

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*Jon Boogz and Lil Buck: A dance to honor Mother Earth | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/jon\\_boogz\\_and\\_lil\\_buck\\_a\\_dance\\_to\\_honor\\_mother\\_earth](https://www.ted.com/talks/jon_boogz_and_lil_buck_a_dance_to_honor_mother_earth)

### All Words

#### IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

## Session 1: Word List

### imminent

*adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon

*synonym*: looming, coming, impending

(1) **imminent** danger, (2) **imminent** arrest

This country was long faced with **imminent** peril.

### relent

*v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

*synonym*: yield, soften, give in

(1) **relent** to pressure, (2) don't **relent** until late in the evening

The team refused to **relent** even after falling three points behind.

### gentle

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

*synonym*: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

### 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**.

### reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

*synonym* : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

### rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

*synonym* : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

### align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

*synonym* : coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

### conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

*synonym* : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

### exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are

of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

*synonym* : trade, swap, interchange

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

## replenish

*v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied

*synonym* : refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit  
Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

## picturesque

*adj.* visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed

*synonym* : scenic, charming, vivid

(1) **picturesque** scenery, (2) **picturesque** countryside  
We took a scenic drive through the countryside and stumbled upon a **picturesque** village.

## roll

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

*synonym* : spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

## purity

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

*synonym* : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

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

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

## simplicity

*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

*synonym* : easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

## humankind

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

*synonym* : humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

## exclusive

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

*synonym* : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

## interface

*n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

*synonym* : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

## vibrate

*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

*synonym* : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

## harmonious

*adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

*synonym* : concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

## violin

*n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

*synonym* : fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

## tempo

*n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed

*synonym* : pace, rhythm, speed

(1) a quick **tempo**, (2) set **tempo**

The **tempo** of the music was slow and soothing.

## mud

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

*synonym* : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

## strip

*v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

*synonym* : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

## interior

*n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

*synonym* : inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

## scar

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym* : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## erode

*v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

*synonym*: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

## obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## frame

*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

*synonym*: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

## polar

*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

*synonym*: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

**Polar** animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## assault

*n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

*synonym*: assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

## unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

*synonym*: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

## awning

*n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway

*synonym*: canopy, shade, cover

(1) window **awning**, (2) retractable **awning**

We set up an **awning** outside to provide shade during the summer months.

## stir

*v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

*synonym*: mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

## cleanse

*v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

*synonym*: purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

## eternal

*adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever

*synonym* : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

## ascent

*n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

*synonym* : climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

## descend

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

*synonym* : dip, drop, come down

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

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

## rhythmic

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

*synonym* : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

## fluid

*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

*synonym* : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

## grace

*n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

*synonym* : charm, poise, elegance



(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

## serenity

*n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

*synonym*: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

## string

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

*synonym*: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

## rage

*n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence

*synonym*: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

## abundance

*n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

*synonym*: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

## universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym*: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

## solvent

*adj.* capable of dissolving other substances; having sufficient money to pay all outstanding debts; (noun) a liquid substance capable of dissolving other substances

*synonym* : (noun) solution, (noun) dissolver

(1) a **solvent** liquid, (2) chemical **solvents**

The company was able to remain **solvent** throughout the economic downturn.

## dissolve

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym* : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## liquid

*n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

*synonym* : fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

## universe

*n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

*synonym* : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

## ray

*n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

*synonym* : beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

## illuminate

*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

*synonym* : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## ember

*n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

*synonym* : spark, glow, cinder

(1) smoldering **ember**, (2) red-hot **ember**

The warm **ember** from the fireplace glowed brightly.

## flicker

*v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

*synonym* : flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

## incandescent

*adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic

*synonym* : glowing, radiant, brilliant

(1) **incandescent** emotion, (2) **incandescent** personality

The **incandescent** lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym* : luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

## sacred

*adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

*synonym* : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

## fury

*n.* intense and often violent anger

*synonym* : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

### **vigorously**

*adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

*synonym*: energetically, forcefully, strongly

(1) **vigorously** shake, (2) mix **vigorously** by hand

He **vigorously** scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

### **agility**

*n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

*synonym*: nimbleness, quickness, dexterity

(1) ninja-like **agility**, (2) **agility** training

The coach had the team run through the **agility** ladder to improve their coordination.

