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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### haunted

*adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

*synonym* : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

### evil

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

*synonym* : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

### spirit

*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

*synonym* : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

## dilapidated

*adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

*synonym* : rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

## spook

*v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

*synonym* : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

## chew

*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

*synonym* : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

## 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.

## sink

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym* : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

## convinced

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

*synonym* : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal  
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

## haunting

*adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

*synonym* : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear  
The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

## whoosh

*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

*synonym* : swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**  
The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

## 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.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme  
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## rid

*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

*synonym* : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products  
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

### open-minded

*adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

*synonym*: receptive, impartial, approachable

(1) an **open-minded** person, (2) adopt an **open-minded** attitude

Both parties were pleased with the **open-minded** discussion.

### cleanser

*n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

*synonym*: cleaner, purifier, deodorant

(1) pore refining **cleanser**, (2) powder **cleanser**

I have sensitive skin and use a weakly acidic **cleanser**.

### ritual

*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

*synonym*: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

### sage

*n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb

*synonym*: philosopher, scholar, thinker

(1) a **sage** of long ago, (2) a **sage** counselor

He was famous for his **sage** advice to younger entrepreneurs.

### impotent

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

*synonym*: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

## 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.

## physically

*adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit  
Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

## psychiatry

*n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

*synonym* : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**  
The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

## prescribe

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

*synonym* : define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph  
Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

## medicinal

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

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**  
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## schizophrenia

*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience

hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

*synonym*: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

## haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym*: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

*synonym*: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

## skeptic

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

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

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

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

## investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

*synonym*: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent

inconsistencies.

## carbon

*n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

## monoxide

*n.* a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)

(1) sulfur **monoxide**, (2) nitrogen **monoxide**

Carbon **monoxide** is a deadly gas released by cars and other machinery.

## poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym*: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

## leak

*v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

*synonym*: outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

## symptom

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

*synonym*: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

## auditory

*adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

*synonym* : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

## hallucinate

*v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

## unexplained

*adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious

*synonym* : mysterious, inexplicable, enigmatic

(1) **unexplained** phenomenon, (2) **unexplained** disappearance

There was an **unexplained** noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.

## dread

*v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

*synonym* : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

## emergency

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

*synonym* : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

## suspect

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym* : assume, distrust, surmise



(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick  
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym*: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders  
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## investigator

*n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence

*synonym*: inspector, sleuth, detective

(1) private **investigator**, (2) clinical **investigator**

The forensic **investigator** collected DNA samples from the crime scene to identify the perpetrator

## 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.

## claim

*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

*synonym*: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

## paranormal

*adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as

ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences  
*synonym* : supernatural, mystical, otherworldly

(1) **paranormal** experience, (2) **paranormal** phenomena

The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for **paranormal** activity.

## spiritual

*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

*synonym* : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## exorcism

*n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

*synonym* : purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

## gimmick

*n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

*synonym* : trick, ploy, tactic

(1) video **gimmick**, (2) accounting **gimmick**

The marketing team devised a clever **gimmick** to attract more customers to the store.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## convince

*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

*synonym*: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

## possessed

*adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

*synonym*: controlled, influenced, consumed

(1) **possessed** by a fox, (2) like a person **possessed**

She was **possessed** by a fierce determination to succeed.

## undercover

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

*synonym*: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

## fringe

*n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

*synonym*: border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city

The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

## podcast

*n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

## investigation

*n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

*synonym*: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

## mystery

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

*synonym*: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

## 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.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## argue

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym*: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for

dinner.

## tricky

*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

*synonym*: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym*: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## metaphor

*n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

*synonym*: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

## purposeful

*adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

*synonym*: determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

## persuade

*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

*synonym*: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

## defend

*v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

*synonym* : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

## doubt

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

*synonym* : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## stopgap

*n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

*synonym* : impromptu, make-do, expedient

(1) a **stopgap** budget, (2) **stopgap** remedy

He had no choice but to adopt a **stopgap** measure because of his limited budget.

## independence

*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

*synonym* : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## clairvoyant

*adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception

*synonym* : second-sighted, precognitive, psychic

(1) **clairvoyant** powers, (2) **clairvoyant** abilities

He was considered a **clairvoyant** prophet because of his uncanny ability to predict the future.

