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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### bloom

*n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

*synonym* : blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

### allergy

*n.* a hypersensitivity disorder of the immune system, characterized by an exaggerated response to certain allergens, such as pollens, foods, and drugs

*synonym* : hypersensitivity, reaction

(1) food **allergy**, (2) **allergy** treatment

The **allergy** test helped to determine the cause of her symptoms.

### inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym* : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## 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.

## sneeze

v. to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

*synonym*: exhale, whiff, blow

(1) **sneeze** into my hand, (2) **sneeze** loudly

Whenever I get a cold, I tend to **sneeze** a lot.

## congest

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

*synonym*: clog, choke, crowd

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

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

## swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## watery

*adj.* full of or containing water; wet

*synonym*: liquid, wet, damp

(1) a **watery** fluid, (2) go to a **watery** grave

The soup was too **watery** and needed more flavor.

## itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

*synonym*: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

## onslaught

*n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

*synonym* : attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

## mucus

*n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.

*synonym* : secretion, slime, saliva

(1) airway **mucus**, (2) nasal **mucus**

When the body temperature drops, **mucus** secretion fails.

## immune

*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

*synonym* : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

## seasonal

*adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons

*synonym* : periodic, cyclic

(1) **seasonal** allergies, (2) **seasonal** fruits

The pumpkin patch only operates during the **seasonal** fall months.

## hay

*n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

*synonym* : straw, fodder, forage

(1) **hay** cube, (2) **hay** asthma

We sat on a **hay** bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

## allergic

*adj.* having or caused by an allergy

*synonym* : hypersensitive, supersensitive, susceptible

(1) **allergic** children, (2) **allergic** to pollen

The infection triggered a high fever and **allergic** reactions.

## rhinitis

*n.* inflammation or irritation of the mucous membrane lining the nose, resulting in symptoms such as sneezing, nasal congestion, runny nose, and itching

*synonym*: runny nose, coryza, hay fever

(1) seasonal **rhinitis**, (2) allergic **rhinitis**

She has been suffering from chronic **rhinitis** for years and has tried various medications to relieve her symptoms.

## hypersensitive

*adj.* easily or overly affected emotionally, physically, or mentally by stimuli or situations that are not normally considered stressful or upsetting

*synonym*: over-sensitive, touchy, fragile

(1) **hypersensitive** reaction, (2) **hypersensitive** nerve endings

She became **hypersensitive** to criticism after being bullied in school.

## pollen

*n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

*synonym*: dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count

My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

## mold

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym*: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## spore

*n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae

*synonym* : seed, reproductive cell, particle

(1) anthrax **spore**, (2) **spore** reproduction

Bacteria and some algae also produce **spores** as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.

## fungus

*n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

*synonym* : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

## membrane

*n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue

*synonym* : tissue layer

(1) cell **membranes**, (2) nuclear **membrane**

Loud noises might harm the fragile ear **membrane**.

## innocuous

*adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

*synonym* : harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

## infectious

*adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water

*synonym* : contagious, epidemic, transmittable

(1) an **infectious** fever, (2) person's smile is **infectious**

Leprosy is an indolent **infectious** disease.

## bacteria

*n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

*synonym* : microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

**Bacteria** prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

## substance

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

*synonym* : essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

## threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym* : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

## antibody

*n.* a substance produced in the blood that attacks and kills harmful bacteria, viruses, etc., to fight disease

(1) produce **antibody**, (2) **antibody** against bacteria

This pharmaceutical company is developing **antibody** drugs with fewer side effects.

## recognize

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

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed  
*synonym*: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

## prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

*synonym*: actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

## recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

*synonym*: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

## defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

## accidentally

*adv.* by chance or without planning

*synonym*: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

## discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

*synonym*: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things  
You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

## harmless

*adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm  
*synonym*: benign, innocuous, inoffensive

(1) **harmless** in most people, (2) **harmless** substances  
Most people thought of him as a **harmless** eccentric.

## waft

*v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it  
*synonym*: float, drift, glide

(1) **waft** in the breeze, (2) **waft** of steam  
The smell of freshly baked bread began to **waft** through the house.

