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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### marble

*n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

*synonym* : stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

### slice

*n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

*synonym* : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

### blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

*synonym* : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## arrange

*v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

*synonym*: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

## frame

*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

*synonym*: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

## 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.

## hippopotamus

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

*synonym*: river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

## diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

*synonym*: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

## retinitis

n. an inflammation of the retina (= the thin, light-sensitive tissue that lines the inside surface of the eye) which can cause decreased vision or possibly lead to blindness

*synonym*: retinal inflammation, retinopathy

(1) **retinitis** treatment, (2) infectious **retinitis**

**Retinitis** pigmentosa is a group of genetic disorders that affect the retina's ability to respond to light.

## pigment

n. a substance that gives color to a material, such as paint, ink, or biological tissue; often derived from natural sources or synthetically produced

*synonym*: dye, colorant, tint

(1) skin **pigment**, (2) **pigment** accumulation

The use of synthetic **pigments** in food production has become controversial due to health concerns.

## degenerate

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

*synonym*: deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden slum.

## retina

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

## peripheral

*adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

*synonym* : outer, minor, secondary

(1) **peripheral** vision, (2) **peripheral** devices

The city's **peripheral** areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

## vision

*n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

*synonym* : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

## deteriorate

*v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

*synonym* : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

## porthole

*n.* a small round window in a ship or aircraft, often with a hinged cover

*synonym* : portal, hatch, window

(1) **porthole** window, (2) round **porthole**

The cabin's **porthole** provided a beautiful ocean view.

## severe

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

*synonym* : harsh, relentless, powerful

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

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

## tunnel

*n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

*synonym* : passageway, underground passage

(1) **tunnel** construction work, (2) **tunnel** disease

The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular **tunnel** allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage  
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## adapt

*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

*synonym* : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed  
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

## shrink

*v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

*synonym* : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear  
This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym* : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else  
Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## complaint

*n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

*synonym* : grievance, objection, accusation

(1) **complaint** department, (2) **complaint** about price-gouging

She filed a **complaint** with the manager about the poor service.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym*: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## annoying

*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

*synonym*: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

## chunk

*n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something

*synonym*: block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

## scared

*adj.* afraid or frightened

*synonym*: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

## claustrophobia

*n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

(1) overcome **claustrophobia**,

(2) **claustrophobia-inducing**

She suffered from **claustrophobia** and couldn't take elevators.

## gradual

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

*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

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

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

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## absence

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

*synonym* : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym* : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## complicated

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym* : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

## define

*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym* : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## paradoxical

*adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

*synonym* : contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym* : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap  
There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## heap

*n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

*synonym* : pile, accumulation, stack

(1) a **heap** of trash, (2) top of the **heap**  
A **heap** of old clothes was lying in the room.

## 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.

## ancient

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

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

## philosophy

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym* :



doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**  
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## legitimate

*adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

*synonym*: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

## circulate

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

*synonym*: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## caption

*n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

*synonym*: heading, subheading, title

(1) **caption** text, (2) social media **caption**

The **caption** on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.

## sympathy

*n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

*synonym*: compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

## deserve

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

*synonym*:

merit, earn, justify

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

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

## binary

*n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1  
*synonym*: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

## ambiguity

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

*synonym*: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

## viral

*adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

## illuminate

*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

*synonym*: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## weird

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

*synonym*: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## navigate

*v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

*synonym* : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document  
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

## environment

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

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

## bat

*n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

*synonym* : cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

## scan

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

*synonym* : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF  
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym* : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## cortex

*n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain

(1) **cortex** cells, (2) visual **cortex** neuron

The cerebral **cortex** consists of six layers.

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling  
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## spectrum

*n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

*synonym*: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**  
This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

## degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade  
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## inverse

*adj.* opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal  
*synonym*: opposite, reverse, contrary

(1) **inverse** function, (2) **inverse** matrix

The **inverse** relationship between price and demand is well-known in economics.

## smear

*v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one

*synonym*: smudge, spread, daub

(1) **smear** butter on bread, (2) **smear** of blood

The politician tried to **smear** his opponent's reputation with false accusations.

