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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

### mediocre

*adj.* of only average quality; not very good

*synonym* : average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

### entertaining

*adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

*synonym* : amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book

The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

### decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after

considering options

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## executive

*n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

*synonym*: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

## studio

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

*synonym*: workshop, atelier, room

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

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

## slim

*adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

*synonym*: slender, thin, lean

(1) **slim** chances, (2) **slim** margin

The **slim** laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

## spike

*n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

*synonym*: end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

## competitive

*adj.* involving competition or competitiveness

*synonym* : aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

## curve

*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

*synonym* : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

## distribute

*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym* : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

## addictive

*adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

*synonym* : habit-forming, captivating, compelling

(1) highly **addictive**, (2) **addictive** substance

The new video game was so **addictive** that he stayed up all night playing it.

## whereafter

*adv.* after or following that particular time or event; subsequently; afterward

*synonym* : thereupon, afterward, subsequently

(1) **whereafter** the CEO made the announcement,

(2) **whereafter** a reaction occurred

They reached the summit by noon, and **whereafter** they

began the long trek back down 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**.

## episode

*n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

*synonym*: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo  
I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

## clarity

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

*synonym*: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

## toddler

*n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk

*synonym*: child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy

A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

## brainpower

*n.* intellectual or cognitive ability; mental capacity or intelligence

*synonym*: intelligence, smarts, intellect

(1) improve **brainpower**, (2) maximize **brainpower**

To succeed in the field of science, you need to have some serious **brainpower** and dedication

## undercut

*v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something

*synonym*: undermine, weaken, sabotage

(1) **undercut** a vein of ore, (2) **undercut** his effort

The company **undercut** its competitors by offering lower prices.

## bulge

*v.* to protrude or extend outward

*synonym*: protrude, swell, expand

(1) **bulge** at the enterprise, (2) **bulge** with books

The muscles in his arm **bulged** as he lifted the heavyweights.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym*: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## guarantee

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

*synonym*: assure, promise, warrant

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

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

## competition

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

*synonym*: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

## bunch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## evaluate

*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

*synonym* : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

## candidate

*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

*synonym* : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

## pause

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

*synonym* : halt, break, intermit

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

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

## skip

*v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

*synonym* : bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

## decide

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

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

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

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

## crunch

*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

*synonym*: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

## emerge

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

*synonym*: arise, occur, appear

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

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

## sitcom

*n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

*synonym*: comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

## senator

*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

*synonym*: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

## alpha

*n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy

*synonym*: first, beginning, leader

(1) **alpha** particle, (2) **alpha** radiation

The company's new CEO was known for his **alpha** personality.

## slightly

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

*synonym* : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

## aim

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

*synonym* : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

## analyze

*v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

*synonym* : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

## chief

*adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

*synonym* : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

## constant

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym* : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

## discovery

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

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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



## leap

*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

*synonym* : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

## faith

*n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

*synonym* : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

## license

*n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

*synonym* : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

## drama

*n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

*synonym* : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

## nail

*n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

*synonym* : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

## savvy

*n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

*synonym*: know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

## logic

*n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

*synonym*: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

## statistics

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

## rely

*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

*synonym*: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## scary

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

*synonym*: terrifying, frightening, alarming

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

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

## software

*n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

*synonym*: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

## parole

*n.* the conditional release of a prisoner before the completion of a sentence on the promise of good behavior

*synonym*: probation, conditional release, supervised release

(1) **parole** board, (2) medical **parole**

The prisoner was granted **parole** after serving 20 years of his life sentence.

## 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.

## grant

*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

*synonym*: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

## principle

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

*synonym*: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## optimum

*adj.* the best or most favorable; the ideal or most advantageous; the point at which something operates at peak performance or efficiency

*synonym* : ideal, best, peak

(1) **optimum** performance, (2) **optimum** conditions

I adjusted the temperature to reach the **optimum** level for baking the cake.

## announce

*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

*synonym* : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## outbreak

*n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

*synonym* : eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

## influenza

*n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

*synonym* : grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza B** strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

## nasty

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

*synonym*: disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

## splash

*v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

*synonym*: scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

## pinnacle

*n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

*synonym*: summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

## journal

*n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

*synonym*: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

## retract

*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

*synonym*: withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was

incorrect.

## decision-maker

*n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

## enforcement

*n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

*synonym*: implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## computation

*n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

*synonym*: calculation, estimation, arithmetic

(1) parallel **computation**, (2) theory of **computation**

The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum **computation** in several mathematical tasks.

