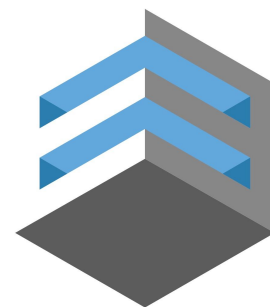


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## Session 1: Word List

### dread

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

*synonym* : fear, cringe, apprehend

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

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

### terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

### uptick

*n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend

*synonym* : increase, rise, surge

(1) **uptick** in crime, (2) a dramatic **uptick** in sales

There was a noticeable **uptick** in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

### 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.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## deformity

*n.* a physical abnormality or distortion

*synonym*: abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

## microcephaly

*n.* a medical condition characterized by an abnormally small head and underdeveloped brain, typically caused by genetic factors or prenatal infections

*synonym*: small brain, small head, microcrania

(1) detect **microcephaly** in ultrasound, (2) congenital **microcephaly**

The Zika virus has been linked to cases of **microcephaly**, a congenital disability characterized by an abnormally small head.

## equator

*n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

## mosquito

*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

*synonym*: insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

## yap

*v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something

*synonym*: bark, yap, jabber

(1) **yap** loudly, (2) **yap** away for hours

He's always **yapping** about how much money he makes, but I don't believe him.

## radiate

*v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

*synonym*: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

## upsurge

*n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

*synonym*: surge, increase, rise

(1) population **upsurge**, (2) an **upsurge** of emotion

The country saw an **upsurge** in tourism after the new airport was built.

## dengue

*n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

*synonym*: breakbone fever, infectious tropical disease

(1) **dengue** mosquito, (2) **dengue** outbreak

Many people in this region have contracted **dengue** fever from mosquito bites.

## natal

*adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

*synonym*: birth, nativity, born

(1) **natal** chart, (2) **natal** clinic

The mother-to-be attended **natal** classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.

## epicenter

*n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

*synonym*: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

## canoe

*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

## vaccinate

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## repellent

*adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

*synonym*: disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

## foolproof

*adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

*synonym*: unfailing, foolproof, fail-safe

(1) **foolproof** method, (2) **foolproof** plan

This recipe is **foolproof** and easy to follow, even for

inexperienced cooks.

## **insecticide**

*n.* a substance used to kill insects

*synonym* : pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide

(1) **insecticide** spray, (2) **insecticide** residue

The farmer sprayed the crop with **insecticide** to protect it from pests.

## **beekeeper**

*n.* a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops

*synonym* : apiarist, apiculturist, honey farmer

(1) **beekeeper** hat, (2) local **beekeeper**

My neighbor is a professional **beekeeper** who sells honey at the local farmers' market.

## **nuke**

*v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

*synonym* : blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

## **downside**

*n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

*synonym* : drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

## **creditor**

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## retell

*v.* to tell someone about something again or differently  
*synonym* : reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale  
He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

## pupa

*n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult

*synonym* : chrysalis, cocoon, pupae

(1) **pupa** stage, (2) emerge from a **pupa**

The **pupa** of the moth was hidden deep inside the cocoon.

## irradiate

*v.* to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident

*synonym* : radiate, beam, emit

(1) **irradiate** the atmosphere, (2) **irradiate** a tumor

The nuclear power plant was designed to **irradiate** the uranium rods to produce energy.

## sterile

*adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

*synonym* : clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

## hemisphere

*n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

## chikungunya

*n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue

*synonym* : dengue fever, zika virus, malaria

(1) **chikungunya** fever, (2) **chikungunya** outbreak

The **chikungunya** virus is transmitted to humans by

mosquitoes.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## crank

*n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

*synonym*: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

## tetracycline

*n.* a broad-spectrum antibiotic drug often prescribed for the treatment of bacterial infections

*synonym*: antibiotic

(1) **tetracycline** antibiotics, (2) **tetracycline** resistance

She was allergic to **tetracycline**, so the doctor had to find an alternative antibiotic for her condition.

## wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym*: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## beak

*n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouth of a bird

*synonym*: nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

## carton

*n.* a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items

*synonym*: box, package, container

(1) **carton** box, (2) empty **carton**

I need a **carton** of milk from the grocery store.

## subtitle

*n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

*synonym*: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

## torturous

*adj.* causing extreme physical or mental pain or suffering; marked by or involving a slow, painful, or tortuous process or experience

*synonym*: agonizing, grueling, tormenting

(1) **torturous** journey, (2) **torturous** process

The **torturous** hike through the dense jungle tested our endurance.

## cuddle

*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

*synonym*: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym*: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.



## legislator

*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

*synonym*: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent

### **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

## expedite

*v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something

*synonym*: accelerate, hasten, hurry

(1) **expedite** the decision, (2) **expedite** the shipment

We need to **expedite** the process if we want to meet our deadline.