## wrap

*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym*: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## saran

*n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

*synonym* : plastic wrap, cling film, food wrap

(1) **saran** film, (2) stretchable **saran**

Make sure to use microwave-safe **saran** wrap to avoid melting.

## fishbowl

*n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets

*synonym* : fish tank, aquarium

(1) **fishbowl** effect, (2) empty **fishbowl**

The goldfish in the **fishbowl** looked happy and healthy.

## meantime

*n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

*synonym* : interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym* : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## sunset

*n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

*synonym* : evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

## celebrity

*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

*synonym*: figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

## lurk

*v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

*synonym*: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

## reserve

*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

*synonym*: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

## luxury

*n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

*synonym*: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

## assist

*v.* to help someone in doing anything

*synonym*: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

## separate

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

*synonym*: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym*: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## off-putting

*adj.* causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something

*synonym*: unappealing, daunting, repelling

(1) **off-putting** behavior, (2) **off-putting** remarks

The strong smell of fish in the restaurant was **off-putting** to many customers.

## dam

*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

*synonym*: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

## misconception

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held

**misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

## 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.

## psychic

*adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

*synonym* : intuitive, clairvoyant, extrasensory

(1) **psychic** intuition, (2) **psychic** reading

She claimed to have **psychic** powers and could predict the future.

## superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym* : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

## rewire

*v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

*synonym* : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

## boost

*v.* to improve, raise, or increase something

*synonym* : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

## destructive

*adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

*synonym* : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to



health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a bi\_\_\_y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
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ANSWERS: 1. binary, 2. bat, 3. degree, 4. spectrum, 5. boost, 6. define, 7. shrink, 8. scan, 9. define, 10. separate, 11. dam

12. skin pi\_\_\_\_t                      *n.* a substance that gives color to a material, such as paint, ink, or biological tissue; often derived from natural sources or synthetically produced
13. det\_\_\_\_te condition              *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
14. b\_t an eye                          *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
15. hip\_\_\_\_mus habitat              *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
16. trading in bi\_\_\_\_y options              *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
17. am\_\_\_\_g advances                  *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
18. phi\_\_\_\_hy of education              *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
19. po\_\_\_\_le window                  *n.* a small round window in a ship or aircraft, often with a hinged cover
20. sc\_\_\_\_d dog                          *adj.* afraid or frightened

ANSWERS: 12. pigment, 13. deteriorate, 14. bat, 15. hippopotamus, 16. binary, 17. amazing, 18. philosophy, 19. porthole, 20. scared

21. re\_\_\_\_\_is treatment *n.* an inflammation of the retina (= the thin, light-sensitive tissue that lines the inside surface of the eye) which can cause decreased vision or possibly lead to blindness
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28. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
29. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
30. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 21. retinitis, 22. annoy, 23. vision, 24. ambiguity, 25. meantime, 26. inverse, 27. off-putting, 28. gradual, 29. annoy, 30. philosophy

31. re\_\_\_a scanner *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
32. telescopic vi\_\_\_n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
33. a gr\_\_\_\_l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
34. as\_\_\_t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
35. su\_\_\_t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
36. re\_\_\_e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
37. lu\_\_\_y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
38. a we\_\_d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
39. an\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
40. di\_\_\_\_se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
41. a leave of ab\_\_\_\_e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 31. retina, 32. vision, 33. gradual, 34. assist, 35. sunset, 36. rewire, 37. luxury, 38. weird, 39. ancient, 40. diagnose, 41. absence

42. di\_\_\_\_\_se with CT scans      *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
43. det\_\_\_\_\_te at a slow pace      *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
44. ab\_\_\_\_\_e from work      *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
45. 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
46. ci\_\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting      *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
47. bl\_\_d spot      *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
48. baseball ce\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
49. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
50. off\_\_\_\_\_ng remarks      *adj.* causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something

ANSWERS: 42. diagnose, 43. deteriorate, 44. absence, 45. sand, 46. circulate, 47. blind, 48. celebrity, 49. privilege, 50. off-putting