## genetics

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

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

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

## unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym*: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## cancer

*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

*synonym*: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

## therapy

*n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

*synonym*: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

## develop

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

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

## unsuccessful

*adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

*synonym* : failing, abortive, doomed

(1) an **unsuccessful** writer, (2) **unsuccessful** effort

The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely **unsuccessful**.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym* : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym* : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## conclude

*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

*synonym* : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## suited

*adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

*synonym* : appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality

The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.



## incomplete

*adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

*synonym* : undone, unfinished, insufficient

(1) **incomplete** information, (2) customer with **incomplete** credit histories

The researcher criticized the study due to **incomplete** data.

## belong

*v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

*synonym* : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

## process

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## depth

*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

*synonym* : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

## nowhere

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## device

*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

*synonym*: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

## toy

*n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

*synonym*: plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

## magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym*: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

## 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.

## technological

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

*synonym*: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

**Technological** advances have disrupted many industries.

## demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

*synonym* : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

## hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

*synonym* : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

## replace

v. to take the place of something

*synonym* : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym* : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## setup

n. the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

*synonym* : arrangement, installation, organization

(1) office **setup**, (2) network **setup**

The **setup** for the conference was impressive and professional.

## achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym* : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones  
I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

### **extraordinary**

*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

*synonym*: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather  
He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

### **encouraging**

*adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

*synonym*: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign  
The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_\_\_t a promise *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
2. an\_\_\_\_ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
3. dem\_\_\_\_te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
4. religious fa\_\_h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
5. a na\_\_y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
6. sl\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
7. uns\_\_\_\_ful effort *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
8. intraspecific com\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
9. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
10. to prevent blood sugar sp\_\_es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 1. retract, 2. announce, 3. demonstrate, 4. faith, 5. nasty, 6. slightly, 7. unsuccessful, 8. competition, 9. engineer, 10. spike

11. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
12. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
14. enc\_\_\_\_\_ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
15. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
16. a gas cr\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
17. basic br\_\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
18. be\_\_\_g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
19. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
20. secular dr\_\_a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

ANSWERS: 11. amplify, 12. decide, 13. responsible, 14. encouraging, 15. magic, 16. crunch, 17. brain, 18. belong, 19. statistics, 20. drama

21. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
22. office se\_\_p *n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
23. whe\_\_\_\_\_er the CEO made the announcement *adv.* after or following that particular time or event; subsequently; afterward
24. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
25. ge\_\_\_\_\_cs discrimination *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
26. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
27. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
28. maximize bra\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* intellectual or cognitive ability; mental capacity or intelligence
29. very ent\_\_\_\_\_ing book *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
30. no\_\_\_\_\_e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
31. ch\_\_f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

ANSWERS: 21. amplify, 22. setup, 23. whereafter, 24. unimaginable, 25. genetics, 26. statistics, 27. decision, 28. brainpower, 29. entertaining, 30. nowhere, 31. chief

32. the de\_\_h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
33. jo\_\_\_\_l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
34. a\_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
35. in\_\_\_\_\_za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
36. highly ad\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
37. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
38. ad\_\_\_\_\_ve substance *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
39. s\_\_p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 32. depth, 33. journal, 34. aim, 35. influenza, 36. addictive, 37. executive, 38. addictive, 39. skip



40. upcoming crime dr\_\_a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
41. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
42. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
43. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
44. the ou\_\_\_\_\_ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
45. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
46. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
47. fa\_\_h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
48. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
49. 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
50. pr\_\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 40. drama, 41. competition, 42. technological, 43. crucial, 44. outbreak, 45. technological, 46. unfortunately, 47. faith, 48. unimaginable, 49. determinant, 50. predict

51. whe\_\_\_\_\_er a reaction occurred *adv.* after or following that particular time or event; subsequently; afterward
52. sp\_\_\_h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
53. ch\_\_f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
54. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
55. customer with inc\_\_\_\_\_te credit histories *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
56. li\_\_\_\_\_e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
57. popular si\_\_\_m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
58. pa\_\_\_e board *n.* the conditional release of a prisoner before the completion of a sentence on the promise of good behavior
59. PhD ca\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
60. al\_\_a radiation *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy

ANSWERS: 51. whereafter, 52. splash, 53. chief, 54. complexity, 55. incomplete, 56. license, 57. sitcom, 58. parole, 59. candidate, 60. alpha

