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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym*: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

### grammar

*n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

*synonym*: syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

### competent

*adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

*synonym*: skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

### stack

*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion

gases and smoke can be evacuated

*synonym* : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

## esteem

*n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

*synonym* : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

## boost

*v.* to improve, raise, or increase something

*synonym* : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

## forge

*v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

*synonym* : create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

## 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.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**  
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd  
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## evaluate

*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

*synonym*: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation  
The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym*: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## frequent

*adj.* happening constantly

*synonym*: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

## overestimate

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

*synonym*: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

## phenomenon

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

*synonym*: marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

## display

*v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

*synonym*: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

## illusory

*adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

*synonym*: illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

## superior

*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

*synonym*: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

## judge

*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

*synonym*: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

## degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

- viol** *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba  
*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument  
(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music  
The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- mathematics** *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement  
*synonym*: arithmetic, calculation, calculus  
(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition  
He has a flair for **mathematics**.
- software** *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs  
*synonym*: program, system, operating system  
(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**  
The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.
- engineer** *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software  
*synonym*: architect, creator, builder  
(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage  
The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- isolate** *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things  
*synonym*: separate, sequester, insulate  
(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient  
You should not **isolate** them from the community.
- discipline** *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence  
*synonym*: training, restraint, field  
(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

## ethics

*n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

*synonym* : morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

## extent

*n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends

*synonym* : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym* : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

## intelligence

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

*synonym* : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## medical

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

*synonym* : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

## lab

*n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

*synonym* : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

## vulnerable

*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

*synonym*: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body  
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

## delusion

*n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

*synonym*: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**  
He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

## incompetence

*n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done

*synonym*: inability, incapacity, ineptitude

(1) have a feeling of **incompetence**, (2) **incompetence** of urine  
Her behavior testified to her **incompetence**.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement  
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## 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.

## suffer

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## curse

*n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

*synonym*: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

## gap

*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

*synonym*: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## debate

*n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

*synonym*: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition



The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

## tournament

*n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

*synonym*: competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**

The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

## preliminary

*adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

*synonym*: initial, preparatory, introductory

(1) **preliminary** investigation, (2) **preliminary** agreement

Before starting the project, we need to go through some **preliminary** research and planning.

## grasp

*v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

*synonym*: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

## argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym*: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

## ego

*n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

*synonym*: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

## blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

*synonym*: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## deficit

*n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

*synonym*: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## initially

*adv.* at the beginning; at first

*synonym*: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

## logic

*n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

*synonym*: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

## label

*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

*synonym*: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

## awful

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

## moderate

*adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

*synonym*: average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym*: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## knowledgeable

*adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

*synonym*: well-educated, informed, well-informed

(1) **knowledgeable** staff, (2) **knowledgeable** advice

She is quite **knowledgeable** about the latest trends in technology.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an

important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## inept

*adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

*synonym*: incompetent, unskilled, clumsy

(1) **inept** government, (2) socially **inept**

He was **inept** at handling the situation.

## bubble

*n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

*synonym*: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

## inaccurate

*adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

*synonym*: incorrect, erroneous, imprecise

(1) **inaccurate** measurement, (2) **inaccurate** figures

The information in the report was found to be **inaccurate**, so it had to be corrected before it was published.

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## unskilled

*adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

*synonym*: inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job

The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

## perceive

*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

*synonym*: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

## invisible

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

*synonym*: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

## competence

*n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

*synonym*: ability, proficiency, skill

(1) **competence** evaluation, (2) proven **competence**

The company is looking for candidates with the necessary **competence** and skills.

## proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym*: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. pe\_\_\_\_ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
3. ev\_\_\_\_te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
4. fr\_\_\_\_nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
5. beauty s\_\_t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
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9. Latin gr\_\_\_\_r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
10. il\_\_\_\_ry hope *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
11. em\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 1. argue, 2. perceive, 3. evaluate, 4. frequent, 5. spot, 6. software, 7. inept, 8. inaccurate, 9. grammar, 10. illusory, 11. emotional

12. national e\_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
13. boost my self-es\_\_\_m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
14. temporary me\_\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
15. kno\_\_\_\_\_ble staff *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
16. bo\_\_t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
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21. ju\_\_e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 12. ego, 13. esteem, 14. medical, 15. knowledgeable, 16. boost, 17. argue, 18. lab, 19. deficit, 20. invisible, 21. judge