## latch

*n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt  
*synonym*: lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism  
The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

## trigger

*v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function  
*synonym*: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation  
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement  
*synonym*: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air  
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## inflame

*v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people  
*synonym*:



agitate, arouse, enrage

(1) **inflame** skin, (2) **inflame** his passion

Her eyes **inflamed** with crying.

## chemical

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

*synonym*: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

## histamine

*n.* a substance produced by the body, sometimes found in foods, that can cause allergic reactions, inflammation, or other physiological responses

(1) **histamine** reaction, (2) **histamine** blocker

His allergies caused **histamine** release in his body, leading to congestion and sneezing.

## stimulate

*v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

*synonym*: excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

## nervous

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

*synonym*: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

## vessel

*n.* a ship or large boat

*synonym*: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

## leak

*v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

*synonym* : outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

## fluid

*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

*synonym* : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

## genetics

*n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

(1) the science of **genetics**, (2) **genetics** discrimination

He is a specialist in the **genetics** of aging.

## culprit

*n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym* : criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

## associate

*v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

*synonym* : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## exposed

*adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

*synonym* :

endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

## allergen

*n.* a substance, such as pollen, dust mites, certain foods, or pet dander that can trigger an allergic reaction in susceptible individuals

*synonym*: irritant, trigger, substance

(1) airborne **allergen**, (2) seasonal **allergen**

Pollen is a common **allergen** that triggers hay fever in many people.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym*: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

## microbe

*n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

*synonym*: germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

**Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

## parasite

*n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

*synonym*: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym*: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## hunt

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

*synonym*: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

## hygiene

*n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness

*synonym*: cleanliness, health, sanitation

(1) **hygiene** practices, (2) public **hygiene**

Good **hygiene** is important for preventing the spread of illness.

## hypothesis

*n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

*synonym*: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

## cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

*synonym*: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

## mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym*: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

*synonym*: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

## overreact

v. to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

*synonym*: overplay, exaggerate, overstate

(1) **overreact** with anger, (2) **overreact** to the criticism

She **overreacted** to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.

## dander

n. tiny scales or particles of dry skin that are shed by animals, particularly cats and dogs, and can cause allergic reactions in some individuals

*synonym* : irritation, annoyance, fury

(1) allergenic **dander**, (2) pet **dander**

I have a severe allergy to cat **dander**, so I try to avoid places with cats.

## **insect**

*n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

## **venom**

*n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

*synonym* : poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

## **medication**

*n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

*synonym* : cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

## **overdrive**

*n.* a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard

*synonym* : high gear, high speed, turbocharge

(1) atial **overdrive** pacing, (2) go into **overdrive**

The car's **overdrive** function allows it to shift into a higher gear for better fuel efficiency on the highway.

## **reaction**

*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

*synonym* : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

## scary

*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

*synonym* : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

## full-blown

*adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

*synonym* : complete, total, absolute

(1) **full-blown** crisis, (2) **full-blown** epidemic

The hurricane hit the coast at **full-blown** force, causing widespread destruction.

## anaphylaxis

*n.* a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction including difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, hives, and swelling that occurs rapidly and affects multiple organs, typically triggered by exposure to an allergen such as a food, medication, or insect sting

*synonym* : severe allergic reaction, hypersensitivity

(1) severe **anaphylaxis**, (2) fatal **anaphylaxis**

He had a severe allergic reaction and went into life-threatening **anaphylaxis** within minutes.

## typical

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

*synonym* : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

## severe

*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

*synonym* : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

## swelling

*n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

*synonym*: bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body  
After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

## breath

*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym*: air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## autoimmune

*adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

(1) insulin **autoimmune** syndrome, (2) **autoimmune** disorder

The presence of certain substances triggered the **autoimmune** response.

## disorder

*n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

*synonym*: chaos, disturbance, disease

(1) the files are in complete **disorder**, (2) people with bipolar **disorder**

The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental **disorder**.

## sclerotic

*adj.* referring to the hardening or thickening of a tissue, organ, or other body parts, often due to infection, disease, or aging

*synonym*: hardened, rigid, stiff

(1) **sclerotic** lesion, (2) **sclerotic** plaques



The **sclerotic** arteries in his legs made it difficult for him to walk long distances.

## **lupus**

*n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage

(1) drug-induced **lupus**, (2) **lupus** treatment

Treatment for **lupus** depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.

