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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### slippery

*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

*synonym*: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

### elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym*: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

### renegade

*n.* a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles

*synonym*: traitor, deserter, insurgent

(1) **renegade** group, (2) **renegade** soldier

He was a **renegade** from the organization who decided to expose the truth.

### conquest

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

*synonym*: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

## improbable

*adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

*synonym* : unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

## archer

*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

*synonym* : Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

## dagger

*n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool

*synonym* : shiv, poniard, blade

(1) **dagger** piercing, (2) sheathed **dagger**

The assassin pulled out a **dagger** from his belt to complete the task.

## ax

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

*synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

## spear

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

*synonym* : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

## weaponry

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym*: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## formidable

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

*synonym*: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

## batter

*v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

*synonym*: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

## conquer

*v.* to bring under control by force or authority

*synonym*: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

## instinctively

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

*synonym*: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## ingenuity

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym*: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**  
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

### **flourish**

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully  
*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

### **spoil**

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym*: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

### **casualty**

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

*synonym*: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

### **merciless**

*adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

*synonym*: ruthless, cruel, pitiless

(1) **merciless** criticism, (2) a **merciless** killer

The **merciless** dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

### **brute**

*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

*synonym*: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game

to be canceled.

## accentuate

*v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

*synonym*: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive

The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.

## beard

*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

*synonym*: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

## sling

*v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

*synonym*: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

## brace

*n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

*synonym*: support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

## pistol

*n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

*synonym*: revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

## brim

*n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

*synonym* : beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

## alight

*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

*synonym* : burning, lighted up, (verb) land

(1) catch **alight**, (2) **alight** from a train

The witness stated that he set a house **alight**.

## sizzle

*v.* to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan

*synonym* : crackle, hiss, pop

(1) **sizzle** in the distance, (2) **sizzle** in the pan

The hot metal **sizzled** as it hit the water, creating steam.

## menacingly

*adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner

*synonym* : threateningly, ominously

(1) approached **menacingly**, (2) smile **menacingly**

He stared **menacingly** at his opponent before moving into the chess game.

## macabre

*adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death

*synonym* : grotesque, gruesome, sinister

(1) **macabre** tales of war, (2) **macabre** art

The **macabre** scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym* : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## lawless

*adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

*synonym* :

unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

### **illiterate**

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym*: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

### **crossbones**

*n.* a pair of bones, typically depicted as crossed, that symbolize death or danger, often associated with pirate flags or poison labels

(1) **crossbones** tattoo, (2) pirate's **crossbones** flag

The Halloween costume included a black hat with a skull and **crossbones** design.

### **horrify**

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

### **filthy**

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

*synonym*: dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

### **fetid**

*adj.* having a strong and unpleasant smell; foul-smelling or malodorous

*synonym*: stenchy, putrid, malodorous

(1) **fetid** swamp, (2) **fetid** garbage

The room was filled with a **fetid** odor, making it difficult to

stay inside.

**airy** *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth  
*synonym* : fluffy, breezy, ethereal  
(1) **airy** fairy, (2) **airy** dress  
The room felt **airy** and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.

**ethos** *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person  
*synonym* : principles, ideology, philosophy  
(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**  
Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

**deviate** *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach  
*synonym* : stray, diverge, veer  
(1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan  
It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

**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.

**subversive** *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution



*synonym* : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

## radicalize

v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

*synonym* : transform, alter

(1) **radicalize** religious groups, (2) **radicalize** ideology

The extremist group aims to **radicalize** young people through its propaganda.

## shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

*synonym* : avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

## incisive

*adj.* characterized by clear and sharp thinking, analysis, or expression; having or demonstrating keen insight or intelligence

*synonym* : sharp, penetrating, insightful

(1) **incisive** wit, (2) **incisive** critique

She gave an **incisive** analysis of the current economic situation during her keynote speech.

## insistence

*n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

*synonym* : persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**

Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

## maverick

*adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

*synonym* : unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician

The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

## 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.

## environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym*: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

## geodesic

*adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure

*synonym*: dome-shaped, spherical, curved

(1) **geodesic** arc, (2) **geodesic** distance

The **geodesic** dome structure is both visually striking and highly efficient.

## sorely

*adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

*synonym*: severely, acutely, greatly

(1) **sorely** missed, (2) **sorely** in need

I was **sorely** disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.

## verve

*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

*synonym* : energy, enthusiasm, vitality

(1) journalistic **verve**, (2) perform with **verve**

The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic **verve**.

## buff

*n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

*synonym* : enthusiast, aficionado, fan

(1) **buffalo** buff, (2) movie **buff**

She's a history **buff** and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.

## originality

*n.* the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive

*synonym* : creativity, ingenuity, inventiveness

(1) artistic **originality**, (2) lack of **originality**

The chef's culinary creations were admired for their **originality** and creative use of ingredients.

## resourceful

*adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

*synonym* : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## receptive

*adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions  
*synonym* : open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## arduous

*adj.* requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor

*synonym* : challenging, difficult, strenuous

(1) **arduous** task, (2) an **arduous** journey

The climb up the mountain was **arduous** and took us hours to complete.

