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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### conceptualization

*n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

*synonym*: conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

### plummet

*v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

*synonym*: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

### controllable

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

*synonym*: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

## swoon

v. to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something

*synonym*: faint, collapse, conk

(1) nearly **swoon** in surprise, (2) **swoon** with delight

She couldn't help but **swoon** over the romantic proposal in the moonlit garden.

## ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

*synonym*: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

## equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym*: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

## foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

*synonym*: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## unavoidable

*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

*synonym*: inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

## smite

v. to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain

or affliction

*synonym* : hit, strike, batter

(1) **smite** enemies, (2) **smite** a blow

The hero was able to **smite** the monster with a single blow.

## participle

*n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)

(1) passive **participle**, (2) present **participle**

The verb **participle** is formed by adding -ing or -ed to the base form of a verb.

## grievous

*adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire

*synonym* : atrocious, severe, painful

(1) **grievous** condition, (2) **grievous** mistake

The **grievous** injury he sustained in the car accident left him unable to walk.

## affliction

*n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

*synonym* : anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

## testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## exodus

*n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

*synonym* :

emigration, evacuation, departure

(1) mass **exodus**, (2) the Oriental **exodus** from America  
The rural **exodus** may cause long-term population loss.

## vengeance

*n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

*synonym*: retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

## locust

*n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids

*synonym*: grasshopper, cicada, cricket

(1) **locust** army, (2) **locust** plague

The **locust** infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.

## ostensible

*adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

*synonym*: apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

## turbulent

*adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

*synonym*: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym*: daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers  
He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## 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.

## irrational

*adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;  
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

*synonym*: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

## furious

*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

*synonym*: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

## devastate

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym*: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## neurochemical

*adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity

(1) **neurochemical** substances, (2) **neurochemical** mechanism

Our study focuses on **neurochemical** changes in the brain.

## serotonin

*n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

(1) **serotonin** drug, (2) **serotonin** levels

The medicine works by boosting **serotonin** levels in the brain.

## obsessive

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym*: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## compulsive

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

*synonym*: compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

## correlate

*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

*synonym*: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of

disease.

## breakup

*n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

*synonym*: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

## reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym*: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## monogamy

*n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

*synonym*: marriage, monandry, monogamousness

(1) **monogamy** rules, (2) practice **monogamy**

Many religious institutions promote **monogamy** as the ideal form of marriage.

## 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.

## assertive

*adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

*synonym*: confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics

during the business meeting.

## linguist

*n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

*synonym*: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

## prophecy

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

*synonym*: prediction, foretelling, divination

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

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

## entail

*v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

*synonym*: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

## polyamory

*n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

*synonym*: open relationship, ethical non-monogamy, polygamy

(1) **polyamory** relationship, (2) ethical **polyamory**

My **polyamory** partner and I have an open and honest relationship where we both can explore romantic connections with other people.

## asexual

*adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

*synonym*: neutral, sexless, unisex

(1) **asexual** community, (2) **asexual** individual



**Asexual** reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.

## disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## angst

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

*synonym*: anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

## banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

*synonym*: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

## reframe

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

*synonym*: redefine, restructure, reposition

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

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

## empower

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

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## **madden**

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

*synonym*: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

## **sculpt**

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym*: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. cognitive li\_\_\_\_st  
*n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
2. re\_\_\_\_re market  
*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
3. ost\_\_\_\_\_le explanation  
*adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
4. lo\_\_\_\_t army  
*n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
5. ma\_\_\_\_n with rage  
*v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
6. ba\_\_\_\_h my wrinkles  
*v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
7. computer-con\_\_\_\_\_ble  
*adj.* able to be controlled or directed
8. as\_\_\_\_l individual  
*adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 1. linguist, 2. reassure, 3. ostensible, 4. locust, 5. madden, 6. banish, 7. controllable, 8. asexual