## **diabetes**

*n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

## **symptom**

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

*synonym*: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

## **miserable**

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

*synonym*: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

## **bind**

*v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

*synonym*: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

## inflammation

*n.* a physical condition in which a part of the body becomes red, painful, hot, and often swollen, especially as a reaction to infection or injury

*synonym* : rash, hives, irritation

(1) reduce **inflammation** and pain, (2) **inflammation** of the lungs

The medicine soothes the pain of chronic **inflammation**.

## dial

*v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

*synonym* : adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

## permanent

*adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

*synonym* : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

## deliberate

*adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

*synonym* : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

## exposure

*n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

*synonym* : vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym* : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## intestinal

*adj.* relating to the intestines (= the part of the alimentary canal between the stomach and the anus) or bowel; located or occurring within the intestines or bowel

*synonym* : enteric, gut, digestive

(1) **intestinal** blockage, (2) **intestinal** bacteria

The patient experienced severe abdominal pain due to an **intestinal** infection.

## hookworm

*n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and feeds on its blood, causing anemia, fatigue, and other symptoms

*synonym* : parasite, nematode, roundworm

(1) **hookworm** larvae, (2) treat **hookworm** disease

The **hookworm** infection can cause serious health problems if left untreated.

## sink

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym* : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

## blunt

*adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

*synonym* : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym* : motorize

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

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

## dwindle

*v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

*synonym* : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

## midsummer

*n.* the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light

*synonym* : solstice, longest day, high summer

(1) **midsummer** night, (2) **midsummer** festival

The **midsummer** heat made it difficult to work outside for too long.

## ragweed

*n.* a type of flowering plant in the genus *Ambrosia*, often considered a weed, that produces pollen responsible for causing allergic reactions in some people

*synonym* : allergen, hay fever trigger

(1) **ragweed** allergy, (2) **ragweed** season

Many people suffer from allergies due to the pollen released by **ragweed** plants during the summer.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_\_k a lot of capital  
*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
2. a ch\_\_\_\_al compound  
*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
3. hi\_\_\_\_\_ne blocker  
*n.* a substance produced by the body, sometimes found in foods, that can cause allergic reactions, inflammation, or other physiological responses
4. fu\_\_\_s infection  
*n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
5. produce an\_\_\_\_dy  
*n.* a substance produced in the blood that attacks and kills harmful bacteria, viruses, etc., to fight disease
6. br\_\_\_h of wind  
*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
7. acc\_\_\_\_\_lly coincide  
*adv.* by chance or without planning
8. l\_\_k a classified memo  
*v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
9. the cell of the im\_\_\_e system  
*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

ANSWERS: 1. sink, 2. chemical, 3. histamine, 4. fungus, 5. antibody, 6. breath, 7. accidentally, 8. leak, 9. immune

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| 10. pe_____nt life insurance         | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change  |
| 11. i__h constantly                  | <i>v.</i> to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it  |
| 12. th_____en a healthy relationship | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone   |
| 13. cell me_____nes                  | <i>n.</i> a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue  |
| 14. a southern ex_____re             | <i>n.</i> the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret                                 |
| 15. literature of pe_____nt value    | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change  |
| 16. person's smile is inf_____us     | <i>adj.</i> able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water   |
| 17. tr_____r inflation               | <i>v.</i> to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function   |
| 18. atrial ov_____ve pacing          | <i>n.</i> a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard |
| 19. on_____ht of criticism           | <i>n.</i> a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative  |

ANSWERS: 10. permanent, 11. itch, 12. threaten, 13. membrane, 14. exposure, 15. permanent, 16. infectious, 17. trigger, 18. overdrive, 19. onslaught

20. im\_\_\_e from criminal prosecution      *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
21. in\_\_\_t biology      *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
22. trigger a re\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
23. pathogenic ba\_\_\_\_ia      *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
24. med\_\_\_\_\_on by mouth      *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
25. de\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
26. del\_\_\_\_\_te attempt      *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
27. of\_\_\_d a customer      *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
28. reduce inf\_\_\_\_\_ion and pain      *n.* a physical condition in which a part of the body becomes red, painful, hot, and often swollen, especially as a reaction to infection or injury