51. avoid am\_\_\_\_\_ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
52. 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
53. get into the lu\_\_\_y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
54. bo\_\_t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
55. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
56. a par\_\_\_\_\_al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
57. I\_\_ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
58. ci\_\_\_\_\_te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
59. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
60. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 51. ambiguity, 52. sand, 53. luxury, 54. boost, 55. mysterious, 56. paradoxical, 57. lurk, 58. circulate, 59. separate, 60. brain

61. na\_\_\_\_te through a document      *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
62. sm\_\_r butter on bread      *v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one
63. sy\_\_\_\_hy card      *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
64. d\_m collapsing      *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
65. visual co\_\_\_\_x neuron      *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
66. in\_\_\_\_e function      *adj.* opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal
67. overcome cla\_\_\_\_\_bia      *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
68. co\_\_\_\_nt about price-gouging      *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
69. se\_\_\_\_e heat      *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
70. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed      *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 61. navigate, 62. smear, 63. sympathy, 64. dam, 65. cortex, 66. inverse, 67. claustrophobia, 68. complaint, 69. severe, 70. complicated



71. a leg\_\_\_\_\_te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
72. ps\_\_\_\_\_c reading *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
73. an\_\_\_\_\_ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
74. re\_\_\_\_\_e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
75. ps\_\_\_\_\_c intuition *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
76. me\_\_\_\_\_me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
77. vi\_\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
78. dispel the mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
79. stretchable sa\_\_n *n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride
80. social media ca\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

ANSWERS: 71. legitimate, 72. psychic, 73. annoying, 74. reserve, 75. psychic, 76. meantime, 77. visual, 78. misconception, 79. saran, 80. caption

81. deg\_\_\_\_\_te into a disagreement      *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
82. ma\_\_\_e statues      *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
83. feel sy\_\_\_\_hy      *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
84. sm\_\_r of blood      *v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one
85. a se\_\_\_e case of pneumonia      *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
86. apparently par\_\_\_\_\_al      *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
87. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process      *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
88. per\_\_\_\_\_al vision      *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

ANSWERS: 81. degenerate, 82. marble, 83. sympathy, 84. smear, 85. severe, 86. paradoxical, 87. complicated, 88. peripheral

89. s\_\_n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
90. field of vi\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
91. infrared sp\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
92. artificial ma\_\_\_e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
93. w\_\_p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
94. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
95. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
96. a picture fr\_\_e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
97. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
98. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 89. scan, 90. visual, 91. spectrum, 92. marble, 93. wrap, 94. sight, 95. degree, 96. frame, 97. norm, 98. brain

99. per\_\_\_\_\_al devices *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
100. ad\_\_t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
101. tu\_\_\_l disease *n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
102. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
103. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
104. leg\_\_\_\_\_te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
105. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
106. ar\_\_\_\_\_e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
107. pi\_\_\_\_\_t accumulation *n.* a substance that gives color to a material, such as paint, ink, or biological tissue; often derived from natural sources or synthetically produced
108. ca\_\_\_\_\_n text *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

ANSWERS: 99. peripheral, 100. adapt, 101. tunnel, 102. deserve, 103. ancient, 104. legitimate, 105. superpower, 106. arrange, 107. pigment, 108. caption

109. bl\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
110. ill\_\_\_\_\_te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
111. lead to des\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
112. de\_\_\_\_\_e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
113. tu\_\_\_l construction work *n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
114. a tiny ch\_\_k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
115. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
116. ad\_\_t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
117. cla\_\_\_\_\_bia-inducing *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
118. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
119. sup\_\_\_\_\_er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 109. blind, 110. illuminate, 111. destructive, 112. deserve, 113. tunnel, 114. chunk, 115. environment, 116. adapt, 117. claustrophobia, 118. stereotype, 119. superpower

120. w\_\_p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
121. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
122. 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
123. ce\_\_\_\_\_ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
124. as\_\_\_t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
125. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
126. co\_\_\_\_\_nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
127. 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
128. giant hip\_\_\_\_\_mus *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

ANSWERS: 120. wrap, 121. environment, 122. stereotype, 123. celebrity, 124. assist, 125. disappear, 126. complaint, 127. photograph, 128. hippopotamus

129. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
130. a sl\_\_e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
131. spectacular su\_\_\_t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
132. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
133. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
134. re\_\_\_e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
135. empty fi\_\_\_\_\_wl *n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets
136. sc\_\_\_d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
137. French pa\_\_\_\_\_x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
138. re\_\_\_al cells *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
139. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 129. sight, 130. slice, 131. sunset, 132. disappear, 133. confuse, 134. rewire, 135. fishbowl, 136. scared, 137. paradox, 138. retina, 139. mysterious

140. round po\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a small round window in a ship or aircraft, often with a hinged cover
141. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
142. 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
143. sh\_\_\_\_k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
144. detect a vi\_\_l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
145. sl\_\_e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
146. commonly held mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
147. na\_\_\_\_\_te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
148. fi\_\_\_\_\_wl effect *n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets
149. l\_\_k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
150. infectious re\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* an inflammation of the retina (= the thin, light-sensitive tissue that lines the inside surface of the eye) which can cause decreased vision or possibly lead to blindness

ANSWERS: 140. porthole, 141. obvious, 142. photograph, 143. shrink, 144. viral, 145. slice, 146. misconception, 147. navigate, 148. fishbowl, 149. lurk, 150. retinitis



151. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
152. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
153. deg\_\_\_\_\_te into recession *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
154. top of the h\_\_p *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
155. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
156. fight vi\_\_l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
157. a ch\_\_k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
158. re\_\_\_\_\_e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
159. a h\_\_p of trash *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
160. sa\_\_n film *n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

ANSWERS: 151. amazing, 152. paradox, 153. degenerate, 154. heap, 155. privilege, 156. viral, 157. chunk, 158. reserve, 159. heap, 160. saran

161. the fr\_\_e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
162. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
163. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
164. the list was ar\_\_\_\_ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
165. the state of being we\_\_d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
166. co\_\_\_x cells *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
167. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
168. a habit des\_\_\_\_\_ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
169. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
170. an\_\_\_\_\_ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

ANSWERS: 161. frame, 162. confuse, 163. obvious, 164. arrange, 165. weird, 166. cortex, 167. illuminate, 168. destructive, 169. norm, 170. annoying

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at every corner.  
*v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
  
2. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.  
*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
  
3. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of insects.  
*adj.* afraid or frightened
  
4. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
  
5. The patient's health \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.  
*v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
  
6. The goldfish in the \_\_\_\_\_ looked happy and healthy.  
*n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets
  
7. Please \_\_\_\_\_ her with the furniture relocation.  
*v.* to help someone in doing anything
  
8. The fan \_\_\_\_\_ the air in the room quickly.  
*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 1. lurks, 2. blind, 3. scared, 4. confused, 5. deteriorated, 6. fishbowl, 7. assist, 8. circulates

9. 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
10. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ plans with him for the celebration.
- v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
11. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
12. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
13. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
14. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.
- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
15. 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
16. His anti-\_\_\_\_\_ practices were quite strict.
- n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

ANSWERS: 9. photograph, 10. arrange, 11. frame, 12. ancient, 13. separate, 14. gradual, 15. sand, 16. luxury

17. The use of synthetic \_\_\_\_\_ in food production has become controversial due to health concerns.
- n.* a substance that gives color to a material, such as paint, ink, or biological tissue; often derived from natural sources or synthetically produced
18. The phone call is an \_\_\_\_\_ interruption.
- adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
19. The zoo has a new \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit that popularly attracts families.
- n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
20. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
21. This device can more accurately detect \_\_\_\_\_ pathogens.
- adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
23. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
24. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 17. pigments, 18. annoying, 19. hippopotamus, 20. environment, 21. viral, 22. mysterious, 23. disappear, 24. amazing

25. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

*adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

26. There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ about food and health.

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

27. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ seats over the telephone.

