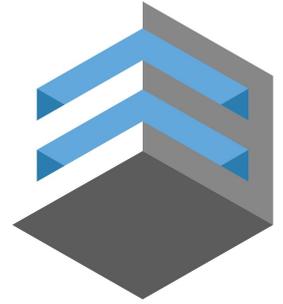


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Session 1: Word List

platoon

n. a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

synonym : squad, unit

(1) **platoon** leader, (2) **platoon** sergeant

The **platoon** of soldiers marched in perfect formation during the parade.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym : nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

retribution

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

synonym : punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym: greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

fairground

n. a large outdoor area or venue used for entertainment and amusement, typically including rides, games, and food concessions

synonym: carnival, amusement park, festival

(1) **fairground** games, (2) children's **fairground**

The annual **fairground** attractions drew huge crowds of

visitors from all over the state.

detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

synonym: explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

motley

adj. consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored

synonym: varied, piebald, heterogeneous

(1) **motley** outfit, (2) **motley** assortment

The circus performers entertained the crowd with their **motley** costumes and impressive acrobatics.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

bravado

n. a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

synonym: boldness, swagger, arrogance

(1) lose my **bravado**, (2) heroic **bravado**

The show of **bravado** by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non-**synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

dislocate

v. to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

synonym: displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

sternum

n. the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage

synonym: breastbone, chestbone, thorax

(1) **sternum** bone, (2) fractured **sternum**

The driver's seatbelt saved their **sternum** from injury in the car accident.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

dumpster

n. a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

infantry

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

synonym : soldiery, troops

(1) **infantry** division, (2) **infantry** training

As a member of the **infantry** platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

mortar

n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

synonym : howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the

theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

indescribable

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

synonym : uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

stereotype

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

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

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

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

dissimilar

adj. not alike or having little in common

synonym : unlike, different, distinct

(1) **dissimilar** cultures, (2) **dissimilar** backgrounds

The two paintings were **dissimilar** in style and subject matter.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

voluntell

v. (combination of the words "volunteer" and "tell") to assign someone a task or responsibility as if it were voluntary when in fact, it is not

synonym : obligate, coerce, press-gang

(1) **voluntell** the students to stay after class, (2) **voluntell** the new hire to lead the project

My boss **voluntells** me to organize the company's holiday party this year.

chaperon

n. a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

synonym : escort, companion, guardian

(1) **chaperon** duties, (2) need for a **chaperon**

The school dance required each group of students to have a **chaperon** to supervise.

condescending

adj. having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing

synonym : patronizing, superior, haughty

(1) **condescending** tone, (2) **condescending** smile

He had a **condescending** attitude towards those less fortunate than himself.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym : soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space

Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym: cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

Broadway

n. a famous street in New York City, specifically in the borough of Manhattan, renowned for its theaters and musical productions; the commercial theater district and the theater industry in general

(1) **Broadway** show, (2) **Broadway** theater

We watched an incredible **Broadway** musical last night.

adjective

n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun

synonym: modifier, accessory, attribute

(1) **adjective** clause, (2) an attributive **adjective**

The **adjective** "red" describes the color of the apple.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

synonym: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

squint

v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism

synonym : squinch, peer, glare

(1) **squint** against the sun, (2) **squint** at the radar screen

I had to **squint** my eyes to read the small print on the menu.

mosquito

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

synonym : insect, bug, flea

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

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

gargoyle

n. a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure

synonym : chimera, grotesque, demon

(1) decorative **gargoyle**, (2) stone **gargoyle**

The ancient cathedral was adorned with eerie **gargoyles**.

broom

n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

synonym : sweeper, brush

(1) **broom** closet, (2) **broom** handle

Could you please grab the **broom** and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

- jean** *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
synonym: denim, cotton, pants
(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim
She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.
- polo** *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
(1) **polo** shirt, (2) **polo** championship
I watched a thrilling **polo** match at the club over the weekend.
- snag** *n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection
synonym: barrier, difficulty, hitch
(1) encounter a big **snag**, (2) **snag** her stockings
Another **snag** to quantum computers is a large amount of noise added from the outside.
- tuck** *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
synonym: insert, wrap, pinch
(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette
You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.
- cutback** *n.* a reduction in quantity, extent, or intensity; an act of reducing or decreasing something, particularly in the context of spending, production, or resources
synonym: reduction, decrease, austerity
(1) budget **cutback**, (2) staff **cutback**
The company had to make several job **cutbacks** to stay afloat during the economic downturn.
- joker** *n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a

deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

synonym: trickster, prankster, comedian

(1) **joker** card, (2) **joker** costume

The office clown constantly played the **joker**, making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.