22. un\_\_\_\_\_ed job *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
23. high st\_\_k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
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28. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
29. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
30. su\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 22. unskilled, 23. stack, 24. ethics, 25. label, 26. grammar, 27. frequent, 28. emotional, 29. degree, 30. suffer



31. is\_\_\_\_\_e a compound      *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
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33. gr\_\_p his hand      *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
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35. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition      *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
36. inc\_\_\_\_\_nce of urine      *n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done
37. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
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40. a me\_\_\_\_\_l opinion      *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
41. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 31. isolate, 32. grasp, 33. grasp, 34. mathematics, 35. mathematics, 36. incompetence, 37. intelligence, 38. knowledgeable, 39. perceive, 40. medical, 41. recognize

42. a large st\_\_k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
43. in\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
44. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
45. the ar\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
46. 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
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ANSWERS: 42. stack, 43. instinct, 44. emotion, 45. argument, 46. decision, 47. assume, 48. degree, 49. blind

50. vul\_\_\_\_\_le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
51. socially in\_\_t *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
52. economic bu\_\_\_e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
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55. mo\_\_\_\_\_te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
56. tou\_\_\_\_\_nt for professionals *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
57. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
58. es\_\_\_m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
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ANSWERS: 50. vulnerable, 51. inept, 52. bubble, 53. argument, 54. confidence, 55. moderate, 56. tournament, 57. participate, 58. esteem, 59. gap, 60. psychology, 61. vulnerable

62. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the value      *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
63. di\_\_\_\_\_y artwork      *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
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ANSWERS: 62. overestimate, 63. display, 64. viol, 65. awful, 66. spot, 67. accurate, 68. moderate, 69. competent, 70. perception, 71. forge

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73. control my em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
74. an aw\_\_l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
75. a hackneyed pr\_\_\_\_\_b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
76. provide su\_\_\_\_\_or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
77. co\_\_\_\_\_nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
78. de\_\_\_e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
79. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
80. bu\_\_\_e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 72. phenomenon, 73. emotion, 74. awful, 75. proverb, 76. superior, 77. competent, 78. debate, 79. debate, 80. bubble

81. ina\_\_\_\_\_te figures *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
82. historical phe\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
83. few cu\_\_\_e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
84. is\_\_\_\_\_e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
85. medical l\_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
86. un\_\_\_\_\_ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
87. pre\_\_\_\_\_ry agreement *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
88. certain ex\_\_\_t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
89. su\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
90. break dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 81. inaccurate, 82. phenomenon, 83. curse, 84. isolate, 85. lab, 86. unskilled, 87. preliminary, 88. extent, 89. suffer, 90. discipline

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| 91. psy_____gy experiment             | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior                                                                                                                     |
| 92. su_____or performance             | <i>adj.</i> better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others                                                                                                     |
| 93. the g_p between ideal and reality | <i>n.</i> a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.                                           |
| 94. a civil en_____er                 | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software                                                 |
| 95. a demonstration in lo__c          | <i>n.</i> a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments                         |
| 96. an int_____nce test               | <i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons                                                                           |
| 97. ev_____te a situation             | <i>v.</i> to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something                                                                              |
| 98. have a feeling of inc_____nce     | <i>n.</i> lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done                                               |
| 99. rigid dis_____ne                  | <i>n.</i> the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence |
| 100. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor   | <i>adv.</i> at the beginning; at first                                                                                                                                  |

ANSWERS: 91. psychology, 92. superior, 93. gap, 94. engineer, 95. logic, 96. intelligence, 97. evaluate, 98. incompetence, 99. discipline, 100. initially

101. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
102. di\_\_\_\_\_y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
103. grand de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
104. an indisputable lo\_\_c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
105. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
106. et\_\_\_s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
107. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
108. the ex\_\_\_t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
109. in\_\_\_\_\_ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
110. an associate ju\_\_e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 101. perception, 102. display, 103. delusion, 104. logic, 105. confidence, 106. ethics, 107. engineer, 108. extent, 109. initially, 110. judge



111. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
112. in\_\_\_\_\_le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
113. provide ac\_\_\_\_\_te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
114. an accumulative de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
115. bl\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
116. ancient pr\_\_\_\_\_b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
117. il\_\_\_\_\_ry wealth *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
118. la\_\_l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
119. labor under a de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
120. national tou\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

ANSWERS: 111. decision, 112. invisible, 113. accurate, 114. deficit, 115. blind, 116. proverb, 117. illusory, 118. label, 119. delusion, 120. tournament

