8. c__p plotters               | <i>n.</i> a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement   |
| 9. bl_____m garden             | <i>n.</i> the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success |

ANSWERS: 1. narrative, 2. literature, 3. tangle, 4. magic, 5. calamity, 6. inspiration, 7. settlement, 8. coup, 9. blossom

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| 10. fo_____nt technology           | <i>n.</i> the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause   |
| 11. die su_____ly                  | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly  |
| 12. re____e my youth               | <i>v.</i> to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time  |
| 13. su_____ly attacked by an enemy | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly  |
| 14. co_____n crime                 | <i>v.</i> to express strong disapproval or criticism of something   |
| 15. manage my fi_____es            | <i>n.</i> the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets |
| 16. the longstanding co_____ct     | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals  |
| 17. double qu_____on marks         | <i>n.</i> a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker  |
| 18. a gr_____l change              | <i>adj.</i> happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt  |
| 19. intellectual f__t              | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery  |
| 20. my_____al world                | <i>adj.</i> based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination  |

ANSWERS: 10. forefront, 11. suddenly, 12. relive, 13. suddenly, 14. condemn, 15. finance, 16. conflict, 17. quotation, 18. gradual, 19. feat, 20. mythical

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| 21. verbal sk____sh            | <i>n.</i> a minor or brief battle or fight, often between small groups or individuals; a dispute, conflict, or argument, usually of short duration                           |
| 22. ve____n teacher            | <i>n.</i> a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity  |
| 23. popular lit____re          | <i>n.</i> written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value   |
| 24. natural phe____on          | <i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood  |
| 25. ab____t departure          | <i>adj.</i> sudden and unexpected  |
| 26. tropical de__r             | <i>n.</i> the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic                        |
| 27. ca____e a glimpse          | <i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape  |
| 28. on____d progress           | <i>adj.</i> moving or continuing forward; progressing  |
| 29. a positive ou____k on life | <i>n.</i> the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture |
| 30. gov____nt funding          | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state   |

ANSWERS: 21. skirmish, 22. veteran, 23. literature, 24. phenomenon, 25. abrupt, 26. decor, 27. capture, 28. onward, 29. outlook, 30. government

31. m\_\_e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
32. so\_\_\_\_\_st ideology *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
33. around the gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
34. enjoyment of so\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
35. historical phe\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
36. aut\_\_\_\_\_ic regimes *adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking
37. re\_\_\_e moments *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
38. de\_\_\_t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
39. t\_\_t across the street *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
40. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
41. believe in sup\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

ANSWERS: 31. mere, 32. socialist, 33. globe, 34. solitude, 35. phenomenon, 36. autocratic, 37. relive, 38. depict, 39. trot, 40. inspiration, 41. superstition



42. outdoor adv\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
43. f\_\_t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
44. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
45. af\_\_\_m strong identity *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
46. fo\_\_\_\_\_ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
47. ra\_\_\_\_\_t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
48. se\_\_\_\_\_ss device connectivity *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
49. omn\_\_\_\_\_nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
50. my\_\_\_\_\_al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
51. a tr\_\_\_\_\_y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
52. terrestrial gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 42. adventurer, 43. feat, 44. conflict, 45. affirm, 46. forebear, 47. rampant, 48. seamless, 49. omnipresent, 50. mythical, 51. tragedy, 52. globe

53. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
54. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
55. die in sp\_\_\_e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
56. brevet co\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
57. con\_\_\_\_\_ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
58. rem\_\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
59. the aftermath of this tr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
60. confuse fa\_\_\_\_\_y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
61. st\_\_\_\_\_ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 53. supernatural, 54. prophecy, 55. spite, 56. colonel, 57. conservative, 58. remarkable, 59. tragedy, 60. fantasy, 61. striking

62. the ou\_\_\_\_k of the townsite      *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
63. low-r\_v engine      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
64. antiriot sq\_\_d      *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
65. take a mat\_\_\_\_\_act approach      *adj.* straightforward; without emotion or exaggeration; dealing only with facts and avoiding speculation or opinion
66. historical no\_\_l      *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
67. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy      *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
68. sp\_\_l design      *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
69. minor sk\_\_\_\_sh      *n.* a minor or brief battle or fight, often between small groups or individuals; a dispute, conflict, or argument, usually of short duration
70. speak in an ab\_\_\_\_t manner      *adj.* sudden and unexpected
71. heroic e\_\_c      *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 62. outlook, 63. rev, 64. squad, 65. matter-of-fact, 66. novel, 67. imaginary, 68. spiral, 69. skirmish, 70. abrupt, 71. epic