9. the Oriental ex\_\_\_s from America      *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
10. sm\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
11. gr\_\_\_\_us condition      *adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire
12. an endless stream of an\_\_t      *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
13. practice mo\_\_\_\_my      *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
14. under una\_\_\_\_le circumstances      *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
15. an una\_\_\_\_le accident      *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
16. te\_\_\_\_nt to the superior quality      *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
17. co\_\_\_\_te closely with the quality      *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
18. lead an adv\_\_\_\_us life      *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
19. a\_\_e all the time      *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

ANSWERS: 9. exodus, 10. smite, 11. grievous, 12. angst, 13. monogamy, 14. unavoidable, 15. unavoidable, 16. testament, 17. correlate, 18. adventurous, 19. ache

20. present par\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)
21. ve\_\_\_\_\_ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
22. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. de\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
24. wreak ve\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
25. mass ex\_\_\_\_s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
26. foreign li\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
27. irr\_\_\_\_\_al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
28. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
29. gr\_\_\_\_\_us mistake *adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire

ANSWERS: 20. participle, 21. vengeance, 22. opportune, 23. devastate, 24. vengeance, 25. exodus, 26. linguist, 27. irrational, 28. empower, 29. grievous

30. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
31. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
32. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
33. fo\_\_\_\_\_e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
34. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
35. nearly sw\_\_n in surprise *v.* to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something
36. autoimmune aff\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
37. neu\_\_\_\_\_cal substances *adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
38. tu\_\_\_\_\_nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

ANSWERS: 30. testament, 31. equate, 32. empower, 33. foresee, 34. obsessive, 35. swoon, 36. affliction, 37. neurochemical, 38. turbulent

39. lo\_\_\_t plague *n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
40. de\_\_\_\_\_te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
41. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
42. neu\_\_\_\_\_cal mechanism *adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
43. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
44. a\_\_e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
45. adv\_\_\_\_\_us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
46. se\_\_\_\_\_in levels *n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
47. with no an\_\_t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
48. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

ANSWERS: 39. locust, 40. devastate, 41. prophecy, 42. neurochemical, 43. well-being, 44. ache, 45. adventurous, 46. serotonin, 47. angst, 48. equate

49. pl\_\_\_\_\_ting sales      *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
50. re\_\_\_\_\_re anxious patients      *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
51. co\_\_\_\_\_te to the size      *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
52. air br\_\_\_\_\_p      *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
53. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy of doom      *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
55. en\_\_\_\_\_l risks      *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
56. passive par\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)
57. ba\_\_\_\_\_h doubt      *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 49. plummet, 50. reassure, 51. correlate, 52. breakup, 53. opportune, 54. prophecy, 55. entail, 56. participle, 57. banish



58. sc\_\_\_t prototype                      *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
59. fo\_\_\_\_\_e challenges                *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
60. po\_\_\_\_\_ry relationship            *n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved
61. se\_\_\_\_\_in drug                      *n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
62. con\_\_\_\_\_ble aircraft                *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
63. as\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior                *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
64. an irr\_\_\_\_\_al request              *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
65. 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
66. re\_\_\_\_\_e resource allocation      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 58. sculpt, 59. foresee, 60. polyamory, 61. serotonin, 62. controllable, 63. assertive, 64. irrational, 65. reconcile, 66. reframe

67. as\_\_\_\_l community *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
68. fu\_\_\_\_s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
69. sw\_\_n with delight *v.* to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something
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71. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of a problem *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
72. the con\_\_\_\_\_ion of the sculpture *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
73. an as\_\_\_\_ve approach *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
74. com\_\_\_\_ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

ANSWERS: 67. asexual, 68. furious, 69. swoon, 70. sculpt, 71. conceptualization, 72. conceptualization, 73. assertive, 74. compulsive

75. re\_\_\_\_\_e problem      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
76. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder      *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
77. sm\_\_e enemies      *v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
78. en\_\_\_l legal consequences      *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
79. mo\_\_\_\_\_my rules      *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
80. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience      *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
81. ost\_\_\_\_\_le reason      *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
82. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 75. reframe, 76. obsessive, 77. smite, 78. entail, 79. monogamy, 80. disappoint, 81. ostensible, 82. well-being