### **fancy**

*v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

*synonym*: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

### **spark**

*v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

*synonym*: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

### **ingenuity**

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym*: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

## choir

*n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

*synonym*: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

## chant

*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

*synonym*: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fl\_\_\_\_r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
2. vi\_\_\_\_e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
3. a picture fr\_\_e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
4. high pu\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
5. re\_\_\_\_t to pressure *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
6. fa\_\_y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
7. a flight of fa\_\_y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
8. br\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 1. flicker, 2. vibrate, 3. frame, 4. purity, 5. relent, 6. fancy, 7. fancy, 8. brilliant

9. re\_\_\_\_\_le these differences      *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
10. the degree of pu\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
11. hu\_\_\_\_\_nd as a species      *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
12. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator      *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
13. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a dark hall      *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
14. in\_\_\_\_\_or decoration      *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
15. un\_\_\_\_\_n danger      *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
16. r\_\_l down his cheeks      *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
17. abound in in\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
18. et\_\_\_\_\_l quarreling      *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
19. vig\_\_\_\_\_ly shake      *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

ANSWERS: 9. reconcile, 10. purity, 11. humankind, 12. descend, 13. illuminate, 14. interior, 15. unseen, 16. roll, 17. ingenuity, 18. eternal, 19. vigorously

20. plenty of in\_\_\_\_or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
21. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
22. s\_\_r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
23. victim of sexual as\_\_\_\_t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
24. ch\_\_r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
25. f\_\_y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
26. ch\_\_t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
27. vi\_\_\_\_e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
28. sp\_\_k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
29. smoldering em\_\_r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

ANSWERS: 20. interior, 21. roll, 22. stir, 23. assault, 24. choir, 25. fury, 26. chant, 27. vibrate, 28. spark, 29. ember



30. an age of ab\_\_\_\_\_ce                      *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
31. theory of the un\_\_\_\_\_se                      *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
32. juice cl\_\_\_\_\_e                      *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
33. se\_\_\_\_\_ty prayer                      *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
34. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve clubs                      *adj.* not divided or shared with others
35. coast st\_\_p                      *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
36. ag\_\_\_\_\_y training                      *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
37. har\_\_\_\_\_us blend                      *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 30. abundance, 31. universe, 32. cleanse, 33. serenity, 34. exclusive, 35. strip, 36. agility, 37. harmonious

38. end of the gr\_\_e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
39. ob\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
40. fl\_\_\_\_\_r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
41. fl\_\_d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
42. er\_\_e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
43. plenty of fl\_\_ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
44. an un\_\_\_n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
45. ch\_\_t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
46. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
47. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
48. red-hot em\_\_r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

ANSWERS: 38. grace, 39. obsess, 40. flicker, 41. fluid, 42. erode, 43. fluid, 44. unseen, 45. chant, 46. whisper, 47. exclusive, 48. ember

49. don't re\_\_\_t until late in the evening      *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
50. colorless li\_\_\_d      *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
51. ill\_\_\_\_\_te my understanding      *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
52. irregular heart rh\_\_\_m      *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
53. s\_\_r a sauce      *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
54. window aw\_\_\_g      *n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway
55. spiritual as\_\_\_t      *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
56. re\_\_\_\_\_sh my spirit      *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
57. cl\_\_\_\_\_e the face      *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

ANSWERS: 49. relent, 50. liquid, 51. illuminate, 52. rhythm, 53. stir, 54. awning, 55. ascent, 56. replenish, 57. cleanse

58. as\_\_\_\_t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
59. in samba rh\_\_\_\_m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
60. in a rh\_\_\_\_ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
61. the fr\_\_e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
62. market f\_\_y *n.* intense and often violent anger
63. er\_\_e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
64. hazardous li\_\_\_\_d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
65. sp\_\_k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
66. in\_\_\_\_ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

ANSWERS: 58. assault, 59. rhythm, 60. rhythmic, 61. frame, 62. fury, 63. erode, 64. liquid, 65. spark, 66. interface

