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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym* : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

### cosmopolitan

*adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

*synonym* : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

### antidote

*n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

*synonym* : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

## reactionary

*adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

*synonym* : conservative, backward, regressive

(1) **reactionary** forces, (2) **reactionary** attitudes

The school's administration has a **reactionary** stance on student protests and free speech.

## nationalist

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym* : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

## emit

*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym* : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## homicide

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

*synonym* : murder, killing, manslaughter

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

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

## megacity

*n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

## parochial

*adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or

experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

*synonym* : narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

## visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym* : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

*synonym* : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

## unstick

v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

*synonym* : detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book

I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

## converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

*synonym* :

congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points  
The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

## cyclone

*n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

*synonym*: tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

## agon

*n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

*synonym*: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

## displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym*: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## plight

*n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation

*synonym*: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

## unrest

*n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace  
*synonym* : disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

## perilous

*adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

*synonym* : risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain

Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

## limestone

*n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

*synonym* : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

## swamp

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym* : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## seep

*v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

*synonym* : leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

## gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym* : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

## rehearsal

*n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

*synonym*: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

## hinterland

*n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

*synonym*: backcountry, wilderness, remote area

(1) **hinterland** tourism, (2) remote **hinterland**

The vast **hinterland** region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.

## deforestation

*n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

*synonym*: clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

## gloomy

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

*synonym*: melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

## encroachment

*n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests

*synonym* : invasion, intrusion, trespass

(1) **encroachment** of territory, (2) **encroachment** on personal rights

The **encroachment** of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.

## tamp

*v.* to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor

*synonym* : press, compact, ram

(1) **tamp** down fighting, (2) **tamp** tobacco into a pipe

Be sure to **tamp** down the soil around the newly planted tree to secure it in place.

## undocumented

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

## migrant

*n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

*synonym* : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

## defiance

*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

*synonym* : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

## enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

*synonym*: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

## urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

*synonym*: develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

## industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## 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.

## livable

*adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

*synonym*: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

## devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less



advanced or more primitive state or form

*synonym*: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

## decarbonize

*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

*synonym*: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

## congest

*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

*synonym*: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

## walkway

*n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

*synonym*: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

## hydroelectric

*adj.* relating to the generation of electricity from water power, usually by using turbines or generators powered by falling or flowing water; utilizing the energy of water to generate electricity

*synonym*: water-powered, turbine, dam-generated

(1) **hydroelectric** stations, (2) **hydroelectric** dam

The town decided to convert its power source to **hydroelectric** energy.

## disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

*synonym*: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters  
Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

## footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

*synonym*: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres  
The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

## commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## pilfer

v. to steal or take small amounts or items in a sneaky, casual, or inconspicuous manner; to steal petty or insignificant things

*synonym*: steal, thief, snatch

(1) **pilfer** money, (2) **pilfer** jewelry

Thieves often **pilfer** items from unlocked cars.

## leapfrog

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

*synonym*: hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym*: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## barber

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

*synonym*: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

## marvelous

*adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

*synonym*: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

## metropolis

*n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity

*synonym*: city, megacity, urban center

(1) **metropolis** skyline, (2) bustling **metropolis**

Paris is a romantic **metropolis** famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## veto

*n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person

in authority, such as a government official or a president  
*synonym*: rejection, disapproval, interdict

(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**

The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.

## exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play  
*synonym*: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

## amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration  
*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## pragmatist

n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals  
*synonym*: realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**

As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

## solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

*synonym*: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

## diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

*synonym*: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

## **institutionalize**

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## **paralyze**

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## **visionary**

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym*: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## Session 2: Spelling

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19. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work                    *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
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25. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space                    *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
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39. pe\_\_\_\_\_us terrain *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
40. mass ho\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
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42. enc\_\_\_\_\_ent of territory *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
43. li\_\_\_\_\_ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

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44. serial ho\_\_\_\_de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
45. ex\_\_t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
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ANSWERS: 44. homicide, 45. exert, 46. undocumented, 47. unstick, 48. veto, 49. paralyze, 50. devolve, 51. hydroelectric, 52. gulf

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67. en\_\_t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
68. di\_\_\_\_\_se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
69. favorite ba\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
70. the an\_\_\_\_\_te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
71. g\_\_f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
72. a true pra\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
73. expel a di\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
74. sw\_\_p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 65. walkway, 66. undocumented, 67. enact, 68. disperse, 69. barber, 70. antidote, 71. gulf, 72. pragmatist, 73. diplomat, 74. swamp

75. t\_\_p down fighting      *v.* to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor
76. un\_\_\_\_k the door      *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
77. co\_\_\_\_t a highway      *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
78. co\_\_\_\_ge of a series      *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
79. rea\_\_\_\_\_\_ry attitudes      *adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive
80. pa\_\_\_\_\_\_al views      *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
81. legislative v\_\_o      *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
82. di\_\_\_\_se false information      *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
83. remote hin\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

ANSWERS: 75. tamp, 76. unstick, 77. congest, 78. converge, 79. reactionary, 80. parochial, 81. veto, 82. disperse, 83. hinterland

84. nat\_\_\_\_\_st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
85. music re\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
86. an a\_\_n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
87. de\_\_\_\_\_e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
88. pi\_\_\_r money *v.* to steal or take small amounts or items in a sneaky, casual, or inconspicuous manner; to steal petty or insignificant things
89. cause un\_\_\_t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
90. linear so\_\_\_r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

ANSWERS: 84. nationalist, 85. rehearsal, 86. agon, 87. devolve, 88. pilfer, 89. unrest, 90. solver

91. emotional fr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
92. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
93. emotional a\_\_n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
94. muddy sw\_\_p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
95. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
96. pa\_\_\_\_\_al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
97. enc\_\_\_\_\_ent on personal rights *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
98. nat\_\_\_\_\_st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 91. fragility, 92. displace, 93. agon, 94. swamp, 95. footprint, 96. parochial, 97. encroachment, 98. nationalist



99. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
100. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry business      *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
101. li\_\_\_\_\_e city      *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
102. t\_\_p tobacco into a pipe      *v.* to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor
103. ex\_\_t influence      *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
104. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization      *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
105. adopt an attitude of de\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
106. s\_\_p cool and moist air      *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
107. def\_\_\_\_\_ion of the tropics      *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
108. cy\_\_\_\_\_e warning      *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 99. industrialize, 100. visionary, 101. livable, 102. tamp, 103. exert, 104. footprint, 105. defiance, 106. seep, 107. deforestation, 108. cyclone

109. vi\_\_\_\_\_y ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
110. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
111. ma\_\_\_\_\_us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
112. the movement of mi\_\_\_\_\_t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
113. pe\_\_\_\_\_us journey *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
114. e\_\_t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
115. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
116. ba\_\_\_r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
117. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
118. le\_\_\_\_\_og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

ANSWERS: 109. visionary, 110. resilient, 111. marvelous, 112. migrant, 113. perilous, 114. emit, 115. institutionalize, 116. barber, 117. amplify, 118. leapfrog

119. the pl\_\_\_t of the poor *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
120. gl\_\_\_y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
121. me\_\_\_\_\_ty pollution *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
122. cos\_\_\_\_\_tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
123. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
124. hin\_\_\_\_\_nd tourism *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
125. me\_\_\_\_\_ty project *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
126. met\_\_\_\_\_is skyline *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity

ANSWERS: 119. plight, 120. gloomy, 121. megacity, 122. cosmopolitan, 123. opportune, 124. hinterland, 125. megacity, 126. metropolis

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.
  - n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
  - adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
  - adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
  
4. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.
  - v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
  
5. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.
  - v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
  
6. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
  
7. The town decided to convert its power source to \_\_\_\_\_ energy.
  - adj.* relating to the generation of electricity from water power, usually by using turbines or generators powered by falling or flowing water; utilizing the energy of water to generate electricity