83. ma\_\_\_n the enemy      *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
84. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me      *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
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ANSWERS: 83. madden, 84. disappoint, 85. plummet, 86. turbulent, 87. breakup, 88. affliction, 89. compulsive, 90. furious, 91. reconcile

92. ethical po\_\_\_\_\_ry

*n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

ANSWERS: 92. polyamory

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. It isn't very reasonable to \_\_\_\_\_ money with happiness.  
*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
3. The new software is much more \_\_\_\_\_ and user-friendly.  
*adj.* able to be controlled or directed
4. He got over the big \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife.  
*n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
5. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
6. He felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.  
*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
7. The stock prices have \_\_\_\_\_ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.  
*v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.  
*adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

ANSWERS: 1. empowered, 2. equate, 3. controllable, 4. breakup, 5. well-being, 6. angst, 7. plummeted, 8. ostensible

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ injury he sustained in the car accident left him unable to walk.  
*adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire
10. My \_\_\_\_\_ partner and I have an open and honest relationship where we both can explore romantic connections with other people.  
*n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved
11. Many religious institutions promote \_\_\_\_\_ as the ideal form of marriage.  
*n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
12. The queen \_\_\_\_\_ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.  
*v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
13. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.  
*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the project took several weeks to complete.  
*n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
15. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.  
*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
16. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 9. grievous, 10. polyamory, 11. monogamy, 12. banished, 13. adventurous, 14. conceptualization, 15. compulsive, 16. disappoint

17. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ for the wrongs done to him.  
*n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
18. The stock market has been \_\_\_\_\_ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.  
*adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
19. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.  
*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
20. Though I love literature, I'm a bad \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
21. She was \_\_\_\_\_ and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.  
*adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
22. The therapist tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his negative thoughts.  
*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
23. Our study focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ changes in the brain.  
*adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
24. I \_\_\_\_\_ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.  
*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 17. vengeance, 18. turbulent, 19. furious, 20. linguist, 21. assertive, 22. reframe, 23. neurochemical, 24. foresee



25. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
26. The rural \_\_\_\_\_ may cause long-term population loss.  
*n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.  
*n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
28. The verb \_\_\_\_\_ is formed by adding -ing or -ed to the base form of a verb.  
*n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)
29. 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
30. Her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
31. The job offer \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of responsibility and hard work.  
*v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
32. We may frequently \_\_\_\_\_ age with the frequency of disease.  
*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

ANSWERS: 25. reassure, 26. exodus, 27. locust, 28. participle, 29. reconcile, 30. obsessive, 31. entails, 32. correlate

33. The hero was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the monster with a single blow.
- v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
34. Chronic pain can be a debilitating \_\_\_\_\_ that affects every aspect of one's life.
- n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
35. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. \_\_\_\_\_ reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.
- adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
37. The medicine works by boosting \_\_\_\_\_ levels in the brain.
- n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
38. He spent hours every day \_\_\_\_\_ figures out of clay.
- v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
39. The fortune teller's \_\_\_\_\_ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
- n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

ANSWERS: 33. smite, 34. affliction, 35. opportune, 36. Asexual, 37. serotonin, 38. sculpting, 39. prophecy

40. She couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ over the romantic proposal in the moonlit garden.  
*v.* to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something
41. I \_\_\_\_\_ all over after running a marathon yesterday.  
*v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
42. They continued to endure \_\_\_\_\_ treatment by the dictatorship.  
*adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
43. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which \_\_\_\_\_ coastal areas.  
*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
44. There are now fears that war is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
45. His wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.  
*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
46. The slow internet connection \_\_\_\_\_ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.  
*v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

ANSWERS: 40. swoon, 41. ache, 42. irrational, 43. devastate, 44. unavoidable, 45. testament, 46. maddened