ANSWERS: 20. immune, 21. insect, 22. reaction, 23. bacteria, 24. medication, 25. develop, 26. deliberate, 27. offend, 28. inflammation

29. fairly ty\_\_\_\_\_l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
30. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
31. pa\_\_\_\_\_te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
32. al\_\_\_\_\_ic to pollen *adj.* having or caused by an allergy
33. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
34. urban on\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
35. plant pa\_\_\_\_\_en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
36. mo\_\_t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
37. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ive nerve endings *adj.* easily or overly affected emotionally, physically, or mentally by stimuli or situations that are not normally considered stressful or upsetting

ANSWERS: 29. typical, 30. discriminate, 31. parasite, 32. allergic, 33. recognize, 34. onslaught, 35. pathogen, 36. mount, 37. hypersensitive



38. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel      *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
39. chemical re\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
40. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
41. get ne\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
42. ra\_\_\_\_\_d season      *n.* a type of flowering plant in the genus Ambrosia, often considered a weed, that produces pollen responsible for causing allergic reactions in some people
43. su\_\_\_\_\_ce abuse problem      *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
44. drug-induced lu\_\_\_\_s      *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
45. blood ve\_\_\_\_ls      *n.* a ship or large boat
46. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 38. inspire, 39. reaction, 40. encounter, 41. nervous, 42. ragweed, 43. substance, 44. lupus, 45. vessel, 46. develop

47. as\_\_\_\_\_te alcohol with gambling      *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
48. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process      *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
49. hi\_\_\_\_\_ne reaction      *n.* a substance produced by the body, sometimes found in foods, that can cause allergic reactions, inflammation, or other physiological responses
50. ev\_\_\_\_\_e over the past decade      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
51. hold your br\_\_\_\_h      *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
52. nasal mu\_\_s      *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
53. hy\_\_\_\_\_e practices      *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
54. c\_\_t a charming eye      *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
55. go into ov\_\_\_\_\_ve      *n.* a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard

ANSWERS: 47. associate, 48. gradual, 49. histamine, 50. evolve, 51. breath, 52. mucus, 53. hygiene, 54. cast, 55. overdrive



64. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater      *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
65. w\_\_t of steam      *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
66. aut\_\_\_\_\_ne disorder      *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances
67. they met acc\_\_\_\_\_lly      *adv.* by chance or without planning
68. people with bipolar di\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
69. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner      *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
70. ha\_\_\_\_\_ss substances      *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
71. tr\_\_\_\_\_r a biochemical response      *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
72. mi\_\_\_\_\_es sterilizer      *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

ANSWERS: 64. sink, 65. waft, 66. autoimmune, 67. accidentally, 68. disorder, 69. release, 70. harmless, 71. trigger, 72. microbe

73. b\_\_d the man's hands      *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
74. in\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity      *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
75. po\_\_\_n allergy symptoms      *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
76. mi\_\_\_\_\_le weather      *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
77. test my hyp\_\_\_\_\_is      *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
78. sw\_\_l a population      *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
79. dr\_\_d getting old      *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
80. allergenic da\_\_\_r      *n.* tiny scales or particles of dry skin that are shed by animals, particularly cats and dogs, and can cause allergic reactions in some individuals
81. in\_\_\_t antenna      *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
82. an explosive su\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

ANSWERS: 73. bind, 74. inspire, 75. pollen, 76. miserable, 77. hypothesis, 78. swell, 79. dread, 80. dander, 81. insect, 82. substance

83. the ve\_\_m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
84. the del\_\_\_\_\_te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
85. se\_\_\_e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
86. toxic ch\_\_\_\_\_als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
87. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
88. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
89. sc\_\_\_y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
90. de\_\_\_d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
91. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
92. se\_\_\_\_\_al fruits *adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
93. ful\_\_\_\_\_wn crisis *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

ANSWERS: 83. venom, 84. deliberate, 85. severe, 86. chemical, 87. offend, 88. industrialize, 89. scary, 90. defend, 91. tradition, 92. seasonal, 93. full-blown