bulletproof

adj. intended to resist bullet penetration

synonym: unassailable, impregnable

(1) **bulletproof** armor, (2) **bulletproof** vehicle

Because of the **bulletproof** vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

sesame

n. an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds

synonym: tahini, benne, gingelly

(1) **sesame** oil, (2) **sesame** paste

Sesame seeds are often used as a topping on bagels and bread.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

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.

janitor

n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

synonym: keeper, guardian, custodian

(1) part-time **janitor**, (2) duty of the **janitor**

The school **janitor** was laid off.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

macaroni

n. a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese

synonym: pasta, noodles, spaghetti

(1) **macaroni** salad, (2) **macaroni** dish

The children delighted in doing **macaroni** art projects at school.

cutup

n. a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others

synonym: shredded, scraps, fragments

(1) **cutup** fashion design, (2) **cutup** comedian

The poet and artist William Burroughs is known for popularizing the **cutup** technique in literature.

sausage

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

synonym: bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

mumble

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

synonym: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym: throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

swoosh

v. to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air

synonym: whoosh, swish, sweep

(1) **swoosh** sound, (2) **swoosh** through the tall trees

The basketball **swooshed** into the net, signaling the end of the game.

cymbal

n. a musical instrument consisting of a concave round metal plate that produces a ringing or clashing sound when struck, typically by a drumstick or another cymbal

synonym: drum, percussion, gong

(1) loud **cymbal**, (2) hi-hat **cymbal**

The drummer played a loud crash on the **cymbal** to end the song.

karate

n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

synonym: martial art, self-defense discipline

(1) **karate** moves, (2) black belt in **karate**

She has been practicing **karate** for years and has won many tournaments.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

heave

v. to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea

synonym: lift, hoist, tug

(1) **heave** a sigh, (2) **heave** a boulder

The workers had to **heave** the heavy equipment up the staircase to the top floor.

sludge

n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful

synonym: muck, ooze, mire

(1) **sludge** treatment, (2) **sludge** removal

The **sludge** at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym: shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

synonym: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

creak

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

synonym: squeak, scream, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

Session 2: Spelling

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41. ma_____ni dish *n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese
42. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 34. diligent, 35. indescribable, 36. imitation, 37. acronym, 38. drip, 39. monologue, 40. synonymous, 41. macaroni, 42. mosquito

43. he__e a boulder *v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea
44. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
45. ka___e moves *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
46. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
47. begin to cr__k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
48. duty of the ja_____r *n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
49. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
50. p__o championship *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
51. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country

ANSWERS: 43. heave, 44. patriotism, 45. karate, 46. spit, 47. creak, 48. janitor, 49. sect, 50. polo, 51. patriotism

52. dance au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
53. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
54. stone ga____le *n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure
55. ad____ve clause *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
56. staff cu____k *n.* a reduction in quantity, extent, or intensity; an act of reducing or decreasing something, particularly in the context of spending, production, or resources
57. children's fai____nd *n.* a large outdoor area or venue used for entertainment and amusement, typically including rides, games, and food concessions
58. s__g her stockings *n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection
59. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
60. mo____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 52. audition, 53. huddle, 54. gargoyle, 55. adjective, 56. cutback, 57. fairground, 58. snag, 59. jean, 60. mosquito

61. dis_____ar cultures *adj.* not alike or having little in common
62. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
63. Br_____ay theater *n.* a famous street in New York City, specifically in the borough of Manhattan, renowned for its theaters and musical productions; the commercial theater district and the theater industry in general
64. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
65. ch_____on duties *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
66. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
67. con_____ing smile *adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
68. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
69. p__o shirt *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

ANSWERS: 61. dissimilar, 62. industrious, 63. Broadway, 64. huddle, 65. chaperon, 66. grieve, 67. condescending, 68. monologue, 69. polo

70. monthly pa____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
71. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
72. br__m handle *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
73. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
74. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
75. ov____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
76. mo____r joints *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
77. mu____e a reply *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
78. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

ANSWERS: 70. paycheck, 71. swoop, 72. broom, 73. swoop, 74. hurl, 75. oversea, 76. mortar, 77. mumble, 78. drip

79. se___e paste *n.* an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds
80. in____ry division *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
81. cu__p comedian *n.* a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others
82. need for a ch____on *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
83. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
84. bul_____of vehicle *adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
85. dis_____ar backgrounds *adj.* not alike or having little in common
86. pl_____n leader *n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