72. int\_\_\_\_\_ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
73. a dire ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
74. af\_\_\_\_m old traditions *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
75. A 20-year ve\_\_\_\_\_n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
76. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
77. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
78. excite re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
79. hi\_\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
80. ch\_\_\_\_\_le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
81. ra\_\_\_\_\_t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
82. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
83. upcoming crime dr\_\_a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

ANSWERS: 72. intertwine, 73. calamity, 74. affirm, 75. veteran, 76. government, 77. prophecy, 78. rebellion, 79. historic, 80. chronicle, 81. rampant, 82. possibility, 83. drama

84. co\_\_\_\_l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
85. fa\_\_\_\_y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
86. mat\_\_\_\_\_act explanation *adj.* straightforward; without emotion or exaggeration; dealing only with facts and avoiding speculation or opinion
87. ill fo\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
88. rei\_\_\_\_\_ion belief *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
89. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
90. ge\_\_e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
91. bit of good fo\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
92. rei\_\_\_\_\_ion cycle *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
93. on\_\_\_d journey *adj.* moving or continuing forward; progressing
94. int\_\_\_\_\_ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
95. di\_\_\_\_t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 84. colonel, 85. fantasy, 86. matter-of-fact, 87. fortune, 88. reincarnation, 89. tangle, 90. genre, 91. fortune, 92. reincarnation, 93. onward, 94. intertwine, 95. distant

96. sp\_\_\_l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
97. ab\_\_\_d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
98. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nt of an air mass *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
99. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
100. co\_\_\_\_\_n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
101. bu\_\_\_\_\_ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
102. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
103. st\_\_\_\_\_ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
104. shopping re\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
105. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 96. spiral, 97. absurd, 98. forefront, 99. rev, 100. condemn, 101. butterfly, 102. cycle, 103. striking, 104. reward, 105. discovery

106. on the ma\_\_\_\_al side *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
107. a literary ge\_\_e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
108. so\_\_\_\_\_st regime *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
109. the abundance of l\_\_h vegetation *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
110. a string of mis\_\_\_\_\_nes *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
111. non-fi\_\_\_\_\_al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
112. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
113. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
114. ma\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
115. re\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
116. po\_\_\_\_\_ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

ANSWERS: 106. maternal, 107. genre, 108. socialist, 109. lush, 110. misfortune, 111. fictional, 112. cast, 113. grandparent, 114. magical, 115. rebellion, 116. powerless

117. the life cycle of a bu\_\_\_\_\_ly      *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
118. heroic ch\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
119. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
120. a re\_\_\_\_\_ic goal      *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
121. a ma\_\_c spell      *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
122. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral beings      *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
123. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
124. gy\_\_y culture      *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

ANSWERS: 117. butterfly, 118. chronicle, 119. discovery, 120. realistic, 121. magic, 122. supernatural, 123. journalist, 124. gypsy



125. under li\_\_\_\_\_l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
126. over sub\_\_\_\_\_nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
127. oppressive co\_\_\_\_\_al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
128. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
129. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
130. a do\_\_\_\_\_rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
131. su\_\_\_\_\_l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
132. a bomb-disposal sq\_\_d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
133. daredevil adv\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
134. a fo\_\_\_\_\_ar of one of the tribes *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
135. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 125. liberal, 126. subsequent, 127. colonial, 128. firsthand, 129. novel, 130. downward, 131. surreal, 132. squad, 133. adventurer, 134. forebear, 135. intrigue

136. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
137. take a qu\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
138. bear sp\_\_e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
139. co\_\_\_\_\_al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
140. ma\_\_\_\_\_al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
141. a short va\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
142. fi\_\_\_\_\_e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
143. reduce sub\_\_\_\_\_nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
144. an ab\_\_\_\_d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 136. firsthand, 137. quotation, 138. spite, 139. colonial, 140. maternal, 141. vacation, 142. finance, 143. subsequent, 144. absurd

145. gy\_\_y lifestyle *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
146. the country's is\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
147. economic mis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
148. m\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
149. animal ma\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
150. is\_\_\_\_\_on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
151. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
152. a di\_\_\_\_\_t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
153. maintain do\_\_\_\_\_rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level

ANSWERS: 145. gypsy, 146. isolation, 147. misfortune, 148. mere, 149. massacre, 150. isolation, 151. intense, 152. distant, 153. downward

154. the cy\_\_e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
155. the re\_\_\_d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
156. ma\_\_\_\_\_re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
157. l\_\_h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
158. set\_\_\_\_\_nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
159. an ex\_\_\_\_\_d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
160. ex\_\_\_\_\_d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
161. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
162. su\_\_\_\_\_l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
163. the rem\_\_\_\_\_le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 154. cycle, 155. reward, 156. massacre, 157. lush, 158. settlement, 159. exposed, 160. exposed, 161. journalist, 162. surreal, 163. remarkable

