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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### alternate

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

*synonym* : substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

### stack

*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

*synonym* : accumulation, heap, pile

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

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

### rough

*adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

*synonym* : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

### carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym* : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

- seal** v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed  
*synonym*: enclose, shut, close  
(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**  
He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.
- varnish** n. a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry  
(1) **varnish** oil, (2) fast-acting **varnish**  
This **varnish** provides a long-lasting and durable gloss finish.
- solid** *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality  
*synonym*: stable, reliable, hard  
(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures  
The **solid-state** of water is called ice.
- loose** *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something  
*synonym*: relaxed, unconsolidated, open  
(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair  
The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.
- carving** n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design  
*synonym*: sculpture, engraving, sculpture  
(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument  
The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.
- remix** v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item  
*synonym*: recreate, recompose, alter  
(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album  
He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## contemporary

*adj.* belonging to the same or present time

*synonym* : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

**Contemporary** music has gained different followers from existing music.

## 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.

## linear

*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

*synonym* : straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

## structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

*synonym* : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

## sculptural

*adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a

three-dimensional quality or appearance

*synonym* : sculpted, carved, modeled

(1) **sculptural** masterpiece, (2) **sculptural** design

The **sculptural** details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

## clamp

*v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

*synonym* : fasten, secure, hold tight

(1) **clamp** down on extremism, (2) **clamp** coupling

He used a wrench to **clamp** down the pipes tightly.

## dictionary

*n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

*synonym* : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

## studio

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

*synonym* : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

## disturb

*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

*synonym* : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## destroy

*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

*synonym* : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence  
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

**rip** v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly  
*synonym*: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof  
During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

**relate** v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym*: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

**landscape** n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

*synonym*: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

**encyclopedia** n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

*synonym*: dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

**sand** n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other

applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym* : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## specifically

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

*synonym* : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

## yin

*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

*synonym* : feminine, negative, passive

(1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**

The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.

## yang

*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

*synonym* : masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

## flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym* :

throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## flop

*v.* to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure

*synonym*: fail, collapse, drop

(1) a huge **flop**, (2) **flop** business

The company's stock prices **flop** after the poor earnings report.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym*: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## maximum

*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

*synonym*: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the

century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## exposition

*n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

*synonym*: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

## 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.

## intangible

*n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

*synonym*: abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

## constantly

*adv.* all the time

*synonym*: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

## shifting

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

*synonym*: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.



## instantly

*adv.* immediately

*synonym* : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

## nonlinear

*adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

*synonym* : complex, unpredictable

(1) **nonlinear** equation, (2) **nonlinear** system

The professor taught us about the experiment's **nonlinear** relationships between different variables.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## endangered

*adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

*synonym* : at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym* : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym* : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## 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.

## photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

*synonym* : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

## quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym* : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym* : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

*synonym* : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym*: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ev\_\_\_e v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
2. kidney y\_n n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
3. ro\_\_h estimation adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
4. ex\_\_\_\_\_te soil v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
5. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
6. ro\_\_h and tough adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
7. r\_p a notebook apart v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
8. fast-acting va\_\_\_\_\_h n. a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry
9. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng news adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
10. ex\_\_\_\_\_t by human activity adj. no longer in existence
11. the ma\_\_\_\_\_m speed adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 1. evolve, 2. yin, 3. rough, 4. excavate, 5. evolve, 6. rough, 7. rip, 8. varnish, 9. exciting, 10. extinct, 11. maximum

12. online enc\_\_\_\_\_dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
13. la\_\_\_\_\_pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
14. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
15. scu\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
16. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
17. li\_\_\_\_r trend *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
18. va\_\_\_\_\_h oil *n.* a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry
19. a photo st\_\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
20. be killed in\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* immediately

ANSWERS: 12. encyclopedia, 13. landscape, 14. constantly, 15. sculptural, 16. photograph, 17. linear, 18. varnish, 19. studio, 20. instantly



31. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
32. every al\_\_\_\_\_te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
33. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
34. re\_\_x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
35. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
36. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
37. con\_\_\_\_\_ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
38. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
39. di\_\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
40. an international exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 31. specifically, 32. alternate, 33. quitter, 34. remix, 35. quitter, 36. structure, 37. contemporary, 38. Renaissance, 39. digital, 40. exposition

41. a wood ca\_\_\_\_g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
42. end\_\_\_\_\_ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
43. music st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
44. online dic\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
45. field of con\_\_\_\_\_ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
46. remove lo\_\_e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
47. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
48. a lo\_\_e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
49. high st\_\_k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
50. a di\_\_\_\_\_l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 41. carving, 42. endangered, 43. studio, 44. dictionary, 45. contemporary, 46. loose, 47. structure, 48. loose, 49. stack, 50. digital



51. enc\_\_\_\_\_dia entry      *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
52. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng football player      *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
53. dic\_\_\_\_\_ry definition      *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
54. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
55. no\_\_\_\_\_ar equation      *adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
56. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
57. er\_\_ed the files      *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
58. s\_\_d castle      *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
59. al\_\_\_\_\_te choice      *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
60. a huge f\_\_p      *v.* to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure

ANSWERS: 51. encyclopedia, 52. exciting, 53. dictionary, 54. archaeology, 55. nonlinear, 56. emerge, 57. erase, 58. sand, 59. alternate, 60. flop

61. s\_\_d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
62. int\_\_\_\_\_le asset *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
63. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
64. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
65. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
66. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
67. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
68. long-ex\_\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
69. ca\_\_\_\_\_g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
70. de\_\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
71. a fur s\_\_l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

ANSWERS: 61. sand, 62. intangible, 63. solid, 64. decide, 65. carve, 66. constantly, 67. Renaissance, 68. extinct, 69. carving, 70. destroy, 71. seal

72. r\_p a hole in the roof      *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
73. cl\_\_p coupling      *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
74. re\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
75. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories      *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
76. s\_\_l a hole      *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
77. a br\_\_\_h pipe      *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
78. rational exp\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 72. rip, 73. clamp, 74. relate, 75. photograph, 76. seal, 77. branch, 78. exposition

79. embody y\_\_g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
80. er\_\_e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
81. re\_\_x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
82. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
83. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
84. a large st\_\_k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
85. cl\_\_p down on extremism *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
86. the y\_\_g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

ANSWERS: 79. yang, 80. erase, 81. remix, 82. tradition, 83. carve, 84. stack, 85. clamp, 86. yang

87. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
88. 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
89. sh\_\_\_\_\_ng balance      *adj.* constantly changing or moving
90. in\_\_\_\_\_ly cope with      *adv.* immediately
91. a li\_\_\_\_\_r equation      *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
92. em\_\_\_\_\_e from poverty      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
93. di\_\_\_\_\_b his sleep      *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
94. de\_\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem      *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
95. end\_\_\_\_\_ed species      *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
96. re\_\_\_\_r to a book      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
97. scu\_\_\_\_\_al masterpiece      *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 87. discovery, 88. tradition, 89. shifting, 90. instantly, 91. linear, 92. emerge, 93. disturb, 94. destroy, 95. endangered, 96. refer, 97. sculptural



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.  
*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.  
*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
3. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of \_\_\_\_\_ animals.  
*adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
4. \_\_\_\_\_ music has gained different followers from existing music.  
*adj.* belonging to the same or present time
5. Tourists frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the island's delicate natural balance.  
*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
6. He saw the balance between the yin and \_\_\_\_\_ as crucial for a harmonious life.  
*n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
7. I remembered that person \_\_\_\_\_ and never forgot.  
*adv.* immediately
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.  
*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

ANSWERS: 1. relate, 2. maximum, 3. endangered, 4. Contemporary, 5. disturb, 6. yang, 7. instantly, 8. remixed

9. I need to purchase a new English \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
10. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. The vehicle bounced along the \_\_\_\_\_ mountain road.
- adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
12. This \_\_\_\_\_ provides a long-lasting and durable gloss finish.
- n.* a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry
13. The inspector discovered \_\_\_\_\_ bolts under the fuel rods.
- adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
14. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
15. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
16. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 9. dictionary, 10. decide, 11. rough, 12. varnish, 13. loose, 14. archaeology, 15. excavated, 16. landscape



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

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

18. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

19. Trends in the fashion industry are so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

*adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

21. The intricate \_\_\_\_\_ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

*n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

22. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

*adj.* no longer in existence

23. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

24. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 17. erase, 18. renaissance, 19. shifting, 20. sculptural, 21. carving, 22. extinct, 23. flipped, 24. photograph

25. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
26. The earthquake caused a \_\_\_\_\_ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
27. The professor taught us about the experiment's \_\_\_\_\_ relationships between different variables.
- adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
28. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
30. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
31. Many bookshops no longer carry printed \_\_\_\_\_ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.
- n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

ANSWERS: 25. quitter, 26. stack, 27. nonlinear, 28. specifically, 29. exposition, 30. destroyed, 31. encyclopedias,

32. The company's stock prices \_\_\_\_\_ after the poor earnings report.  
*v.* to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure
33. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.  
*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
34. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.  
*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
35. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.  
*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.  
*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.  
*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.  
*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
39. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 32. flop, 33. carved, 34. refer, 35. structure, 36. sand, 37. branch, 38. solid-state, 39. emerged

40. The cleaning lady comes on \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesdays.

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

*n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

42. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

43. During transit, the stuff may \_\_\_ off the luggage tag.

*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

44. The mobile application industry is \_\_\_\_\_ changing.

*adv.* all the time

45. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

46. People tend to make \_\_\_\_\_ predictions.

*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. alternate, 41. intangible, 42. discovery, 43. rip, 44. constantly, 45. studio, 46. linear, 47. tradition

48. He used a wrench to \_\_\_\_\_ down the pipes tightly.

- v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

49. He \_\_\_\_\_ the letter with hot wax.

- v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

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

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

51. The concept of \_\_\_\_ and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.

- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

52. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.

- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

53. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 48. clamp, 49. sealed, 50. evolved, 51. yin, 52. digital, 53. exciting