ANSWERS: 79. sesame, 80. infantry, 81. cutup, 82. chaperon, 83. synonymous, 84. bulletproof, 85. dissimilar, 86. platoon

87. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
88. cross-country od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
89. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
90. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
91. apply mo____r *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
92. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
93. a water fa____t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
94. sw____h sound *v.* to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
95. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 87. jean, 88. odyssey, 89. scramble, 90. matte, 91. mortar, 92. stereotype, 93. faucet, 94. swoosh, 95. oversea

96. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
97. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
98. ind_____ble experience *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
99. pl_____n sergeant *n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose
100. du_____er diving *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
101. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
102. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
103. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
104. di_____te residents *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

ANSWERS: 96. blockbuster, 97. tuck, 98. indescribable, 99. platoon, 100. dumpster, 101. medically, 102. odyssey, 103. extinct, 104. dislocate

105. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
106. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
107. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
108. gl_____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
109. fa_____t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
110. jo__r card *n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild
111. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
112. h__l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
113. he__e a sigh *v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea

ANSWERS: 105. determinant, 106. stumble, 107. dissolve, 108. glowing, 109. faucet, 110. joker, 111. hail, 112. hurl, 113. heave

114. decorative ga____le *n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure
115. part-time ja____r *n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
116. mo____y assortment *adj.* consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored
117. a pla____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
118. use an ac____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
119. tr____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
120. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
121. German sa____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

ANSWERS: 114. gargoyle, 115. janitor, 116. motley, 117. playwright, 118. acronym, 119. tremble, 120. dizzy, 121. sausage

122. black belt in ka___e *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
123. a young bud of r__d *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
124. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
125. vo_____ll the new hire to lead the project *v.* (combination of the words "volunteer" and "tell") to assign someone a task or responsibility as if it were voluntary when in fact, it is not
126. sq___t at the radar screen *v.* to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
127. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
128. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
129. lose my br_____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

ANSWERS: 122. karate, 123. reed, 124. extinct, 125. voluntell, 126. squint, 127. matte, 128. paycheck, 129. bravado

130. seek ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
131. shoes cr__k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
132. br__m closet *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
133. cu__p fashion design *n.* a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others
134. mu___e under your breath *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
135. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
136. in_____ry training *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
137. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 130. retribution, 131. creak, 132. broom, 133. cutup, 134. mumble, 135. provoke, 136. infantry, 137. tuck

138. fai_____nd games *n.* a large outdoor area or venue used for entertainment and amusement, typically including rides, games, and food concessions
139. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
140. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
141. sl_____e treatment *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
142. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
143. bul_____of armor *adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
144. st_____m bone *n.* the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage
145. de_____te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
146. loud cy____l *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a concave round metal plate that produces a ringing or clashing sound when struck, typically by a drumstick or another cymbal
147. budget cu_____k *n.* a reduction in quantity, extent, or intensity; an act of reducing or decreasing something, particularly in the context of spending, production, or resources

ANSWERS: 138. fairground, 139. playwright, 140. stumble, 141. sludge, 142. medically, 143. bulletproof, 144. sternum, 145. detonate, 146. cymbal, 147. cutback

148. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
149. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
150. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
151. divine ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
152. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
153. con_____ing tone *adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
154. gl____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

ANSWERS: 148. dissolve, 149. dizzy, 150. hail, 151. retribution, 152. grieve, 153. condescending, 154. glowing

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.
n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful

2. The ancient cathedral was adorned with eerie _____.
n. a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure

3. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.
n. love and loyalty to one's country

4. My boss _____ me to organize the company's holiday party this year.
v. (combination of the words "volunteer" and "tell") to assign someone a task or responsibility as if it were voluntary when in fact, it is not

5. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.
n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

6. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

7. She has been practicing _____ for years and has won many tournaments.
n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

ANSWERS: 1. sludge, 2. gargoyles, 3. patriotism, 4. voluntells, 5. imitation, 6. paycheck, 7. karate

8. She angrily _____ the book across the room.

v. to throw something with great force

9. The two paintings were _____ in style and subject matter.

adj. not alike or having little in common

10. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.

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

11. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

12. Water is _____ from the faucet.

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

13. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

14. The employee found \$100 in the _____ behind the store.

n. a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

15. The mother sliced off a piece of _____.

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

ANSWERS: 8. hurled, 9. dissimilar, 10. mosquitos, 11. oversea, 12. dripping, 13. scrambled, 14. dumpster, 15. sausage

16. The door _____ when I opened it slowly.

- v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

17. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh _____.