94. bl\_\_m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
95. ho\_\_\_\_\_rm larvae *n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and feeds on its blood, causing anemia, fatigue, and other symptoms
96. int\_\_\_\_\_al blockage *adj.* relating to the intestines (= the part of the alimentary canal between the stomach and the anus) or bowel; located or occurring within the intestines or bowel
97. lead an adv\_\_\_\_\_us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
98. sn\_\_\_e into my hand *v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants
99. insulin aut\_\_\_\_\_ne syndrome *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances
100. mo\_\_t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
101. ex\_\_\_\_\_d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 94. bloom, 95. hookworm, 96. intestinal, 97. adventurous, 98. sneeze, 99. autoimmune, 100. mount, 101. exposed

102. juvenile di\_\_\_\_\_es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
103. sc\_\_y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
104. severe ana\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction including difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, hives, and swelling that occurs rapidly and affects multiple organs, typically triggered by exposure to an allergen such as a food, medication, or insect sting
105. anthrax sp\_\_e *n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
106. sn\_\_\_e loudly *v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants
107. ful\_\_\_\_\_wn epidemic *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
108. i\_\_h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
109. treat ho\_\_\_\_\_rm disease *n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and feeds on its blood, causing anemia, fatigue, and other symptoms

ANSWERS: 102. diabetes, 103. scary, 104. anaphylaxis, 105. spore, 106. sneeze, 107. full-blown, 108. itch, 109. hookworm



110. c\_\_t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
111. sc\_\_\_\_\_ic plaques *adj.* referring to the hardening or thickening of a tissue, organ, or other body parts, often due to infection, disease, or aging
112. h\_y cube *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
113. bl\_\_t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
114. al\_\_\_\_\_y treatment *n.* a hypersensitivity disorder of the immune system, characterized by an exaggerated response to certain allergens, such as pollens, foods, and drugs
115. ge\_\_\_\_\_cs discrimination *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
116. re\_\_\_\_\_t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
117. an\_\_\_\_\_dy against bacteria *n.* a substance produced in the blood that attacks and kills harmful bacteria, viruses, etc., to fight disease
118. di\_\_\_\_\_es patient *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

ANSWERS: 110. cast, 111. sclerotic, 112. hay, 113. blunt, 114. allergy, 115. genetics, 116. recruit, 117. antibody, 118. diabetes



128. dr\_\_d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
129. re\_\_\_\_\_t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
130. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
131. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
132. adv\_\_\_\_\_us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
133. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
134. development of the ne\_\_\_\_\_s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
135. an inf\_\_\_\_\_us fever *adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water
136. injected ve\_\_m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
137. public hy\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
138. fatal ana\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction including difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, hives, and swelling that occurs rapidly and affects multiple organs, typically triggered by exposure to an allergen such as a food, medication, or insect sting

ANSWERS: 128. dread, 129. recruit, 130. release, 131. environment, 132. adventurous, 133. hunt, 134. nervous, 135. infectious, 136. venom, 137. hygiene,

138. anaphylaxis

139. pet da\_\_\_r *n.* tiny scales or particles of dry skin that are shed by animals, particularly cats and dogs, and can cause allergic reactions in some individuals
140. b\_\_d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
141. ov\_\_\_\_\_ct to the criticism *v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
142. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
143. seasonal al\_\_\_\_\_en *n.* a substance, such as pollen, dust mites, certain foods, or pet dander that can trigger an allergic reaction in susceptible individuals
144. d\_\_l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
145. in\_\_\_\_\_us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
146. harmless ba\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
147. ra\_\_\_\_\_d allergy *n.* a type of flowering plant in the genus Ambrosia, often considered a weed, that produces pollen responsible for causing allergic reactions in some people

ANSWERS: 139. dander, 140. bind, 141. overreact, 142. industrialize, 143. allergen, 144. dial, 145. innocuous, 146. bacteria, 147. ragweed

148. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
149. se\_\_\_\_\_al allergies *adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
150. antibiotic med\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
151. as\_\_\_\_\_te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
152. st\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
153. nuclear me\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
154. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
155. go to a wa\_\_\_\_y grave *adj.* full of or containing water; wet
156. symbiotic fu\_\_\_\_s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
157. fl\_\_d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
158. int\_\_\_\_\_al bacteria *adj.* relating to the intestines (= the part of the alimentary canal between the stomach and the anus) or bowel; located or occurring within the intestines or bowel

ANSWERS: 148. gradual, 149. seasonal, 150. medication, 151. associate, 152. stimulate, 153. membrane, 154. parasite, 155. watery, 156. fungus, 157. fluid, 158. intestinal