## sincere

*adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

*synonym* : earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

## protocol

*n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

*synonym*: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym*: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym*: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## discuss

*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

*synonym*: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym* : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## otherworldly

*adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

*synonym* : celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

## holy

*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

*synonym* : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## swear

*v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

*synonym* : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

## 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.



## optimistic

*adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

*synonym* : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

## invite

*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

*synonym* : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

## attitude

*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

*synonym* : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

## examine

*v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

*synonym* : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

## jiggle

*v.* to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way

*synonym* : shake, wiggle, twitch

(1) **jiggle** the handle, (2) **jiggle** the keys

The airplane experienced turbulence, causing the passengers to **jiggle** in their seats.

## sketchy

*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

*synonym* : suspicious, dubious, questionable

(1) **sketchy** sources, (2) **sketchy** behavior

The neighborhood had a **sketchy** reputation due to its high

crime rate.

## engage

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

*synonym*: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

## cancer

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

*synonym*: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

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

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

## afterlife

*n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

*synonym*: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## awe-inspiring

*adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

*synonym*: magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. unsolved my\_\_\_\_y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
2. a ri\_\_\_l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
3. co\_\_\_\_\_ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
4. sy\_\_\_l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
5. a good au\_\_\_\_\_ry memory *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
6. co\_\_\_\_\_ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
7. an ope\_\_\_\_\_ed person *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
8. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
9. a h\_\_y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
10. l\_\_k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 1. mystery, 2. ritual, 3. convinced, 4. symbol, 5. auditory, 6. convinced, 7. open-minded, 8. hunt, 9. holy, 10. leak

11. pr\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
12. pe\_\_\_\_de enough people      *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
13. neurotic sy\_\_\_\_ms      *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
14. get r\_d of the rats      *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
15. ar\_\_e passionately      *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
16. me\_\_\_\_or for death      *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
17. po\_\_\_\_us plants      *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
18. my\_\_\_\_y novel      *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 11. predict, 12. persuade, 13. symptom, 14. rid, 15. argue, 16. metaphor, 17. poisonous, 18. mystery

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| 19. psy_____gy of crowd      | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior  |
| 20. su_____t that he is sick | <i>v.</i> to consider anything to be actual or probable  |
| 21. awe_____ing painting     | <i>adj.</i> making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable   |
| 22. opt_____ic outlook       | <i>adj.</i> hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful  |
| 23. ind_____nce ceremony     | <i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence   |
| 24. af_____fe name           | <i>n.</i> life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions  |
| 25. hi_____ic accomplishment | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so  |
| 26. em_____cy action         | <i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action   |
| 27. ex___e rebellion         | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  |
| 28. biological psy_____ry    | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness                                     |
| 29. une_____ed disappearance | <i>adj.</i> not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious               |
| 30. ha_____d by memories     | <i>adj.</i> inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions |

ANSWERS: 19. psychology, 20. suspect, 21. awe-inspiring, 22. optimistic, 23. independence, 24. afterlife, 25. historic, 26. emergency, 27. excite, 28. psychiatry, 29. unexplained, 30. haunted

31. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
32. at\_\_\_\_\_de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
33. he is opt\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
34. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
35. su\_\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
36. on the fr\_\_\_\_\_e of the city *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
37. par\_\_\_\_\_al experience *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
38. ca\_\_\_\_\_n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
39. inv\_\_\_\_\_te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 31. imaginary, 32. attitude, 33. optimistic, 34. schizophrenia, 35. suspect, 36. fringe, 37. paranormal, 38. carbon, 39. investigate

40. au\_\_\_\_ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
41. und\_\_\_\_\_er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
42. a preliminary inv\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
43. et\_\_\_\_\_l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
44. at\_\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
45. en\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
46. false cl\_\_m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
47. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
48. a st\_\_\_\_\_p budget *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
49. sp\_\_\_\_\_al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 40. auditory, 41. undercover, 42. investigation, 43. eternal, 44. attitude, 45. engage, 46. claim, 47. defend, 48. stopgap, 49. spiritual