## misinformation

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

*synonym*: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. a fine wr_____e on a fabric    | <i>n.</i> a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty                            |
| 2. ins_____de spray               | <i>n.</i> a substance used to kill insects  |
| 3. tet_____ine antibiotics        | <i>n.</i> a broad-spectrum antibiotic drug often prescribed for the treatment of bacterial infections                                 |
| 4. cu____e buddy                  | <i>v.</i> to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something |
| 5. ins_____de residue             | <i>n.</i> a substance used to kill insects  |
| 6. re____l an old tale            | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently  |
| 7. ter_____ng experience          | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating  |
| 8. ca____n box                    | <i>n.</i> a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items                                    |
| 9. promote bip_____an cooperation | <i>adj.</i> involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country   |
| 10. do_____de of globalization    | <i>n.</i> the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure  |
| 11. ind_____us student            | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort   |
| 12. ra____e in all directions     | <i>v.</i> to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions   |

ANSWERS: 1. wrinkle, 2. insecticide, 3. tetracycline, 4. cuddle, 5. insecticide, 6. retell, 7. terrifying, 8. carton, 9. bipartisan, 10. downside, 11. industrious, 12. radiate

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|---|-----------|--|
| 13. be_____er hat                       | <i>n.</i> | a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops  |
| 14. pa_____ze a city                    | <i>v.</i> | to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel   |
| 15. p__a stage                          | <i>n.</i> | the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult   |
| 16. empty ca____n                       | <i>n.</i> | a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items   |
| 17. an up_____e of emotion              | <i>n.</i> | a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency   |
| 18. a leg_____or appointed by the party | <i>n.</i> | a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws  |
| 19. detect mic_____aly in ultrasound    | <i>n.</i> | a medical condition characterized by an abnormally small head and underdeveloped brain, typically caused by genetic factors or prenatal infections |
| 20. cerebral hem_____re                 | <i>n.</i> | half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere  |
| 21. incumbent leg_____or                | <i>n.</i> | a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws  |
| 22. make a ca__e trip                   | <i>n.</i> | a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle  |
| 23. ta____e wires                       | <i>n.</i> | a confused mass of something twisted together  |
| 24. va_____te against scarlet fever     | <i>v.</i> | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease   |

ANSWERS: 13. beekeeper, 14. paralyze, 15. pupa, 16. carton, 17. upsurge, 18. legislator, 19. microcephaly, 20. hemisphere, 21. legislator, 22. canoe, 23. tangle, 24. vaccinate

25. northern hem\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
26. fo\_\_\_\_\_of plan *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
27. ep\_\_\_\_\_er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
28. in\_\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
29. cr\_\_k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
30. ex\_\_\_\_\_te the decision *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
31. fo\_\_\_\_\_of method *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
32. re\_\_\_\_l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
33. cr\_\_k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
34. south of the eq\_\_\_\_r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
35. ca\_\_e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 25. hemisphere, 26. foolproof, 27. epicenter, 28. infect, 29. crank, 30. expedite, 31. foolproof, 32. retell, 33. crank, 34. equator, 35. canoe

36. a st\_\_\_\_\_e man      *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
37. a dramatic up\_\_\_k in sales      *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
38. ir\_\_\_\_\_te a tumor      *v.* to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident
39. y\_p away for hours      *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
40. chi\_\_\_\_\_ya outbreak      *n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
41. physical de\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
42. chart su\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
43. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 36. sterile, 37. uptick, 38. irradiate, 39. yap, 40. chikungunya, 41. deformity, 42. subtitle, 43. industrious

44. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
45. na\_\_l clinic                                  *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
46. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims                      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
47. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events                      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
48. sharp b\_\_k                                  *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
49. major do\_\_\_\_\_de                      *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
50. ir\_\_\_\_\_te the atmosphere                      *v.* to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident
51. foreign-language su\_\_\_\_\_le                      *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
52. n\_\_e a city                                  *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 44. wrinkle, 45. natal, 46. creditor, 47. terrifying, 48. beak, 49. downside, 50. irradiate, 51. subtitle, 52. nuke

53. ra\_\_\_\_e an aura                    *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
54. dr\_\_d getting old                *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
55. y\_p loudly                        *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
56. de\_\_\_e mosquito                *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
57. re\_\_\_\_\_nt odor               *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
58. population up\_\_\_\_e              *n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
59. tet\_\_\_\_\_ine resistance       *n.* a broad-spectrum antibiotic drug often prescribed for the treatment of bacterial infections
60. the ep\_\_\_\_\_er of the sports world   *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
61. pa\_\_\_\_ze a person               *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
62. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or               *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 53. radiate, 54. dread, 55. yap, 56. dengue, 57. repellent, 58. upsurge, 59. tetracycline, 60. epicenter, 61. paralyze, 62. creditor

63. congenital mic\_\_\_\_\_aly *n.* a medical condition characterized by an abnormally small head and underdeveloped brain, typically caused by genetic factors or prenatal infections
64. local be\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops
65. ex\_\_\_\_\_te the shipment *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
66. to\_\_\_\_\_us journey *adj.* causing extreme physical or mental pain or suffering; marked by or involving a slow, painful, or tortuous process or experience
67. up\_\_\_\_k in crime *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
68. de\_\_\_\_\_ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
69. bip\_\_\_\_\_an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
70. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
71. in a ta\_\_\_\_e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
72. chi\_\_\_\_\_ya fever *n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue

ANSWERS: 63. microcephaly, 64. beekeeper, 65. expedite, 66. torturous, 67. uptick, 68. deformity, 69. bipartisan, 70. misinformation, 71. tangle, 72. chikungunya



73. re\_\_\_\_\_nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
74. dr\_\_d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
75. va\_\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
76. de\_\_\_e outbreak *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
77. a tip of the b\_\_k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
78. above the eq\_\_\_\_r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
79. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
80. n\_\_e missile *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
81. mo\_\_\_\_\_to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 73. repellent, 74. dread, 75. vaccinate, 76. dengue, 77. beak, 78. equator, 79. infect, 80. nuke, 81. mosquito

82. mo\_\_\_\_\_to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
83. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
84. st\_\_\_\_\_e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
85. cu\_\_\_\_\_e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
86. na\_\_l chart *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
87. emerge from a p\_\_a *n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
88. to\_\_\_\_\_us process *adj.* causing extreme physical or mental pain or suffering; marked by or involving a slow, painful, or tortuous process or experience

ANSWERS: 82. mosquito, 83. misinformation, 84. sterile, 85. cuddle, 86. natal, 87. pupa, 88. torturous

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.  
*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
3. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.  
*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
4. The Zika virus has been linked to cases of \_\_\_\_\_ a congenital disability characterized by an abnormally small head.  
*n.* a medical condition characterized by an abnormally small head and underdeveloped brain, typically caused by genetic factors or prenatal infections
5. The country saw an \_\_\_\_\_ in tourism after the new airport was built.  
*n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
6. The fishing reel had a \_\_\_\_\_ that made it easy to reel in the catch.  
*n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
7. My neighbor is a professional \_\_\_\_\_ who sells honey at the local farmers' market.  
*n.* a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. wrinkle-proof, 3. vaccinated, 4. microcephaly, 5. upsurge, 6. crank, 7. beekeeper

8. I need a \_\_\_\_\_ of milk from the grocery store.  
*n.* a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items
9. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the process if we want to meet our deadline.  
*v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
10. This weather pattern is unique to the southern \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
11. We all \_\_\_\_\_ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.  
*v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
12. Ecuador is on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ hike through the dense jungle tested our endurance.  
*adj.* causing extreme physical or mental pain or suffering; marked by or involving a slow, painful, or tortuous process or experience
14. After the accident, the police found an empty \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to plead not guilty.  
*v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

ANSWERS: 8. carton, 9. expedite, 10. hemisphere, 11. dread, 12. equator, 13. torturous, 14. canoe, 15. retells

16. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific \_\_\_\_\_ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
17. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ with my dog on the couch after a long day.
- v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
18. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the moth was hidden deep inside the cocoon.
- n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
20. The government threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.
- v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
21. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.
- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
22. Make sure to turn on \_\_\_\_\_ so you can understand the foreign film.
- n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 16. misinformation, 17. cuddle, 18. terrifying, 19. pupa, 20. nuke, 21. tangled, 22. subtitles

23. Corporate executives and \_\_\_\_\_ are still overwhelmingly men.  
*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
24. Roads \_\_\_\_\_ from the famous building in the center of the city.  
*v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
25. There was a noticeable \_\_\_\_\_ in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.  
*n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
26. The farmer sprayed the crop with \_\_\_\_\_ to protect it from pests.  
*n.* a substance used to kill insects
27. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
28. Many people in this region have contracted \_\_\_\_\_ fever from mosquito bites.  
*n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.  
*n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
30. Surgeons must use \_\_\_\_\_ instruments to prevent infection during an operation.  
*adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

ANSWERS: 23. legislators, 24. radiate, 25. uptick, 26. insecticide, 27. repellent, 28. dengue, 29. downside, 30. sterile

31. 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
32. The bird's \_\_\_\_\_ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.
- n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
33. The nuclear power plant was designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the uranium rods to produce energy.
- v.* to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
- n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.
- n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
36. She was allergic to \_\_\_\_\_ so the doctor had to find an alternative antibiotic for her condition.
- n.* a broad-spectrum antibiotic drug often prescribed for the treatment of bacterial infections
37. He's always \_\_\_\_\_ about how much money he makes, but I don't believe him.
- v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
38. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 31. paralyzed, 32. beak, 33. irradiate, 34. epicenter, 35. chikungunya, 36. tetracycline, 37. yapping, 38. infect

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

*n.* a physical abnormality or distortion

40. This recipe is \_\_\_\_\_ and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.

*adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

41. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

42. The legislation was passed with \_\_\_\_\_ support from both parties.

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

43. The mother-to-be attended \_\_\_\_\_ classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.

*adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

44. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 39. deformity, 40. foolproof, 41. creditor, 42. bipartisan, 43. natal, 44. mosquitos