159. black-and-white bl\_\_ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
160. ha\_\_\_\_\_ss in most people *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
161. dw\_\_\_\_\_e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
162. al\_\_\_\_\_ic children *adj.* having or caused by an allergy
163. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
164. airborne al\_\_\_\_\_en *n.* a substance, such as pollen, dust mites, certain foods, or pet dander that can trigger an allergic reaction in susceptible individuals
165. bl\_\_t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
166. the files are in complete di\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
167. hard sw\_\_\_\_\_ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
168. high po\_\_\_\_\_n count *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

ANSWERS: 159. bloom, 160. harmless, 161. dwindle, 162. allergic, 163. congest, 164. allergen, 165. blunt, 166. disorder, 167. swelling, 168. pollen

169. sc\_\_\_\_\_ic lesion *adj.* referring to the hardening or thickening of a tissue, organ, or other body parts, often due to infection, disease, or aging
170. seasonal rh\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* inflammation or irritation of the mucous membrane lining the nose, resulting in symptoms such as sneezing, nasal congestion, runny nose, and itching
171. pr\_\_\_\_t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
172. sw\_\_l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
173. co\_\_\_\_\_t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
174. airway mu\_\_s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
175. plenty of fl\_\_ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
176. ty\_\_\_\_\_l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
177. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
178. the pa\_\_\_\_\_en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
179. in\_\_\_\_\_e his passion *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

ANSWERS: 169. sclerotic, 170. rhinitis, 171. prompt, 172. swell, 173. congest, 174. mucus, 175. fluid, 176. typical, 177. threaten, 178. pathogen, 179. inflame



180. h\_\_t after knowledge      *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
181. pr\_\_\_t a feeling of hunger      *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
182. the ex\_\_\_\_\_re of a fraud      *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
183. d\_\_l down the tension      *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
184. set the la\_\_h      *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
185. food al\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a hypersensitivity disorder of the immune system, characterized by an exaggerated response to certain allergens, such as pollens, foods, and drugs
186. de\_\_\_d against a threat      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
187. naval ve\_\_\_ls      *n.* a ship or large boat
188. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 180. hunt, 181. prompt, 182. exposure, 183. dial, 184. latch, 185. allergy, 186. defend, 187. vessel, 188. encounter

189. the cu\_\_\_\_t of global warming      *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
190. mi\_\_\_\_\_le experience      *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
191. allergic rh\_\_\_\_\_is      *n.* inflammation or irritation of the mucous membrane lining the nose, resulting in symptoms such as sneezing, nasal congestion, runny nose, and itching
192. l\_\_k data      *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
193. sw\_\_\_\_\_ng of the ankle      *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
194. h\_y asthma      *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
195. a casting m\_\_d      *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
196. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate between different things      *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 189. culprit, 190. miserable, 191. rhinitis, 192. leak, 193. swelling, 194. hay, 195. mold, 196. discriminate

197. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
198. lu\_\_s treatment      *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
199. ev\_\_\_e      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
200. a wa\_\_\_y fluid      *adj.* full of or containing water; wet
201. pathogenic mi\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
202. w\_\_t in the breeze      *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
203. an ex\_\_\_\_\_d rock      *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
204. the science of ge\_\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
205. la\_\_h mechanism      *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
206. a se\_\_\_e case of pneumonia      *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 197. environment, 198. lupus, 199. evolve, 200. watery, 201. microbe, 202. waft, 203. exposed, 204. genetics, 205. latch, 206. severe

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.  
*v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
2. The patient experienced severe abdominal pain due to an \_\_\_\_\_ infection.  
*adj.* relating to the intestines (= the part of the alimentary canal between the stomach and the anus) or bowel; located or occurring within the intestines or bowel
3. The book \_\_\_\_\_ my imagination.  
*v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
4. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was \_\_\_\_\_ about invasion.  
*adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
5. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.  
*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
6. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
7. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after her dog passed away.  
*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

ANSWERS: 1. defend, 2. intestinal, 3. stimulated, 4. deliberate, 5. adventurous, 6. immune, 7. miserable