- n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

18. Could you please grab the _____ and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

- n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

19. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

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

20. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

21. The circus performers entertained the crowd with their _____ costumes and impressive acrobatics.

- adj.* consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored

22. The western sky was _____ pink.

- adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

ANSWERS: 16. creaked, 17. mortar, 18. broom, 19. stereotypes, 20. provoked, 21. motley, 22. glowing

23. The _____ "red" describes the color of the apple.

n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun

24. The driver's seatbelt saved their _____ from injury in the car accident.

n. the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage

25. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

26. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

27. The beauty of the sunset was _____ leaving me in awe of its splendor.

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

28. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

29. The children delighted in doing _____ art projects at school.

n. a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese

30. The annual _____ attractions drew huge crowds of visitors from all over the state.

n. a large outdoor area or venue used for entertainment and amusement, typically including rides, games, and food concessions

ANSWERS: 23. adjective, 24. sternum, 25. tuck, 26. huddled, 27. indescribable, 28. industrious, 29. macaroni, 30. fairground

31. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

32. The _____ of soldiers marched in perfect formation during the parade.

n. a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

33. A decade ago, it was _____ impossible to cure this disease completely.

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

34. The drummer played a loud crash on the _____ to end the song.

n. a musical instrument consisting of a concave round metal plate that produces a ringing or clashing sound when struck, typically by a drumstick or another cymbal

35. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

36. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

adj. no longer in existence

37. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

38. Another _____ to quantum computers is a large amount of noise added from the outside.

n. an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection

ANSWERS: 31. stumbled, 32. platoon, 33. medically, 34. cymbal, 35. dizzy, 36. extinct, 37. spit, 38. snag

39. The bomb squad had to _____ the suspicious package found at the train station.
- v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
40. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
41. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.
- n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
42. X-rays revealed that several of his joints were _____.
- v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
43. Because of the _____ vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.
- adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
44. The school dance required each group of students to have a _____ to supervise.
- n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
45. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
- n.* a person who writes plays

ANSWERS: 39. detonate, 40. sect, 41. acronym, 42. dislocated, 43. bulletproof, 44. chaperon, 45. playwright's

46. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. The poet and artist William Burroughs is known for popularizing the _____ technique in literature.
- n.* a person who engages in the artistic or literary practice of cutting and rearranging existing works to create new ones; a jester or prankster who likes to make fun of others
48. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.
- n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
49. _____ seeds are often used as a topping on bagels and bread.
- n.* an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds
50. I watched a thrilling _____ match at the club over the weekend.
- n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
51. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
52. He had a _____ attitude towards those less fortunate than himself.
- adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
53. The office clown constantly played the _____ making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.
- n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

ANSWERS: 46. determinant, 47. cutup, 48. audition, 49. Sesame, 50. polo, 51. jeans,

52. condescending, 53. joker,

54. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.
- n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
55. She _____ the loss of her parents.
- v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
56. The basketball _____ into the net, signaling the end of the game.
- v.* to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
57. As a member of the _____ platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.
- n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
58. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
- n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
59. The _____ detective investigated all clues.
- adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
60. The _____ in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.
- n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
61. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
- v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

ANSWERS: 54. blockbuster, 55. grieved, 56. swooshed, 57. infantry, 58. monologue, 59. diligent, 60. reed, 61. trembled

62. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
63. I had to _____ my eyes to read the small print on the menu.
- v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
64. He faced _____ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.
- n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
65. I turned on the _____ to wash my hands.
- n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
66. The body of his car has a _____ finish.
- adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
67. She tended to _____ when she was nervous or unsure of herself.
- v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
68. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.
- adj. not consumed or used at the end of something
69. We watched an incredible _____ musical last night.
- n. a famous street in New York City, specifically in the borough of Manhattan, renowned for its theaters and musical productions; the commercial theater district and the theater industry in general

ANSWERS: 62. dissolved, 63. squint, 64. retribution, 65. faucet, 66. matte, 67. mumble, 68. leftover, 69. Broadway

70. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

71. The school _____ was laid off.

n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

72. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

73. The workers had to _____ the heavy equipment up the staircase to the top floor.

v. to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea

74. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

75. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

76. The company had to make several job _____ to stay afloat during the economic downturn.

n. a reduction in quantity, extent, or intensity; an act of reducing or decreasing something, particularly in the context of spending, production, or resources

ANSWERS: 70. synonymous, 71. janitor, 72. odyssey, 73. heave, 74. swooped, 75. hail, 76. cutbacks

77. The show of _____ by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.
- n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

ANSWERS: 77. bravado