50. 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
51. sulfur mo\_\_\_\_de      *n.* a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)
52. climate sk\_\_\_\_c      *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
53. ex\_\_\_\_e the issue      *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
54. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_ic feat      *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
55. football po\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
56. und\_\_\_\_er journalist      *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
57. psy\_\_\_\_ry therapy      *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
58. c\_\_w a stick of gum      *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
59. en\_\_\_\_e a new employee      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 50. whisper, 51. monoxide, 52. skeptic, 53. examine, 54. historic, 55. podcast, 56. undercover, 57. psychiatry, 58. chew, 59. engage



69. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave      *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
70. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng memory      *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
71. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
72. ex\_\_\_\_\_sm ceremony      *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
73. 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
74. in\_\_\_\_\_e criticism      *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
75. corporate af\_\_\_\_\_fe      *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
76. draft a pr\_\_\_\_\_ol      *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 69. compassionate, 70. haunting, 71. pretension, 72. exorcism, 73. journalist, 74. invite, 75. afterlife, 76. protocol

77. video gi\_\_\_\_k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception
78. nitrogen mo\_\_\_\_de *n.* a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)
79. pur\_\_\_\_ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
80. im\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
81. psy\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
82. the hope of et\_\_\_\_l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
83. accounting gi\_\_\_\_k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception
84. de\_\_\_\_t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
85. sk\_\_\_\_y behavior *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
86. sp\_\_k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
87. po\_\_\_\_us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

ANSWERS: 77. gimmick, 78. monoxide, 79. purposeful, 80. imaginary, 81. psychology, 82. eternal, 83. gimmick, 84. detect, 85. sketchy, 86. spook, 87. poisonous

88. sw\_\_r a blue streak      *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
89. dr\_\_d failure      *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
90. an im\_\_\_\_nt feeling      *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
91. de\_\_t smuggling across borders      *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
92. private inv\_\_\_\_tor      *n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence
93. par\_\_\_\_al phenomena      *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
94. a s\_\_e of long ago      *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
95. ji\_\_\_e the handle      *v.* to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way
96. e\_\_l ways      *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 88. swear, 89. dread, 90. impotent, 91. detect, 92. investigator, 93. paranormal, 94. sage, 95. jiggle, 96. evil

97. cla\_\_\_\_\_nt powers *adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception
98. clinical inv\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence
99. sy\_\_\_\_\_ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
100. ar\_\_\_e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
101. dil\_\_\_\_\_ed house *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
102. in\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
103. fr\_\_\_e benefit *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
104. mainstream wo\_\_\_\_\_ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
105. 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

ANSWERS: 97. clairvoyant, 98. investigator, 99. symptom, 100. argue, 101. dilapidated, 102. invite, 103. fringe, 104. worldview, 105. journalist

106. ca\_\_\_r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
107. morning ri\_\_\_l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
108. une\_\_\_\_\_ed phenomenon *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
109. pr\_\_\_\_\_be in the preceding paragraph *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
110. oth\_\_\_\_\_dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
111. sp\_\_\_t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
112. an indomitable sp\_\_\_t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
113. a h\_\_y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 106. cancer, 107. ritual, 108. unexplained, 109. prescribe, 110. otherworldly, 111. spirit, 112. spirit, 113. holy

114. di\_\_\_\_s solutions      *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
115. hal\_\_\_\_\_te with drug      *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
116. oth\_\_\_\_\_dly creature      *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
117. at a pur\_\_\_\_\_ul pace      *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
118. an ingrained sk\_\_\_\_\_c      *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
119. a tr\_\_\_y recipe to follow      *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
120. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
121. express si\_\_\_\_\_e regret      *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
122. c\_\_w each word      *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
123. l\_\_k data      *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 114. discuss, 115. hallucinate, 116. otherworldly, 117. purposeful, 118. skeptic, 119. tricky, 120. pretension, 121. sincere, 122. chew, 123. leak



124. a s\_\_e counselor *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
125. co\_\_\_\_\_ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
126. awe\_\_\_\_\_ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
127. a ha\_\_\_\_\_ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
128. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
129. ha\_\_t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
130. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
131. pr\_\_\_\_\_be a drug *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
132. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 124. sage, 125. convince, 126. awe-inspiring, 127. haunting, 128. predict, 129. haunt, 130. investigate, 131. prescribe, 132. opportune

133. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
134. de\_\_\_d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
135. the wo\_\_\_\_\_ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
136. acute em\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
137. ca\_\_\_n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
138. phy\_\_\_\_\_ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
139. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
140. tr\_\_\_y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
141. a com\_\_\_\_\_ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
142. a charm against e\_\_l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
143. po\_\_\_\_\_ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
144. sexually im\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

