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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### evade

*v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something  
*synonym* : dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

### trap

*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

*synonym* : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

### expedition

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

*synonym* : journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

### ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories  
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## temple

*n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

*synonym*: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

## inscription

*n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

*synonym*: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

## graduate

*n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

*synonym*: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

## accompanying

*adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone

*synonym*: attendant, concomitant, coexisting

(1) **accompanying** equipment, (2) **accompanying** documents

The **accompanying** music was soothing and added to the ambiance.

## bump

*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

*synonym*: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## wisp

*n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

*synonym* : strand, thread, filament

(1) a **wisp** of mist, (2) a **wisp** of conversation

The **wisp** of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym* : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## hallway

*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

*synonym* : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

## giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## hourglass

*n.* a device used for measuring time consisting of two glass bulbs, connected by a narrow waist, that contains sand or other granular material which takes a set amount of

time to pass from one bulb to the other

*synonym* : sand clock, time glass, egg timer

(1) **hourglass** figure, (2) **hourglass** economy

The **hourglass** on the table was used to time the cooking of the cookies.

## **rumble**

*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

*synonym* : roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

## **recall**

*v.* to remember something

*synonym* : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

## **pace**

*n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

*synonym* : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

## **junction**

*n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining

*synonym* : intersection, convergence, connection

(1) **junction** box, (2) **junction** point

The **junction** between these two roads is a common site of traffic accidents.

## **trail**

*n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

*synonym* : footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

## erase

*v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it  
*synonym* : wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

## split

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym* : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

## 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.

## spirit

*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

*synonym* : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

## possess

*v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

*synonym* : keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

## intruder

*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

*synonym* : trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym*: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## deception

*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

*synonym*: fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

## possessed

*adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

*synonym*: controlled, influenced, consumed

(1) **possessed** by a fox, (2) like a person **possessed**

She was **possessed** by a fierce determination to succeed.

## occasionally

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

*synonym*: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

## guarantee

*v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

*synonym*: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym*: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## pause

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym*: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## trio

*n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together

*synonym*: set, group, threesome

(1) **trio** sonata, (2) jazz **trio**

The piano, violin, and cello formed a beautiful **trio** for the classical concert.

## 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.

## reliable

*adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

*synonym*: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym*: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## elimination

*n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone

*synonym*: removal, eradication, extinction

(1) waste **elimination**, (2) an **elimination** tournament

The government's efforts toward disease **elimination** have been successful in many regions.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## consistent

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

*synonym*: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.



## ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to  
*synonym*: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

## duo

n. a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group

*synonym*: pair, twosome, couple

(1) **duo** performance, (2) comedy **duo**

The music **duo** performed a sold-out show at the arena.

## conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

*synonym*: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

## separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

*synonym*: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym*: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

## vapor

n. a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air

*synonym*: condensation, dew, fog

(1) alcohol **vapor**, (2) water **vapor** in the atmosphere

Clouds form when water **vapor** rises to the upper atmosphere.

### **ordeal**

*n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

*synonym*: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

### **deserve**

*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

*synonym*: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

### **vacation**

*n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

*synonym*: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

## Session 2: Spelling

1. gr\_\_\_\_te degree program  
*n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
2. ins\_\_\_\_\_on on a plaque  
*n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
3. a short va\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
4. po\_\_\_\_\_s a basic knowledge  
*v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
5. like a person po\_\_\_\_\_ed  
*adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
6. acc\_\_\_\_\_ing documents  
*adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone
7. infrared in\_\_\_\_\_er system  
*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
8. pa\_\_e for a reaction  
*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
9. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 1. graduate, 2. inscription, 3. vacation, 4. possess, 5. possessed, 6. accompanying, 7. intruder, 8. pause, 9. determinant

10. ig\_\_\_e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
11. a w\_\_p of conversation *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
12. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
13. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
14. exp\_\_\_\_\_on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
15. emotional or\_\_\_l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
16. water va\_\_r in the atmosphere *n.* a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air
17. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss figure *n.* a device used for measuring time consisting of two glass bulbs, connected by a narrow waist, that contains sand or other granular material which takes a set amount of time to pass from one bulb to the other

ANSWERS: 10. ignore, 11. wisp, 12. process, 13. suddenly, 14. expedition, 15. ordeal, 16. vapor, 17. hourglass

18. an eli\_\_\_\_\_on tournament *n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
19. follow the tr\_\_l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
20. ig\_\_\_e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
21. honor gr\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
22. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
23. set a t\_\_p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
24. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
25. de\_\_\_\_\_on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
26. re\_\_\_l his name *v.* to remember something
27. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
28. under a cu\_\_e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 18. elimination, 19. trail, 20. ignore, 21. graduate, 22. conflict, 23. trap, 24. possibility, 25. deception, 26. recall, 27. giant, 28. curse

29. se\_\_\_\_te video into chapter      *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
30. the stock market co\_\_\_\_sed      *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
31. the runner's p\_\_e      *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
32. gu\_\_\_\_\_ee women equality      *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
33. po\_\_\_\_\_ed by a fox      *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
34. ru\_\_\_e down the dirt track      *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
35. t\_\_p an animal      *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
36. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly change the routine      *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
37. the head of a ha\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
38. er\_\_e a memory      *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
39. funerary ins\_\_\_\_\_ons      *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
40. jazz t\_\_o      *n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together

ANSWERS: 29. separate, 30. collapse, 31. pace, 32. guarantee, 33. possessed, 34. rumble, 35. trap, 36. occasionally, 37. hallway, 38. erase, 39. inscription, 40. trio

41. pr\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
42. te\_\_\_e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
43. ju\_\_\_\_\_on box *n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining
44. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
45. ev\_\_e capture *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
46. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
47. b\_\_p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
48. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
49. a warm tr\_\_l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