61. n\_\_l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
62. t\_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
63. an active to\_\_\_\_r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
64. re\_\_\_\_e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
65. an\_\_\_\_ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
66. ex\_\_\_\_ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
67. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
68. a co\_\_\_\_nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
69. co\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
70. parallel com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

ANSWERS: 61. nail, 62. toy, 63. toddler, 64. replace, 65. announce, 66. executive, 67. decide, 68. constant, 69. conclude, 70. computation

71. tracking de\_\_\_e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
72. so\_\_\_\_re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
73. an\_\_\_\_e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
74. ma\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
75. pr\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
76. am\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
77. pr\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
78. em\_\_\_e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
79. learning cu\_\_e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 71. device, 72. software, 73. analyze, 74. massive, 75. predict, 76. amazing, 77. process, 78. emerge, 79. curve

80. policy dec\_\_\_\_\_ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
81. sc\_\_y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
82. architectural pi\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
83. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
84. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
85. ev\_\_\_\_\_te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
86. al\_\_a particle *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
87. gr\_\_t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
88. the science of ge\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
89. bu\_\_e with books *v.* to protrude or extend outward
90. s\_\_p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 80. decision-maker, 81. scary, 82. pinnacle, 83. extraordinary, 84. hindsight, 85. evaluate, 86. alpha, 87. grant, 88. genetics, 89. bulge, 90. skip

91. un\_\_\_\_\_ut his effort      *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
92. gu\_\_\_\_\_ee a high quality      *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
93. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
94. s\_\_m margin      *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
95. ev\_\_\_\_\_te the grant proposal      *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
96. a sa\_\_y investor      *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
97. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same      *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
98. ca\_\_\_r diagnosis      *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 91. undercut, 92. guarantee, 93. process, 94. slim, 95. evaluate, 96. savvy, 97. essentially, 98. cancer



108. 20/20 hi\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
109. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
110. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
111. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
112. sp\_\_\_\_h everywhere *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
113. an epidemic outbreak of in\_\_\_\_\_za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
114. dis\_\_\_\_\_te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
115. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
116. medical pa\_\_\_\_e *n.* the conditional release of a prisoner before the completion of a sentence on the promise of good behavior
117. receive a na\_\_y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
118. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 108. hindsight, 109. engineer, 110. medicinal, 111. determinant, 112. splash, 113. influenza, 114. distribute, 115. essentially, 116. parole, 117. nasty, 118. struggle



119. a me\_\_\_\_re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
120. pa\_\_e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
121. act as a dec\_\_\_\_\_ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
122. yield cu\_\_e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
123. a photo st\_\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
124. sake of cl\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
125. ca\_\_\_\_\_te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
126. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
127. bu\_\_e at the enterprise *v.* to protrude or extend outward
128. re\_\_\_\_e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
129. l\_\_p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 119. mediocre, 120. pause, 121. decision-maker, 122. curve, 123. studio, 124. clarity, 125. candidate, 126. principle, 127. bulge, 128. replace, 129. leap

130. to\_\_\_\_r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
131. scientific jo\_\_\_\_l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
132. the great di\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
133. gu\_\_\_\_ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
134. a selfish de\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
135. un\_\_\_\_ut a vein of ore *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
136. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
137. co\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
138. de\_\_h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
139. r\_\_y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 130. toddler, 131. journal, 132. discovery, 133. guarantee, 134. decision, 135. undercut, 136. bunch, 137. conclude, 138. depth, 139. rely

140. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
141. res\_\_\_\_\_le action      *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
142. ex\_\_\_e the crowd      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
143. ca\_\_\_r research      *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
144. dis\_\_\_\_\_te video content      *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
145. inc\_\_\_\_\_te information      *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
146. enc\_\_\_\_\_ng sign      *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
147. re\_\_\_\_\_t a lawsuit      *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
148. th\_\_\_\_\_y for a patient      *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
149. gr\_\_t a land      *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
150. enf\_\_\_\_\_nt action      *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

ANSWERS: 140. emerge, 141. responsible, 142. excite, 143. cancer, 144. distribute, 145. incomplete, 146. encouraging, 147. retract, 148. therapy, 149. grant, 150. enforcement

151. permanent br\_\_n damage      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
152. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability      *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
153. rusty n\_\_l      *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
154. dem\_\_\_\_\_te mastery      *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
155. l\_\_p of faith      *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
156. com\_\_\_\_\_ve position      *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
157. junior se\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
158. software li\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
159. a demonstration in lo\_\_c      *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 151. brain, 152. extraordinary, 153. nail, 154. demonstrate, 155. leap, 156. competitive, 157. senator, 158. license, 159. logic