164. aircraft me\_\_\_\_ic *n.* a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system
165. t\_\_t off happily *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
166. im\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
167. omn\_\_\_\_nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
168. in\_\_\_\_e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
169. the ground be\_\_\_\_h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
170. pos\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
171. ma\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
172. in\_\_\_\_ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
173. fi\_\_\_\_al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
174. enable se\_\_\_\_ss access *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

ANSWERS: 164. mechanic, 165. trot, 166. imaginary, 167. omnipresent, 168. intense, 169. beneath, 170. possibility, 171. magical, 172. intrigue, 173. fictional, 174. seamless

175. military c\_\_p *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
176. a li\_\_\_\_\_l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
177. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
178. po\_\_\_\_\_ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
179. civil st\_\_\_e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
180. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
181. ass\_\_\_\_\_nt room *n.* a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together
182. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
183. de\_\_r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

ANSWERS: 175. coup, 176. liberal, 177. gradual, 178. powerless, 179. strife, 180. blossom, 181. assortment, 182. decide, 183. decor

184. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
185. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object      *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
186. a con\_\_\_\_\_ive society      *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
187. car me\_\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system
188. be\_\_\_\_\_h contempt      *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
189. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat      *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
190. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future      *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
191. ro\_\_\_\_\_ic movies      *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
192. c\_\_t a ballot      *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
193. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age      *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
194. at st\_\_\_e over the land      *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

ANSWERS: 184. depict, 185. mysterious, 186. conservative, 187. mechanic, 188. beneath, 189. historic, 190. influence, 191. romantic, 192. cast, 193. grandparent, 194. strife

195. e\_\_c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
196. sup\_\_\_\_\_ion in religion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
197. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
198. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
199. ca\_\_\_\_\_e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
200. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
201. ro\_\_\_\_\_ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
202. in an aut\_\_\_\_\_ic manner *adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking
203. summer va\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
204. live in so\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
205. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 195. epic, 196. superstition, 197. narrative, 198. decide, 199. capture, 200. influence, 201. romantic, 202. autocratic, 203. vacation, 204. solitude, 205. mysterious



206. secular dr\_\_a

*n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

207. whole ass\_\_\_\_\_nt

*n.* a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together

ANSWERS: 206. drama, 207. assortment

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Macbeth is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ by Shakespeare.
  - n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
  
2. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.
  - n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
  
3. She had a very \_\_\_\_\_ instinct towards her newborn baby.
  - adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
  
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ to keep up with him.
  - v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
  
5. She had an audition for \_\_\_\_\_ school.
  - n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
  
6. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
  
7. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 1. tragedy, 2. magic, 3. maternal, 4. trotted, 5. drama, 6. rev, 7. discovery

8. The flood was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to the small town causing extensive damage.  
*n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
9. The names of the company are entirely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
10. We immediately rejected his \_\_\_\_\_ suggestion.  
*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
11. The service was \_\_\_\_\_ and the food was quite delicious.  
*adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
12. The vines \_\_\_\_\_ to form a thick canopy overhead.  
*v.* to twist together or become twisted together
13. He included a \_\_\_\_\_ from the book in his essay.  
*n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
14. That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his \_\_\_\_\_ rule even after he abdicated.  
*adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking
15. The city has a rich \_\_\_\_\_ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.  
*adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
16. The Army \_\_\_\_\_ led the troops into battle.  
*n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

ANSWERS: 8. misfortune, 9. fictional, 10. absurd, 11. seamless, 12. intertwine, 13. quotation, 14. autocratic, 15. colonial, 16. colonel

17. The stock market has been in a \_\_\_\_\_ trend for the past month.  
*adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
18. Education is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.  
*n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
19. Some religions believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of souls after death.  
*n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
20. He delivered the news in a \_\_\_\_\_ tone, without any emotion.  
*adj.* straightforward; without emotion or exaggeration; dealing only with facts and avoiding speculation or opinion
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.  
*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
22. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
23. 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
24. When traveling to some countries, you may be required to show proof of an \_\_\_\_\_ ticket as a condition of entry.  
*adj.* moving or continuing forward; progressing

ANSWERS: 17. downward, 18. forefront, 19. reincarnation, 20. matter-of-fact, 21. novel, 22. intense, 23. inspiration, 24. onward