ANSWERS: 41. process, 42. temple, 43. junction, 44. giant, 45. evade, 46. conflict, 47. bump, 48. ancient, 49. trail

50. a w\_\_p of mist *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
51. b\_\_p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
52. re\_\_\_\_le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
53. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
54. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
55. acc\_\_\_\_\_ing equipment *adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone
56. pa\_\_e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
57. few cu\_\_e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
58. d\_o performance *n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group
59. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
60. comedy d\_o *n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group

ANSWERS: 50. wisp, 51. bump, 52. reliable, 53. occasionally, 54. communicate, 55. accompanying, 56. pause, 57. curse, 58. duo, 59. communicate, 60. duo



61. at your own p\_\_e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
62. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
63. illegal in\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
64. summer va\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
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66. 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
67. or\_\_\_l by fire *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
68. a polar exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
69. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 61. pace, 62. consistent, 63. intruder, 64. vacation, 65. determinant, 66. argue, 67. ordeal, 68. expedition, 69. deserve

70. alcohol va\_\_r *n.* a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air
71. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
72. po\_\_\_\_s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
73. an indomitable sp\_\_\_\_t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
74. ar\_\_e a case *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
75. ev\_\_e an issue *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
76. guarantee re\_\_\_\_le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
77. wax a ha\_\_\_\_y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
78. ho\_\_\_\_ss economy *n.* a device used for measuring time consisting of two glass bulbs, connected by a narrow waist, that contains sand or other granular material which takes a set amount of time to pass from one bulb to the other
79. waste eli\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone

ANSWERS: 70. vapor, 71. flee, 72. possess, 73. spirit, 74. argue, 75. evade, 76. reliable, 77. hallway, 78. hourglass, 79. elimination

80. ju\_\_\_\_on point *n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining
81. de\_\_\_\_\_on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
82. gu\_\_\_\_\_ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
83. ru\_\_\_e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
84. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
85. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
86. sp\_\_\_t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
87. sp\_\_t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
88. de\_\_\_\_\_e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
89. re\_\_\_l the incident *v.* to remember something

ANSWERS: 80. junction, 81. deception, 82. guarantee, 83. rumble, 84. consistent, 85. suddenly, 86. spirit, 87. split, 88. deserve, 89. recall

90. t\_\_o sonata *n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together
91. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
92. ready to co\_\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
93. sp\_\_t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
94. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
95. er\_\_ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
96. an\_\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
97. a tour guide at the te\_\_\_e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
98. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
99. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
100. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 90. trio, 91. possibility, 92. collapse, 93. split, 94. separate, 95. erase, 96. ancient, 97. temple, 98. doom, 99. flee, 100. doom

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She vividly \_\_\_\_\_ getting laid off several years ago.  
*v.* to remember something
2. The government's efforts toward disease \_\_\_\_\_ have been successful in many regions.  
*n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
3. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.  
*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
4. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.  
*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
5. Clouds form when water \_\_\_\_\_ rises to the upper atmosphere.  
*n.* a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air
6. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by a fierce determination to succeed.  
*adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
7. He dashed down a \_\_\_\_\_ to a bathroom.  
*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
8. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an \_\_\_\_\_ in their backyard.  
*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

ANSWERS: 1. recalls, 2. elimination, 3. collapsed, 4. conflicts, 5. vapor, 6. possessed, 7. hallway, 8. intruder

9. He \_\_\_\_\_ a good sense of humor.  
*v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
10. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
11. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
12. Trains are \_\_\_\_\_ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.  
*adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ between these two roads is a common site of traffic accidents.  
*n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining
14. The politician was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ for making false promises during his campaign.  
*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.  
*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
16. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.  
*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
17. Do you have a plan for a long \_\_\_\_\_  
*n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 9. possesses, 10. trap, 11. suddenly, 12. reliable, 13. junction, 14. deception, 15. giant, 16. paused, 17. vacation?

18. The storm left a \_\_\_\_\_ of destruction behind it.  
*n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ music was soothing and added to the ambiance.  
*adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone
20. The economy is growing at a supercharged \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
21. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.  
*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
22. She accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ into him in the crowded room.  
*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
23. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ enough raw material sources.  
*v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
24. The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the cops.  
*v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
25. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 18. trail, 19. accompanying, 20. pace, 21. separate, 22. bumped, 23. guarantee, 24. evade, 25. deserved

26. She still \_\_\_\_\_ writes a short romance novel.

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

27. He attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the misspelled word.

*v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

28. 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

29. Many employers hire \_\_\_\_\_ trainees to train as managers.

*n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.

*n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

31. The thunder \_\_\_\_\_ in the distance.

*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

32. 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

33. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 26. occasionally, 27. erase, 28. argue, 29. graduate, 30. wisp, 31. rumbled, 32. curse, 33. communicate



34. The music \_\_\_\_ performed a sold-out show at the arena.

*n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group

35. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your behavior.

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

36. He visited the \_\_\_\_\_ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

*n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the table was used to time the cooking of the cookies.

*n.* a device used for measuring time consisting of two glass bulbs, connected by a narrow waist, that contains sand or other granular material which takes a set amount of time to pass from one bulb to the other

38. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

40. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

41. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 34. duo, 35. consistent, 36. temple, 37. hourglass, 38. flee, 39. expedition, 40. doom, 41. ignored

42. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
44. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
45. The car accident was a traumatic \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone involved.
- n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
46. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
48. The ancient coin had an \_\_\_\_\_ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
- n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

ANSWERS: 42. spirit, 43. possibility, 44. ancient, 45. ordeal, 46. determinant, 47. split, 48. inscription

49. The piano, violin, and cello formed a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for the classical concert.
- n.* a group or set of three people or things, especially musicians playing together
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 49. trio, 50. process