160. si\_\_\_m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
161. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
162. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
163. tech-sa\_\_y *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
164. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
165. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
166. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
167. s\_\_m chances *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
168. she is ma\_\_c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 160. sitcom, 161. massive, 162. struggle, 163. savvy, 164. develop, 165. amazing, 166. complexity, 167. slim, 168. magic

169. improve bra\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* intellectual or cognitive ability; mental capacity or intelligence
170. come out of no\_\_\_\_\_e  
*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
171. be\_\_\_\_g to a group  
*v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
172. an indisputable lo\_\_c  
*n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
173. field of gene th\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
174. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
175. me\_\_\_\_\_re performance  
*adj.* of only average quality; not very good
176. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
177. r\_\_y on convenience stores  
*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
178. copyrighted so\_\_\_\_\_re  
*n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
179. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt temperature  
*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
180. ep\_\_\_\_\_e of vertigo  
*n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 169. brainpower, 170. nowhere, 171. belong, 172. logic, 173. therapy, 174. medicinal, 175. mediocre, 176. excite, 177. rely, 178. software, 179. constant, 180. episode

181. to sp\_\_e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
182. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
183. op\_\_\_\_m conditions *adj.* the best or most favorable; the ideal or most advantageous; the point at which something operates at peak performance or efficiency
184. reached the pi\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
185. well-su\_\_d personality *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
186. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
187. ent\_\_\_\_\_ing puppet show *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
188. sc\_\_y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
189. pa\_\_e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
190. ac\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 181. spike, 182. bunch, 183. optimum, 184. pinnacle, 185. suited, 186. sophisticated, 187. entertaining, 188. scary, 189. pause, 190. achieve

191. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
192. an uns\_\_\_\_\_ful writer *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
193. enf\_\_\_\_\_nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
194. su\_\_\_\_d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
195. a\_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
196. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
197. financial cr\_\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
198. end of the first ep\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
199. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
200. infectious disease ou\_\_\_\_\_aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 191. sophisticated, 192. unsuccessful, 193. enforcement, 194. suited, 195. aim, 196. slightly, 197. crunch, 198. episode, 199. crucial, 200. outbreak



201. a com\_\_\_\_\_ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
202. an\_\_\_\_\_e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
203. t\_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
204. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
205. network se\_\_p *n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
206. op\_\_\_\_\_m performance *adj.* the best or most favorable; the ideal or most advantageous; the point at which something operates at peak performance or efficiency

ANSWERS: 201. competitive, 202. analyze, 203. toy, 204. principle, 205. setup, 206. optimum

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
  
2. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.
  - v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
  
3. 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
  
4. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.
  - v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
  - n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
  - n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 1. decision-makers, 2. leap, 3. determinant, 4. distributed, 5. process, 6. statistics

7. \_\_\_\_\_ advances have disrupted many industries.  
*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
8. He is a specialist in the \_\_\_\_\_ of aging.  
*n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
9. The magician's act was \_\_\_\_\_ and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.  
*adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
10. I adjusted the temperature to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ level for baking the cake.  
*adj.* the best or most favorable; the ideal or most advantageous; the point at which something operates at peak performance or efficiency
11. To succeed in the field of science, you need to have some serious \_\_\_\_\_ and dedication  
*n.* intellectual or cognitive ability; mental capacity or intelligence
12. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.  
*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
13. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.  
*adj.* extremely vital or necessary
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.  
*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 7. Technological, 8. genetics, 9. entertaining, 10. optimum, 11. brainpower, 12. struggle, 13. crucial, 14. engineer

15. The weather turned \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

16. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

17. He gave his daughter a new \_\_\_\_ for her birthday.

*n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

18. I always carry a backup \_\_\_\_\_ in case my phone runs out of battery.

*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

19. As the \_\_\_\_\_ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

*n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

20. The mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ with snow.

*v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

21. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

22. The physician is reading the \_\_\_\_\_ related to medicine

*n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

ANSWERS: 15. nasty, 16. nowhere, 17. toy, 18. device, 19. executive, 20. splashed, 21. responsible, 22. journals

23. We \_\_\_\_ for an overseas expansion.

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

24. She had an audition for \_\_\_\_\_ school.

*n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

25. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.

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

26. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.

*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

27. The new video game was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he stayed up all night playing it.

*adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

28. The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum \_\_\_\_\_ in several mathematical tasks.

*n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

29. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.