67. in a ge\_\_\_e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
68. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
69. tense piano st\_\_\_gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
70. expansion of the un\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
71. set te\_\_o *n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
72. po\_\_r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
73. the halo of a sa\_\_\_\_d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
74. refined sim\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
75. sa\_\_\_\_d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
76. effect of cosmic r\_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 67. gentle, 68. descend, 69. string, 70. universe, 71. tempo, 72. polar, 73. sacred, 74. simplicity, 75. sacred, 76. ray

77. fall into se\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
78. co\_\_\_\_\_ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
79. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
80. principles of un\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
81. a life of sim\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
82. ge\_\_\_e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
83. vi\_\_\_n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
84. carry a s\_\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
85. a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
86. a so\_\_\_\_\_t liquid *adj.* capable of dissolving other substances; having sufficient money to pay all outstanding debts; (noun) a liquid substance capable of dissolving other substances
87. chemical so\_\_\_\_\_ts *adj.* capable of dissolving other substances; having sufficient money to pay all outstanding debts; (noun) a liquid substance capable of dissolving other substances

ANSWERS: 77. serenity, 78. conserve, 79. abundance, 80. universal, 81. simplicity, 82. gentle, 83. violin, 84. scar, 85. rhythmic, 86. solvent, 87. solvent

88. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute      *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
89. the as\_\_\_\_t of a rocket      *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
90. play the vi\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
91. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge rate      *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
92. the hope of et\_\_\_\_\_l life      *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
93. opaque to X-r\_ys      *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
94. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent emotion      *adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
95. he is ob\_\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 88. reconcile, 89. ascent, 90. violin, 91. exchange, 92. eternal, 93. ray, 94. incandescent, 95. obsess

96. say a gr\_\_e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
97. di\_\_\_\_ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
98. 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
99. officially di\_\_\_\_ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
100. retractable aw\_\_\_\_g *n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway
101. br\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
102. im\_\_\_\_nt arrest *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
103. ninja-like ag\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
104. pic\_\_\_\_ue countryside *adj.* visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed

ANSWERS: 96. grace, 97. dissolve, 98. rev, 99. dissolve, 100. awning, 101. brilliant, 102. imminent, 103. agility, 104. picturesque



105. im\_\_\_\_nt danger *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
106. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
107. st\_\_p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
108. po\_\_r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
109. al\_\_n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
110. har\_\_\_\_us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
111. inc\_\_\_\_ent personality *adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
112. fall into a r\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
113. history of hu\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
114. quintet ch\_\_r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
115. m\_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
116. ex\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 105. imminent, 106. whisper, 107. strip, 108. polar, 109. align, 110.

harmonious, 111. incandescent, 112. rage, 113. humankind, 114. choir, 115. mud,  
116. exchange

117. the infinite in\_\_\_\_\_ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
118. un\_\_\_\_\_al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
119. means to co\_\_\_\_\_ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
120. m\_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
121. mix vig\_\_\_\_\_ly by hand *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
122. pic\_\_\_\_\_ue scenery *adj.* visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed
123. 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
124. uncontrollable r\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
125. a quick te\_\_o *n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
126. re\_\_\_\_\_sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
127. the user in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

ANSWERS: 117. ingenuity, 118. universal, 119. conserve, 120. mud, 121. vigorously, 122. picturesque, 123. rev, 124. rage, 125. tempo, 126. replenish, 127. interface

128. retie the st\_\_\_g and make it strong     *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
129. burn s\_\_r     *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
130. al\_\_n the economic interest of each other     *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

ANSWERS: 128. string, 129. scar, 130. align

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old oak tree stood with \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty in the park's center.  
*n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
2. We got caught up in an \_\_\_\_\_ case.  
*n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
3. The painter focused on the moody \_\_\_\_\_ of abandoned buildings in his work.  
*n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
4. The condo offers \_\_\_\_\_ access to the beach.  
*adj.* not divided or shared with others
5. The new diet is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ toxins from the body.  
*v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
6. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.  
*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
7. The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ sang beautifully at the church service.  
*n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

ANSWERS: 1. grace, 2. assault, 3. interiors, 4. exclusive, 5. cleanse, 6. rolled, 7. choir

8. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
9. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.  
*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
10. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ acting in such an important role.  
*v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
11. The crowd's \_\_\_\_\_ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.  
*n.* intense and often violent anger
12. On the geological time scale, \_\_\_\_\_ has existed for a brief moment.  
*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
13. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
14. We took a scenic drive through the countryside and stumbled upon a \_\_\_\_\_ village.  
*adj.* visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed
15. The fireflies \_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness.  
*v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

ANSWERS: 8. eternal, 9. Polar, 10. fancy, 11. fury, 12. humankind, 13. frame, 14. picturesque, 15. flickered

16. The sponge takes up the \_\_\_\_\_ well.  
*n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
17. The soccer game crowd broke into a \_\_\_\_\_ of "Go, team, go!"  
*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ scrubbed the stains on the shirt.  
*adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the music was slow and soothing.  
*n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
20. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.  
*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
21. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.  
*v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
22. The ongoing budget cuts have \_\_\_\_\_ the quality of education in many schools.  
*v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
23. She was filled with a burning \_\_\_\_\_ at the injustice she had witnessed.  
*n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 16. liquid, 17. chant, 18. vigorously, 19. tempo, 20. scar, 21. exchange, 22. eroded, 23. rage

24. The warm \_\_\_\_\_ from the fireplace glowed brightly.
- n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
25. The coach had the team run through the \_\_\_\_\_ ladder to improve their coordination.
- n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
26. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.
- v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
27. 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
28. The cello is a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ family.
- n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
29. The painting's \_\_\_\_\_ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.
- adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
30. He liked the car because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the design.
- n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 24. ember, 25. agility, 26. illuminated, 27. rev, 28. violin, 29. harmonious, 30. simplicity



31. Topics related to that war may \_\_\_\_\_ up a political hornets' nest.  
*v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
32. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.  
*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
33. This country was long faced with \_\_\_\_\_ peril.  
*adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
34. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.  
*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
35. Gamma \_\_\_\_\_ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.  
*n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
36. She was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ buildup in her lungs.  
*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
37. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate \_\_\_\_\_ turmoil in the stock market.  
*v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
38. The company was able to remain \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the economic downturn.  
*adj.* capable of dissolving other substances; having sufficient money to pay all outstanding debts; (noun) a liquid substance capable of dissolving other substances

ANSWERS: 31. stir, 32. reconcile, 33. imminent, 34. descended, 35. rays, 36. fluid, 37. sparked, 38. solvent

39. Please \_\_\_\_\_ my glass with some more wine.
- v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
40. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ and peace of mind.
- n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
41. The team refused to \_\_\_\_\_ even after falling three points behind.
- v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
42. Both parties are now entirely ideologically \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
43. He beat out a jazz \_\_\_\_\_ on the cajones.
- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
45. Children must be taught to \_\_\_\_\_ our natural environment.
- v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
46. A healthy farm provides an \_\_\_\_\_ of food.
- n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 39. replenish, 40. serenity, 41. relent, 42. aligned, 43. rhythm, 44. universe, 45. conserve, 46. abundance

47. The \_\_\_\_ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.  
*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
48. Her \_\_\_\_\_ manner relaxed everyone there.  
*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
49. The political party \_\_\_\_\_ after much internal fighting.  
*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
50. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.  
*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
51. The consequences of the pandemic remain \_\_\_\_\_ as scientists continue to research the virus.  
*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
52. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
53. During the flight, the wings of the plane \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
54. The hikers experienced a difficult \_\_\_\_\_ to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.  
*n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

ANSWERS: 47. mud, 48. gentle, 49. dissolved, 50. whispered, 51. unseen, 52. obsessed, 53. vibrate, 54. ascent

55. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.  
*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
56. We set up an \_\_\_\_\_ outside to provide shade during the summer months.  
*n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway
57. This space is a private office \_\_\_\_\_ to the President  
*adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
58. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.  
*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
59. Higher \_\_\_\_\_ requires additional equipment and energy.  
*n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
60. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.  
*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
61. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the \_\_\_\_\_ of two liquids.  
*n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
62. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ of pearls around her neck.  
*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 55. ingenuity, 56. awning, 57. sacred, 58. rhythmic, 59. purity, 60. universal, 61. interface, 62. string

63. The doctor advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ down for a check.

*v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

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

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.

*adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic

ANSWERS: 63. strip, 64. brilliant, 65. incandescent