8. Treatment for \_\_\_\_\_ depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.
- n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
9. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
10. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.
- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
11. The soup was too \_\_\_\_\_ and needed more flavor.
- adj.* full of or containing water; wet
12. I have a severe allergy to cat \_\_\_\_\_ so I try to avoid places with cats.
- n.* tiny scales or particles of dry skin that are shed by animals, particularly cats and dogs, and can cause allergic reactions in some individuals
13. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
14. The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
15. He is a specialist in the \_\_\_\_\_ of aging.
- n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

ANSWERS: 8. lupus, 9. tradition, 10. nervous, 11. watery, 12. dander, 13. industrialize, 14. disorder, 15. genetics

16. There was a chemical \_\_\_\_\_ of the lime with the groundwater.  
*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
17. The infection triggered a high fever and \_\_\_\_\_ reactions.  
*adj.* having or caused by an allergy
18. Tapeworms are \_\_\_\_\_ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.  
*n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
19. Bacteria and some algae also produce \_\_\_\_\_ as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.  
*n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
20. The senator received \_\_\_\_\_ criticism from his opponent.  
*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
21. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.  
*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
22. The incident \_\_\_\_\_ a political controversy.  
*v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
23. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.  
*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 16. reaction, 17. allergic, 18. parasites, 19. spores, 20. severe, 21. typical, 22. triggered, 23. swelling

24. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
25. The long \_\_\_\_\_ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
- n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
26. His allergies caused \_\_\_\_\_ release in his body, leading to congestion and sneezing.
- n.* a substance produced by the body, sometimes found in foods, that can cause allergic reactions, inflammation, or other physiological responses
27. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
28. He was \_\_\_\_\_ killed by friendly fire.
- adv.* by chance or without planning
29. I can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
- v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
30. \_\_\_\_\_ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.
- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
31. Certain types of \_\_\_\_\_ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 24. inspired, 25. exposure, 26. histamine, 27. offended, 28. accidentally, 29. itching, 30. Bacteria, 31. fungus



32. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ against minorities.
- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
33. She was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ buildup in her lungs.
- n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
34. The pharmacist not only prescribes the \_\_\_\_\_ but also guides its proper use.
- n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
35. Many people suffer from allergies due to the pollen released by \_\_\_\_\_ plants during the summer.
- n.* a type of flowering plant in the genus *Ambrosia*, often considered a weed, that produces pollen responsible for causing allergic reactions in some people
36. These \_\_\_\_\_ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
37. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
38. My allergies flare up during \_\_\_\_\_ season, making it difficult to breathe.
- n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. discriminate, 33. fluid, 34. medication, 35. ragweed, 36. insects, 37. pathogens, 38. pollen, 39. dread

40. This evidence supports the big-bang \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
41. When the body temperature drops, \_\_\_\_\_ secretion fails.
- n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
42. Mushrooms and \_\_\_\_\_ are fungi.
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.
- n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
44. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
45. The snake's \_\_\_\_\_ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
- n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
46. Good \_\_\_\_\_ is important for preventing the spread of illness.
- n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in port the following day.
- n.* a ship or large boat

ANSWERS: 40. hypothesis, 41. mucus, 42. mold, 43. latch, 44. threatening, 45. venom, 46. hygiene, 47. vessel

48. They finally found the \_\_\_\_\_ of the bug after a long time.  
*n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
49. The hurricane hit the coast at \_\_\_\_\_ force, causing widespread destruction.  
*adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ test helped to determine the cause of her symptoms.  
*n.* a hypersensitivity disorder of the immune system, characterized by an exaggerated response to certain allergens, such as pollens, foods, and drugs
51. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
52. This pharmaceutical company is developing \_\_\_\_\_ drugs with fewer side effects.  
*n.* a substance produced in the blood that attacks and kills harmful bacteria, viruses, etc., to fight disease
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat made it difficult to work outside for too long.  
*n.* the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light
54. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
55. The presence of certain substances triggered the \_\_\_\_\_ response.  
*adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

ANSWERS: 48. culprit, 49. full-blown, 50. allergy, 51. release, 52. antibody, 53. midsummer, 54. environment, 55. autoimmune

56. Hounds \_\_\_\_\_ their prey by using their keen scent.

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ arteries in his legs made it difficult for him to walk long distances.