25. The ocean \_\_\_\_\_ holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.

*n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences

26. A great stretch of the lake lay \_\_\_\_\_ them.

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

27. 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

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

29. His final goal is to sail around the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

30. The earthquake was a major \_\_\_\_\_ that left many homeless.

*n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

31. That story was so \_\_\_\_\_ and it was scary.

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

32. He is known for creating \_\_\_\_\_ paintings.

*n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

33. 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

ANSWERS: 25. adventurer, 26. beneath, 27. magical, 28. narrative, 29. globe, 30. calamity, 31. realistic, 32. genre-busting, 33. influence

34. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

35. In the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

*adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else

36. Many cultures have their \_\_\_\_\_ creatures and legends.

*adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

37. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

38. He did it out of \_\_\_\_\_ to annoy me.

*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

39. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

41. There is a surviving \_\_\_\_\_ that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

*n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

ANSWERS: 34. historic, 35. subsequent, 36. mythical, 37. fortune, 38. spite, 39. rampant, 40. possibility, 41. superstition

42. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

43. The police department assembled a special \_\_\_\_\_ to handle the situation.

*n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

44. He always makes a \_\_\_\_\_ estimation when predicting future sales.

*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

45. That incident led to his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

46. The two plays have many \_\_\_\_\_ parallels.

*adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

47. The internet has made information access \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

48. I like to watch old movies to \_\_\_\_\_ memories of my childhood.

*v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

49. Do you have a plan for a long \_\_\_\_\_

*n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 42. tangled, 43. squad, 44. conservative, 45. isolation, 46. striking, 47. omnipresent, 48. relive, 49. vacation?

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.
- n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
51. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern.
- n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
52. The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
- n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
54. The election was a \_\_\_\_\_ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
55. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
56. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.
- n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
57. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 50. decor, 51. spiral, 52. coup, 53. veteran, 54. remarkable, 55. mysterious, 56. chronicle, 57. journalists



58. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two armies lasted for several hours.

*n.* a minor or brief battle or fight, often between small groups or individuals; a dispute, conflict, or argument, usually of short duration

60. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

61. During the hurricane, we felt \_\_\_\_\_ against the winds and rain.

*adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

62. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

63. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

*n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

*n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

ANSWERS: 58. gradual, 59. skirmish, 60. decide, 61. powerless, 62. cycle, 63. literature, 64. gypsy

65. He enjoys collecting \_\_\_\_\_ specimens.

*n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

66. The \_\_\_\_\_ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

67. Our company's business \_\_\_\_\_ for next year is bright.

*n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

68. It was his first \_\_\_\_\_ love.

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

69. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in his thoughts.

*adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

70. I must take my car to the \_\_\_\_\_ to check the brakes.

*n.* a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system

71. His \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the first settlers in the area.

*n.* an ancestor or a precursor

72. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 65. butterfly, 66. massacre, 67. outlook, 68. romantic, 69. liberal, 70. mechanic, 71. forebear, 72. cast

73. The country has been wracked by political \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.  
*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
74. This area has an environment of \_\_\_\_\_ greenery and water courses.  
*adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
75. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.  
*n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
76. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.  
*adj.* existing only in someone's mind
77. The fortune teller's \_\_\_\_\_ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.  
*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
78. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
79. She was close to her paternal \_\_\_\_\_ and often spent summers with them.  
*n.* a parent of one's father or mother
80. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a \_\_\_\_\_ feel.  
*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 73. strife, 74. lush, 75. feat, 76. imaginary, 77. prophecy, 78. government, 79. grandparents, 80. surreal

81. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.  
*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
82. The sun set over the crest of \_\_\_\_\_ hills.  
*adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
83. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.  
*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
84. The store offered an \_\_\_\_\_ of fresh fruits and vegetables.  
*n.* a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together
85. I was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the moment on film.  
*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
86. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.  
*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
87. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
88. A rainbow is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 81. conflicts, 82. distant, 83. mere, 84. assortment, 85. capture, 86. depicted, 87. finance, 88. phenomenon

89. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

90. Tech companies often employ \_\_\_\_\_ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

*adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

91. The government was \_\_\_\_\_ for its handling of the crisis.

*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

92. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

93. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

94. The antigovernment \_\_\_\_\_ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

95. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

96. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 89. settlement, 90. exposed, 91. condemned, 92. intrigues, 93. fantasy, 94. rebellion, 95. suddenly, 96. blossom

97. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

98. The \_\_\_\_\_ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

99. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I will always stand by my beliefs.

*v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

100. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

101. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two armies was one for the history books.

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

102. The sudden, \_\_\_\_\_ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

*adj.* sudden and unexpected

103. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

*n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others

104. He is a progressive \_\_\_\_\_ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

*adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

ANSWERS: 97. rewards, 98. supernatural, 99. affirm, 100. firsthand, 101. epic, 102. abrupt, 103. solitude, 104. socialist