*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

28. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

29. The break in the \_\_\_\_ threatened the valley.

*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

30. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

31. I expressed my \_\_\_\_\_ to my friend after her cat passed away.

*n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

32. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 25. peripheral, 26. misconceptions, 27. reserve, 28. obvious, 29. dam, 30. weird, 31. sympathy, 32. philosophy

33. The senator received \_\_\_\_\_ criticism from his opponent.  
*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
34. it is \_\_\_\_\_ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.  
*adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
35. The floor was made of white and black \_\_\_\_\_ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.  
*n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
36. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in comic books and movies.  
*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
37. A \_\_\_\_\_ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.  
*n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
38. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
39. She filed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the manager about the poor service.  
*n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

ANSWERS: 33. severe, 34. paradoxical, 35. marble, 36. superpower, 37. binary, 38. deserved, 39. complaint

40. She stood on the podium and \_\_\_\_\_ an audience.

- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

42. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

43. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.

- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

44. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

45. The cave was a habitat for \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

46. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 40. scanned, 41. ambiguity, 42. brain, 43. privilege, 44. vision, 45. bats, 46. absence



47. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.  
*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
48. This shirt will \_\_\_\_\_ in the wash.  
*v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ relationship between price and demand is well-known in economics.  
*adj.* opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal
50. The strong smell of fish in the restaurant was \_\_\_\_\_ to many customers.  
*adj.* causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something
51. The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular \_\_\_\_\_ allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.  
*n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.  
*n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
53. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.  
*adj.* relating to seeing or sight
54. The cabin's \_\_\_\_\_ provided a beautiful ocean view.  
*n.* a small round window in a ship or aircraft, often with a hinged cover

ANSWERS: 47. degree, 48. shrink, 49. inverse, 50. off-putting, 51. tunnel, 52. caption, 53. visual, 54. porthole

55. Public political demonstrations are considered \_\_\_\_\_ rights for citizens.  
*adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
56. I advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ to his new surroundings.  
*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
57. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.  
*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
58. Make sure to use microwave-safe \_\_\_\_\_ wrap to avoid melting.  
*n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride
59. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.  
*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
60. The new start-up company carved out a large \_\_\_\_\_ of the market within a year.  
*n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
61. She claimed to have \_\_\_\_\_ powers and could predict the future.  
*adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
62. The children complained because one \_\_\_\_\_ of cake was slightly larger than the other.  
*n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

ANSWERS: 55. legitimate, 56. adapt, 57. complicated, 58. saran, 59. illuminated, 60. chunk, 61. psychic, 62. slice

63. This device is used to \_\_\_\_\_ brain cancer and other tumors.  
*v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
64. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.  
*v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
65. It was the most \_\_\_\_\_ storm in decades.  
*adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
66. She suffered from \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't take elevators.  
*n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
67. He is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.  
*n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
68. \_\_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.  
*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
69. The cerebral \_\_\_\_\_ consists of six layers.  
*n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
70. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.  
*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
71. A \_\_\_\_\_ of old clothes was lying in the room.  
*n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

ANSWERS: 63. diagnose, 64. rewire, 65. destructive, 66. claustrophobia, 67. sunset, 68. Wrap, 69. cortex, 70. sights, 71. heap

72. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
73. Damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.
- n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
74. \_\_\_\_\_ pigmentosa is a group of genetic disorders that affect the retina's ability to respond to light.
- n. an inflammation of the retina (= the thin, light-sensitive tissue that lines the inside surface of the eye) which can cause decreased vision or possibly lead to blindness
75. The once-thriving city has \_\_\_\_\_ into a crime-ridden slum.
- v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
76. 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
77. Our knowledge helps \_\_\_\_\_ our clients successfully.
- v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
78. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
79. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his opponent's reputation with false accusations.
- v. to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one

ANSWERS: 72. define, 73. retina, 74. Retinitis, 75. degenerated, 76. stereotypes, 77. navigate, 78. norms, 79. smear

80. The popularity of the show made her an instant \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
81. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.
- v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
82. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
83. The new service helped \_\_\_\_\_ net income by 10%.
- v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
84. This device displayed the speech \_\_\_\_\_ spectrographically.
- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
85. In the \_\_\_\_\_ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.
- n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 80. celebrity, 81. annoy, 82. paradox, 83. boost, 84. spectrum, 85. meantime,