## pointless

*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

*synonym* : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

## enterprising

*adj.* marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation

*synonym* : ambitious, daring, resourceful

(1) **enterprising** spirit, (2) **enterprising** idea

The **enterprising** photographer captured rare shots of wildlife in their natural habitats.

## peek

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

*synonym* : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

### subtlety

*n.* the quality of being subtle

*synonym* : nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

### recourse

*n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

*synonym* : resort, alternative, choice

(1) **recourse** debt, (2) legal **recourse**

The government has no **recourse** but to raise taxes to fund public services.

### stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

### newfound

*adj.* newly discovered or acquired

*synonym* : afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

## Session 2: Spelling

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66. catch al\_\_\_\_t *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
67. b\_\_falo buff *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
68. sp\_\_l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
69. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
70. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 62. recourse, 63. arduous, 64. pointless, 65. enterprising, 66. alight, 67. buff, 68. spoil, 69. spear, 70. improvisation

71. artistic ori\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive
72. a me\_\_\_\_\_ss killer  
*adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
73. imp\_\_\_\_\_le event  
*adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
74. the pelvic b\_\_m  
*n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
75. advanced we\_\_\_\_\_ry  
*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
76. re\_\_\_\_\_ve audience  
*adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
77. sl\_\_\_\_\_ry ice  
*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
78. for\_\_\_\_\_le challenge  
*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
79. br\_\_e for impact  
*n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 71. originality, 72. merciless, 73. improbable, 74. brim, 75. weaponry, 76. receptive, 77. slippery, 78. formidable, 79. brace

80. ge\_\_\_\_ic distance *adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure
81. dedicated env\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
82. sl\_\_g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
83. make a co\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
84. ar\_\_\_r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
85. re\_\_\_\_de group *n.* a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles
86. fl\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
87. da\_\_\_r piercing *n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool
88. a black be\_\_d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
89. rad\_\_\_\_\_ze ideology *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

ANSWERS: 80. geodesic, 81. environmentalist, 82. sling, 83. conquest, 84. archer, 85. renegade, 86. flourish, 87. dagger, 88. beard, 89. radicalize

90. fe\_\_d garbage *adj.* having a strong and unpleasant smell; foul-smelling or malodorous
91. fi\_\_\_y streets *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
92. skilled ar\_\_\_r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
93. br\_\_e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
94. ho\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
95. p\_\_k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
96. approached men\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
97. cro\_\_\_\_\_es tattoo *n.* a pair of bones, typically depicted as crossed, that symbolize death or danger, often associated with pirate flags or poison labels
98. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
99. ho\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly

ANSWERS: 90. fetid, 91. filthy, 92. archer, 93. brute, 94. horrify, 95. peek, 96. menacingly, 97. crossbones, 98. stereotype, 99. horrify

100. track down an el_____e fact	<i>adj.</i> difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
101. re_____ve to change	<i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
102. sl__g shot	<i>v.</i> to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; <i>(noun)</i> a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
103. an ar_____s journey	<i>adj.</i> requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
104. smile men_____ly	<i>adv.</i> in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
105. a ne_____nd mine	<i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired
106. ill_____te population	<i>adj.</i> unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
107. fe__d swamp	<i>adj.</i> having a strong and unpleasant smell; foul-smelling or malodorous
108. an env_____ist political party	<i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
109. collective ins_____ce	<i>n.</i> the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
110. me_____ss criticism	<i>adj.</i> showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
111. the infinite in_____ty of man	<i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 100. elusive, 101. receptive, 102. sling, 103. arduous, 104. menacingly, 105. newfound, 106. illiterate, 107. fetid, 108. environmentalist, 109. insistence, 110. merciless, 111. ingenuity



112. si\_\_\_e in the distance      *v.* to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan
113. et\_\_\_s of science      *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
114. an ax in the toolbox      *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
115. cr\_\_\_k caller      *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
116. we\_\_\_\_\_ry development      *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
117. br\_\_\_e force      *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
118. res\_\_\_\_\_ul thinker      *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
119. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children      *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
120. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry ideas      *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 112. sizzle, 113. ethos, 114. ax, 115. crank, 116. weaponry, 117. brute, 118. resourceful, 119. instinctively, 120. visionary

121. la\_\_\_\_s behavior *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
122. the ba\_\_\_\_r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
123. avoid ste\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
124. pirate's cro\_\_\_\_es flag *n.* a pair of bones, typically depicted as crossed, that symbolize death or danger, often associated with pirate flags or poison labels
125. imp\_\_\_\_le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
126. ins\_\_\_\_ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
127. so\_\_\_\_y missed *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
128. ma\_\_\_\_ck politician *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
129. co\_\_\_\_r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 121. lawless, 122. batter, 123. stereotype, 124. crossbones, 125. improbable, 126. instinctively, 127. sorely, 128. maverick, 129. conquer

130. legal re\_\_\_\_se *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
131. br\_\_e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
132. sheathed da\_\_\_\_r *n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool

ANSWERS: 130. recourse, 131. brace, 132. dagger

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The witness stated that he set a house \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
2. How extraordinarily \_\_\_\_\_ a liar the camera is.  
*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
3. He used an \_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.  
*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
4. Despite attending school, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to read or write.  
*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
5. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ from the organization who decided to expose the truth.  
*n.* a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles
6. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.  
*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
7. The mountain range was a \_\_\_\_\_ obstacle for the hikers.  
*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
8. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.  
*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

ANSWERS: 1. alight, 2. slippery, 3. ax, 4. illiterate, 5. renegade, 6. elusive, 7. formidable, 8. filthy

9. I was \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.

*adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

10. Despite her \_\_\_\_\_ he refused to change his mind.

*n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

11. The underground club was a \_\_\_\_\_ environment where anything could happen.

*adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

12. Some researchers claim that even humans can \_\_\_\_\_ sense earthquakes.

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

13. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

14. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

15. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional \_\_\_\_\_ of a doctor.

*n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 9. sorely, 10. insistence, 11. lawless, 12. instinctively, 13. spoil, 14. stereotypes, 15. ethos

16. The climb up the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ and took us hours to complete.  
*adj.* requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.  
*v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.  
*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
19. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ on her leg to support her injured ankle.  
*n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
20. The dress's plunging neckline was designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the model's curves.  
*v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
21. The glass was filled to the \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.  
*n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.  
*adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
23. The room was filled with a \_\_\_\_\_ odor, making it difficult to stay inside.  
*adj.* having a strong and unpleasant smell; foul-smelling or malodorous

ANSWERS: 16. arduous, 17. shunned, 18. archer's, 19. brace, 20. accentuate, 21. brim, 22. maverick, 23. fetid

24. 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
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
- adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
- n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ photographer captured rare shots of wildlife in their natural habitats.
- adj.* marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation
28. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.
- n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
29. The hot metal \_\_\_\_\_ as it hit the water, creating steam.
- v.* to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan
30. She was \_\_\_\_\_ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
- adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
31. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.
- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

ANSWERS: 24. crank, 25. Arthurian, 26. environmentalist, 27. enterprising, 28. weaponry, 29. sizzled, 30. resourceful, 31. spears

32. She took a quick \_\_\_\_\_ inside the box before closing it again.

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

33. The Halloween costume included a black hat with a skull and \_\_\_\_\_ design.

*n.* a pair of bones, typically depicted as crossed, that symbolize death or danger, often associated with pirate flags or poison labels

34. His car was easily \_\_\_\_\_ in the parking lot.

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

35. Unfortunately, the driver was the only \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident.

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ dome structure is both visually striking and highly efficient.

*adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

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

38. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

*adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

39. The robbers were armed with \_\_\_\_\_ and demanded money.

*n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

ANSWERS: 32. peek, 33. crossbones, 34. recognizable, 35. casualty, 36. geodesic, 37. visionary, 38. improbable, 39. pistols



40. He got so angry that he \_\_\_\_\_ the door down.

*v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

41. The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

*adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

43. The artwork was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ theme that undermined religious beliefs.

*adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

44. With his \_\_\_\_\_ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

*adj.* newly discovered or acquired

45. The meeting was considered \_\_\_\_\_ since nothing was accomplished.

*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

46. The voters appeared to be \_\_\_\_\_ to his new ideas.

*adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

47. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your anxiety about driving.

*v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 40. battered, 41. verve, 42. merciless, 43. subversive, 44. newfound, 45. pointless, 46. receptive, 47. conquer

48. The government has no \_\_\_\_\_ but to raise taxes to fund public services.  
*n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
49. It's important not to \_\_\_\_\_ from the established safety procedures.  
*v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
50. She's a history \_\_\_\_\_ and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.  
*n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
51. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
52. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
53. He grew a thick \_\_\_\_\_ to change his appearance.  
*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
54. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust greatly
55. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.  
*adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death

ANSWERS: 48. recourse, 49. deviate, 50. buff, 51. flourished, 52. improvisation, 53. beard, 54. horrify, 55. macabre

56. The chef's culinary creations were admired for their \_\_\_\_\_ and creative use of ingredients.
- n.* the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive
57. The assassin pulled out a \_\_\_\_\_ from his belt to complete the task.
- n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool
58. The children were playing by \_\_\_\_\_ stones at the monument.
- v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;  
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
59. She gave an \_\_\_\_\_ analysis of the current economic situation during her keynote speech.
- adj.* characterized by clear and sharp thinking, analysis, or expression; having or demonstrating keen insight or intelligence
60. He stared \_\_\_\_\_ at his opponent before moving into the chess game.
- adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
61. The room felt \_\_\_\_\_ and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.
- adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
62. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
63. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 56. originality, 57. dagger, 58. slinging, 59. incisive, 60. menacingly, 61. airy, 62. ingenuity, 63. conquest

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.
- n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
65. The extremist group aims to \_\_\_\_\_ young people through its propaganda.
- v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
66. She examines the document with remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being subtle

ANSWERS: 64. brute, 65. radicalize, 66. subtlety