ANSWERS: 1. cyclone's, 2. nationalist, 3. visionary, 4. emits, 5. visualize, 6. limestone, 7. hydroelectric

8. The theater company had its final \_\_\_\_\_ before opening night.
- n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
- n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
10. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. During recess, the children played a game of \_\_\_\_\_ in the schoolyard.
- n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
12. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
13. Large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.
- n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
14. Thieves often \_\_\_\_\_ items from unlocked cars.
- v.* to steal or take small amounts or items in a sneaky, casual, or inconspicuous manner; to steal petty or insignificant things
15. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 8. rehearsal, 9. fragility, 10. opportune, 11. leapfrog, 12. resilient, 13. deforestation, 14. pilfer, 15. industrialize

16. The flow \_\_\_\_\_ is validated against the experiment.

*n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

18. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

19. The recent political \_\_\_\_\_ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

*n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

20. The lush vegetation \_\_\_\_\_ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

*v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

21. The vast \_\_\_\_\_ region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.

*n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

22. The government revoked his license to employ \_\_\_\_\_ labor crews.

*n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

23. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on \_\_\_\_\_ non-citizens.

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

ANSWERS: 16. solver, 17. gloomy, 18. footprint, 19. unrest, 20. sprawls, 21. hinterland, 22. migrant, 23. undocumented

24. The senior \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
25. I had to use a knife to \_\_\_\_\_ the envelope from the table.
- v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
26. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
27. Paris is a romantic \_\_\_\_\_ famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.
- n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
28. Be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ down the soil around the newly planted tree to secure it in place.
- v.* to pack down or compress tightly using a tool or instrument; to suppress or reduce something, such as an emotion, a conflict, or a rumor
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.
- n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
30. The school's administration has a \_\_\_\_\_ stance on student protests and free speech.
- adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

ANSWERS: 24. diplomat, 25. unstick, 26. amplify, 27. metropolis, 28. tamp, 29. barber, 30. reactionary

31. The city was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ culture and diverse population.  
*adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
32. The roads to the airport were heavily \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
33. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.  
*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
34. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.  
*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
35. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.  
*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
36. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.  
*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
37. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
38. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 31. cosmopolitan, 32. congested, 33. decarbonize, 34. displace, 35. institutionalize, 36. amazed, 37. paralyzed, 38. slums



39. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
40. He acted in \_\_\_\_\_ of our decision.
- n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
41. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
42. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to lift the heavyweight.
- v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
43. The government has ignored the \_\_\_\_\_ of the homeless population.
- n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
45. The rain began to \_\_\_\_\_ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.
- v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
46. Finding a safe and \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.
- adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

ANSWERS: 39. megacity, 40. defiance, 41. agon, 42. exerted, 43. plight, 44. parochial, 45. seep, 46. livable

47. The two rivers \_\_\_\_\_ into one near this area.
- v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
48. The government \_\_\_\_\_ this law in 1925.
- v. to make a law; to put something into practice
49. As time has passed, the responsibility has \_\_\_\_\_ to the younger generation.
- v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
50. The government plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.
- v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
51. The detective was called to investigate a \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
- n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.
- n. an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
53. Climbing the cliff was a \_\_\_\_\_ adventure.
- adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 47. converge, 48. enacted, 49. devolved, 50. urbanize, 51. homicide, 52. encroachment, 53. perilous

54. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
55. The president's \_\_\_\_\_ prevented the bill from becoming law.
- n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
56. Before authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
57. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
58. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
59. The \_\_\_\_\_ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
- n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
60. The view from the top of the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
61. As a \_\_\_\_\_ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.
- n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

ANSWERS: 54. renaissance, 55. veto, 56. dispersed, 57. commute, 58. Gulf, 59. walkway, 60. marvelous, 61. pragmatist,

62. The lowland \_\_\_\_\_ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

- n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

63. Knowledge is the \_\_\_\_\_ to fear.

- n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 62. swamp, 63. antidote