*adj.* referring to the hardening or thickening of a tissue, organ, or other body parts, often due to infection, disease, or aging

58. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

59. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

60. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

61. The colonial government \_\_\_\_\_ militia support when civil war broke out.

*v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

62. He \_\_\_\_\_ the phone number and waited for an answer.

*v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

63. The pumpkin patch only operates during the \_\_\_\_\_ fall months.

*adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons

ANSWERS: 56. hunt, 57. sclerotic, 58. cast, 59. gradual, 60. evolved, 61. recruited, 62. dialed, 63. seasonal

64. The firm has grown into a large \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing.

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

65. Whenever I get a cold, I tend to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.

*v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

66. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

67. She has been suffering from chronic \_\_\_\_\_ for years and has tried various medications to relieve her symptoms.

*n.* inflammation or irritation of the mucous membrane lining the nose, resulting in symptoms such as sneezing, nasal congestion, runny nose, and itching

68. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument was well-presented.

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

69. The horror movie was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't watch it alone.

*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

70. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 64. chemical, 65. sneeze, 66. sink, 67. rhinitis, 68. substance, 69. scary, 70. develop

71. The smell of freshly baked bread began to \_\_\_\_\_ through the house.
- v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently;
  - (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
72. The roads to the airport were heavily \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
73. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
74. We sat on a \_\_\_\_\_ bale and watched the sunset over the fields.
- n. grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
75. He \_\_\_\_\_ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
- v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
76. \_\_\_\_\_ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
77. The car's \_\_\_\_\_ function allows it to shift into a higher gear for better fuel efficiency on the highway.
- n. a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard

ANSWERS: 71. waft, 72. congested, 73. bloom, 74. hay, 75. leaked, 76. Microbes, 77. overdrive

78. Tech companies often employ \_\_\_\_\_ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
- adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
79. The patient displays a \_\_\_\_\_ of a side effect.
- n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
80. The medicine soothes the pain of chronic \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a physical condition in which a part of the body becomes red, painful, hot, and often swollen, especially as a reaction to infection or injury
81. He had a severe allergic reaction and went into life-threatening \_\_\_\_\_ within minutes.
- n.* a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction including difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, hives, and swelling that occurs rapidly and affects multiple organs, typically triggered by exposure to an allergen such as a food, medication, or insect sting
82. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.
- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
83. After intensive icing by the trainer, the \_\_\_\_\_ went down.
- n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.
- adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

ANSWERS: 78. exposed, 79. symptom, 80. inflammation, 81. anaphylaxis, 82. breath, 83. swelling, 84. blunt

85. That incident \_\_\_\_\_ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
- v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
86. She \_\_\_\_\_ to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.
- v. to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
87. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.
- v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
88. The spider in the corner of the room seemed \_\_\_\_\_ but it made her uneasy.
- adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
89. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
90. Pollen is a common \_\_\_\_\_ that triggers hay fever in many people.
- n. a substance, such as pollen, dust mites, certain foods, or pet dander that can trigger an allergic reaction in susceptible individuals
91. The company's rules \_\_\_\_\_ the employee's working hours.
- v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
92. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 85. prompted, 86. overreacted, 87. associate, 88. innocuous, 89. mounted, 90. allergen, 91. bind, 92. recognize



93. My father was tested for \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

94. She is searching for a \_\_\_\_\_ residence.

- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

95. The crowds at the festival \_\_\_\_\_ as the night went on.

- v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

96. The village was unprepared for the sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy army.

- n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

97. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

98. Leprosy is an indolent \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

- adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water

99. She became \_\_\_\_\_ to criticism after being bullied in school.

- adj.* easily or overly affected emotionally, physically, or mentally by stimuli or situations that are not normally considered stressful or upsetting

100. The \_\_\_\_\_ infection can cause serious health problems if left untreated.

- n.* a parasitic worm that attaches itself to the intestinal wall of a host and feeds on its blood, causing anemia, fatigue, and other symptoms

ANSWERS: 93. diabetes, 94. permanent, 95. dwindled, 96. onslaught, 97. encounter, 98. infectious, 99. hypersensitive, 100. hookworm

101. Her eyes \_\_\_\_\_ with crying.

*v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

102. Loud noises might harm the fragile ear \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue

103. Most people thought of him as a \_\_\_\_\_ eccentric.

*adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

ANSWERS: 101. inflamed, 102. membrane, 103. harmless