121. fo\_\_e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
122. under a cu\_\_e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
123. proven com\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
124. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
125. pre\_\_\_\_\_ry investigation *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
126. e\_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
127. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
128. com\_\_\_\_\_ce evaluation *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
129. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 121. forge, 122. curse, 123. competence, 124. viol, 125. preliminary, 126. ego, 127. overestimate, 128. competence, 129. participate

130. bo\_\_t flexibility                    *v.*    to improve, raise, or increase something
131. aggressive in\_\_\_\_ct                *n.*    an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
132. so\_\_\_\_re architect                *n.*    a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
133. as\_\_\_e an important role            *v.*    to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
134. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent                *v.*    to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 130. boost, 131. instinct, 132. software, 133. assume, 134. recognize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
2. The company specializes in both hardware and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
3. The strict \_\_\_\_\_ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.  
*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
4. Many autocratic policies became a \_\_\_\_\_ for that country's economy.  
*n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
5. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.  
*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
6. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
7. He was \_\_\_\_\_ at handling the situation.  
*adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
8. The meeting aims to \_\_\_\_\_ possible choices.  
*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

ANSWERS: 1. esteem, 2. software, 3. judge, 4. curse, 5. suffers, 6. lab, 7. inept, 8. evaluate

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
10. The basketball \_\_\_\_\_ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.
- n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
11. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
12. She was constantly trying to boost her \_\_\_\_ by talking about her accomplishments.
- n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
13. 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
14. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
15. Australia is widely \_\_\_\_\_ as having low levels of corruption.
- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

ANSWERS: 9. debate, 10. tournament, 11. intelligence, 12. ego, 13. argue, 14. emotions, 15. perceived

16. The earthquake caused a \_\_\_\_\_ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
17. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
18. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
20. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities.
- v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
21. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.
- v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
22. His heartaches are less \_\_\_\_\_ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
23. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 16. stack, 17. perception, 18. instinct, 19. argument, 20. overestimate, 21. forge, 22. frequent, 23. deficit

24. The new smartphone model is \_\_\_\_\_ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

25. The company is looking for candidates with the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ and skills.

*n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

26. They spent a lot of time trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the current situation.

*v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

27. He quickly learned the military \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

28. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

30. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a millionaire.

*n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

31. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

ANSWERS: 24. superior, 25. competence, 26. grasp, 27. discipline, 28. psychology, 29. medical, 30. delusion, 31. proverb

32. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

33. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

- adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

35. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

36. Before starting the project, we need to go through some \_\_\_\_\_ research and planning.

- adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

37. Infants and pregnant women are particularly \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

38. This scripture provides the code of \_\_\_\_\_ for the religion.

- n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

39. The new service helped \_\_\_\_\_ net income by 10%.

- v.* to improve, raise, or increase something

ANSWERS: 32. spot, 33. display, 34. unskilled, 35. recognize, 36. preliminary, 37. vulnerable, 38. ethics, 39. boost



40. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.  
*adj.* relating to people's feelings
41. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.  
*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.  
*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
43. Many people are working together to close the gender \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
44. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.  
*v.* to take part in something
45. Mastering \_\_\_\_\_ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.  
*n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
46. A rainbow is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
47. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a \_\_\_\_\_ that could burst soon.  
*n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 40. emotional, 41. awful, 42. engineer, 43. gap, 44. participated, 45. grammar, 46. phenomenon, 47. bubble

48. The promise of easy money turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

49. Her behavior testified to her \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done

50. She is quite \_\_\_\_\_ about the latest trends in technology.

*adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

51. 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

52. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

53. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ them from the community.

*v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

54. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

55. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ in his description.

*n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 48. illusory, 49. incompetence, 50. knowledgeable, 51. decision, 52. accurate, 53. isolate, 54. assumes, 55. logic

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
57. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.  
*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
58. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the topic but needed further research.  
*adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
59. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.  
*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
60. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
61. The phenomenon is \_\_\_\_\_ at optical wavelengths.  
*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
62. The judge ruled that the defendant was \_\_\_\_\_ to stand trial.  
*adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
63. This train departed later than \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled.  
*adv.* at the beginning; at first
64. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.  
*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 56. viol, 57. degree, 58. moderate, 59. confidence, 60. mathematics, 61. invisible, 62. competent, 63. initially, 64. label

65. The information in the report was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ so it had to be corrected before it was published.

*adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

66. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

67. I was amazed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of her generosity.

*n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends

ANSWERS: 65. inaccurate, 66. blind, 67. extent