ANSWERS: 133. hunt, 134. defend, 135. worldview, 136. emergency, 137. carbon, 138. physically, 139. medicinal, 140. tricky, 141. compassionate, 142. evil, 143. powerless, 144. impotent

145. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
146. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
147. di\_\_\_\_\_s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
148. adopt an ope\_\_\_\_\_ed attitude *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
149. powder cl\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
150. listen to a po\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
151. like a person po\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
152. dil\_\_\_\_\_ed building *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
153. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
154. pore refining cl\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
155. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 145. medicinal, 146. crazy, 147. discuss, 148. open-minded, 149. cleanser, 150. podcast, 151. possessed, 152. dilapidated, 153. decision, 154. cleanser, 155. doubt

156. visual me\_\_\_\_or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
157. dispel do\_\_ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
158. pr\_\_\_\_ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
159. dr\_\_d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
160. de\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
161. cla\_\_\_\_nt abilities *adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception
162. a si\_\_\_\_e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
163. constant sp\_\_\_\_al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
164. the scope of an inv\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 156. metaphor, 157. doubt, 158. protocol, 159. dread, 160. decision, 161. clairvoyant, 162. sincere, 163. spiritual, 164. investigation

165. hear a wh\_\_\_h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
166. start to hal\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
167. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
168. attempt to pe\_\_\_\_\_de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
169. sw\_\_\_r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
170. stay phy\_\_\_\_\_ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
171. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
172. ca\_\_\_r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
173. sk\_\_\_\_\_y sources *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

ANSWERS: 165. whoosh, 166. hallucinate, 167. excite, 168. persuade, 169. swear, 170. physically, 171. examine, 172. cancer, 173. sketchy

174. cl\_\_m responsibility      *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
175. r\_d the body of waste products      *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
176. demonic ex\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
177. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
178. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
179. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
180. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia treatment      *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
181. po\_\_\_\_\_ss position      *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

ANSWERS: 174. claim, 175. rid, 176. exorcism, 177. opportune, 178. determinant, 179. determinant, 180. schizophrenia, 181. powerless

182. cr\_\_y about cars and racing      *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
183. po\_\_\_\_\_ed by a fox      *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
184. s\_\_k a lot of capital      *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
185. co\_\_\_\_\_ce an opponent      *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
186. sp\_\_k the children      *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

ANSWERS: 182. crazy, 183. possessed, 184. sink, 185. convince, 186. spook

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.  
*n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
  
2. We have never before conducted a legitimate \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
  
3. The woman of the house does the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of lighting two candles.  
*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
  
4. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.  
*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
  
5. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.  
*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
  
6. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.  
*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
  
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 1. podcast, 2. investigation, 3. ritual, 4. invite, 5. rid, 6. historic, 7. pretensions



8. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
9. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
10. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
11. 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
12. The president declared a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
- v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
14. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. Modern medicine was largely \_\_\_\_\_ against the disease.
- adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

ANSWERS: 8. cancer, 9. worldviews, 10. claim, 11. whispered, 12. emergency, 13. leaked, 14. excited, 15. impotent

16. Some species of \_\_\_\_\_ can be deadly to humans if bitten.  
*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
17. He had no choice but to adopt a \_\_\_\_\_ measure because of his limited budget.  
*n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
18. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.  
*adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
19. The forensic \_\_\_\_\_ collected DNA samples from the crime scene to identify the perpetrator  
*n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence
20. The marketing team devised a clever \_\_\_\_\_ to attract more customers to the store.  
*n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception
21. The priest performed an \_\_\_\_\_ to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.  
*n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
22. We have discussed the entirety of this \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 16. poisonous snakes, 17. stopgap, 18. unexplained, 19. investigator, 20. gimmick, 21. exorcism, 22. tricky

23. They gathered to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ teachings of the guru.

*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

24. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

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

25. I have sensitive skin and use a weakly acidic \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

26. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.

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

27. He was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ prophet because of his uncanny ability to predict the future.

*adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception

28. The song's \_\_\_\_\_ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

*adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

29. The old mansion was known to be \_\_\_\_\_ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

*adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

30. The company has a strict \_\_\_\_\_ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

*n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 23. holy, 24. skeptic, 25. cleanser, 26. engaged, 27. clairvoyant, 28.

haunting, 29. haunted, 30. protocol

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.  
*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
32. I am considering what I should do to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
33. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ several apparent inconsistencies.  
*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
34. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.  
*adj.* existing only in someone's mind
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.  
*adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
36. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.  
*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
37. The dress had a \_\_\_\_\_ of beads along the hem.  
*n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
38. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more \_\_\_\_\_ connection with the universe.  
*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 31. schizophrenia, 32. convince, 33. investigated, 34. imaginary, 35. otherworldly, 36. suspected, 37. fringe, 38. spiritual

39. My father has a serious and \_\_\_\_\_ personality.  
*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
40. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
41. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.  
*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
42. The moment the glacier collapses is an \_\_\_\_\_ sight.  
*adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
43. During the hurricane, we felt \_\_\_\_\_ against the winds and rain.  
*adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
44. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
45. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.  
*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
46. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the performer long after the show ended.  
*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 39. compassionate, 40. metaphors, 41. evil, 42. awe-inspiring, 43. powerless, 44. psychology, 45. sink, 46. haunt

47. My dog loves to \_\_\_\_\_ on bones.  
*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
48. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.  
*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
49. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
50. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.  
*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.  
*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.  
*adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.  
*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
54. Initially, we must \_\_\_\_\_ all project-related expenses.  
*v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 47. chew, 48. independence, 49. crazy, 50. Doubt, 51. whoosh, 52. auditory, 53. mystery, 54. examine

55. He was famous for his \_\_\_\_\_ advice to younger entrepreneurs.

*n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb

56. The field of \_\_\_\_\_ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

*n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

57. The airplane experienced turbulence, causing the passengers to \_\_\_\_\_ in their seats.

*v.* to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way

58. The public is \_\_\_\_\_ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

59. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by a fierce determination to succeed.

*adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

60. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

61. Please accept my \_\_\_\_\_ condolences on your friend's death.

*adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

62. Both parties were pleased with the \_\_\_\_\_ discussion.

*adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

ANSWERS: 55. sage, 56. psychiatry, 57. jiggle, 58. convinced, 59. possessed, 60. persuade, 61. sincere, 62. open-minded



63. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
64. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of \_\_\_\_\_ rides.
- adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
65. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
66. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.
- v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
67. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
68. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
69. The belief in an \_\_\_\_\_ comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.
- n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

ANSWERS: 63. argue, 64. dilapidated, 65. medicinal, 66. predict, 67. spirit, 68. hallucinate, 69. afterlife

70. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
71. Carbon \_\_\_\_\_ is a deadly gas released by cars and other machinery.  
*n.* a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)
72. The patient displays a \_\_\_\_\_ of a side effect.  
*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
73. The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for \_\_\_\_\_ activity.  
*adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
74. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.  
*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
75. 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
76. I \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't mean to break your vase.  
*v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
77. The \_\_\_\_\_ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.  
*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 70. eternal, 71. monoxide, 72. symptom, 73. paranormal, 74. detected, 75. journalists, 76. swear, 77. undercover

78. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.  
*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
79. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.  
*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
80. The bankruptcy of that company \_\_\_\_\_ markets.  
*v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
81. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
82. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.  
*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
83. Trees absorb \_\_\_\_\_ dioxide and give off oxygen.  
*n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
84. Hounds \_\_\_\_\_ their prey by using their keen scent.  
*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
85. The neighborhood had a \_\_\_\_\_ reputation due to its high crime rate.  
*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

ANSWERS: 78. decision, 79. attitude, 80. spooked, 81. determinant, 82. discuss, 83. carbon, 84. hunt, 85. sketchy

86. Federal bankruptcy laws \_\_\_\_\_ the reorganization process.  
*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
87. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ look and was determined to complete the task.  
*adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
88. We all \_\_\_\_\_ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.  
*v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
89. Most executives were \_\_\_\_\_ about future business conditions.  
*adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
90. Having a \_\_\_\_\_ healthy physique is essential for a great life.  
*adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
91. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.  
*v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
92. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.  
*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
93. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 86. prescribed, 87. purposeful, 88. dread, 89. optimistic, 90. physically, 91. defend, 92. symbol, 93. opportune