*v.* to take the place of something

30. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

31. All the books in this section \_\_\_\_\_ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

*v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 23. aim, 24. drama, 25. paused, 26. extraordinary, 27. addictive, 28. computation, 29. replace, 30. principle, 31. belong

32. The prisoner was granted \_\_\_\_\_ after serving 20 years of his life sentence.  
*n.* the conditional release of a prisoner before the completion of a sentence on the promise of good behavior
33. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
34. The third season of the anime show has been \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
35. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.  
*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
36. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.  
*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
37. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
38. The company specializes in both hardware and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
39. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

ANSWERS: 32. parole, 33. amazing, 34. announced, 35. Constant, 36. studio, 37. amplify, 38. software, 39. influenza

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

41. The complexity of scientific theories was \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

42. The mobile application industry is a \_\_\_\_\_ one.

*adj.* involving competition or competitiveness

43. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

44. We \_\_\_\_\_ the topic because it was too complicated.

*v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

45. The meeting aims to \_\_\_\_\_ possible choices.

*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

46. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

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

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

ANSWERS: 40. medicinal, 41. unimaginable, 42. competitive, 43. retract, 44. skipped, 45. evaluate, 46. sophisticated, 47. scary

48. With \_\_\_\_\_ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.  
*n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
49. The company's new CEO was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ personality.  
*n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
50. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
51. The chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ him the right to speak.  
*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
52. He was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ artist compared to others in his field.  
*adj.* of only average quality; not very good
53. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
54. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.  
*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
55. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.  
*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 48. hindsight, 49. alpha, 50. license, 51. granted, 52. mediocre, 53. excited, 54. concluded, 55. cancer



56. He moved his body \_\_\_\_\_ to the left.

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

57. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

58. The muscles in his arm \_\_\_\_\_ as he lifted the heavyweights.

*v.* to protrude or extend outward

59. He kept his robust \_\_\_\_\_ in his company.

*n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

60. They reached the summit by noon, and \_\_\_\_\_ they began the long trek back down the mountain.

*adv.* after or following that particular time or event; subsequently; afterward

61. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ enough raw material sources.

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

62. Babies heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on others for food.

*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

63. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

64. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 56. slightly, 57. massive, 58. bulged, 59. faith, 60. whereafter, 61. guarantee, 62. rely, 63. competition, 64. unfortunately,

65. He used a hammer and round \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
66. I want to put that \_\_\_\_\_ of my life behind me.
- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
67. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth is a sphere?
- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
68. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.
- n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
69. The test results were \_\_\_\_\_ and showed improvement.
- adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
70. A \_\_\_\_\_ needs constant supervision and firm control.
- n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
71. The recent \_\_\_\_\_ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
- n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
72. The government predicts an epidemic \_\_\_\_\_ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
- n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 65. nail, 66. episode, 67. demonstrate, 68. enforcement, 69. encouraging, 70. toddler, 71. spike, 72. outbreak

73. The researcher criticized the study due to \_\_\_\_\_ data.  
*adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
74. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
75. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.  
*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
76. The \_\_\_\_\_ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.  
*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
77. The hawkish \_\_\_\_\_ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.  
*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
78. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
79. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.  
*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
80. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.  
*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 73. incomplete, 74. emerged, 75. develop, 76. candidate's, 77. senator, 78. complexity, 79. magic, 80. curve

81. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
82. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
- n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
83. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
84. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
85. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
86. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
87. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
88. Climbing to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.
- n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

ANSWERS: 81. clarity, 82. crunch, 83. decision, 84. bunch, 85. analyze, 86. logic, 87. discovery, 88. pinnacle

89. His business \_\_\_\_\_ was evident in the success of his company.
- n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
90. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
91. The job offer was perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ to her skills and experience.
- adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
92. I love to watch \_\_\_\_\_ when I need a good laugh.
- n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
93. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
94. The pond's \_\_\_\_\_ was around five feet.
- n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
95. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its competitors by offering lower prices.
- v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
96. Mining is a \_\_\_\_\_ source of income for the country.
- adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

ANSWERS: 89. savvy, 90. achieve, 91. suited, 92. sitcoms, 93. decide, 94. depth, 95. undercut, 96. chief

97. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

98. The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

99. The \_\_\_\_\_ laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

- adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

100. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the conference was impressive and professional.

- n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

101. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

102. I underwent aversion \_\_\_\_\_ for my addiction to alcohol.

- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

103. 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

ANSWERS: 97. predict, 98. unsuccessful, 99. slim, 100. setup, 101. Essentially, 102. therapy, 103. brain