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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### billionaire

*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

*synonym*: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

### corporate

*adj.* of or relating to a large company

*synonym*: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

### mogul

*n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry

*synonym*: big shot, bigwig, executive

(1) real-estate **mogul**, (2) business **mogul**

He is a media **mogul** and owns several major newspapers.

### ruling

*n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

*synonym* : judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**

The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

## empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

*synonym* : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

## amass

*v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

*synonym* : gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

## fortune

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym* : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

## vast

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

*synonym* : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

## wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym* : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## rack

*n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

*synonym*: shelf, stand, frame

(1) clothing **rack**, (2) spice **rack**

I need to buy a new coat **rack** to organize my winter jackets.

## famine

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym*: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym*: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

## flourish

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## realm

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

*synonym*: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

## strategy

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

*synonym*: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## annex

*v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

*synonym*: add, take over, (noun) appendix

(1) **annex** notes, (2) hotel **annex**

The government **annexed** the territory from the neighboring country.

## reestablish

*v.* to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system

*synonym*: restore, reconstitute, rehabilitate

(1) **reestablish** ties, (2) **reestablish** trust

We need to **reestablish** our relationship after our argument.

## expansion

*n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

*synonym*: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

## dramatically

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

*synonym*: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

## territory

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

*synonym*: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

## wit

*n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

*synonym*: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

### extent

*n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends  
*synonym* : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage  
I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

### pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion  
*synonym* : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site  
The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

### mecca

*n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam  
*synonym* : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers  
The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

### caravan

*n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping  
*synonym* : convoy, train, procession

(1) **caravan** park, (2) solar **caravan**  
We traveled across the country in a **caravan** of RVs and campers.

### stretch

*v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking  
*synonym* : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story  
Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

### testimony

*n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that

serves as evidence

*synonym* : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

## 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.

## extravagant

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

*synonym* : excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

## excursion

*n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior

*synonym* : outing, trip, expedition

(1) **excursion** package, (2) weekend **excursion**

We went on an exciting **excursion** to explore the ancient ruins of a lost civilization.

## entourage

*n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

*synonym* : retinue

(1) presidential **entourage**, (2) member of his **entourage**

The politician and his **entourage** arrived half an hour late.

**slave**

*n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

*synonym* : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

**herald**

*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

*synonym* : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

**silk**

*n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

*synonym* : satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

**camel**

*n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**

A **camel** has a hump on its back.

**abundance**

*n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

*synonym* : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

**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.

## quantity

*n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude  
*synonym*: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

## souvenir

*n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake  
*synonym*: memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

## mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## destabilize

*v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure  
*synonym*: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

## economy

*n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

*synonym*: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

## mass

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or



crowded together

*synonym* : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

## inflation

*n.* a general and progressive increase in prices;  
(cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

*synonym* : increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

## tale

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

*synonym* : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

## 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.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym* : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## legendary

*adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

*synonym* :

mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

## **cement**

*v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

*synonym* : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

## **inclusive**

*adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

*synonym* : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

## **atlas**

*n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders

*synonym* : map, chart, gazetteer

(1) **atlas** map, (2) **atlas** of anatomy

The world **atlas** showed me the locations of all the countries.

## **medieval**

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

*synonym* : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

## **depict**

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym* : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## scepter

*n.* a ceremonial staff or rod that represents authority or power, often carried by monarchs or other high-ranking officials; a symbol of royalty or sovereignty

*synonym* : royal staff, staff, wand

(1) hold a **scepter**, (2) royal **scepter**

The royal palace had a room designed to store the king's **scepter** and crown jewels.

## gleam

*v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

*synonym* : glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

## nugget

*n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

*synonym* : chunk, clod, clump

(1) a gold **nugget**, (2) **nugget** of truth

It took a few weeks to extract the **nugget** of information from those complicated sources.

## devout

*adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

*synonym* : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

## religion

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

*synonym* : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

## annexation

*n.* the process of adding territory to a country, state, or other political units

*synonym*: absorption, incorporation, addition

(1) **annexation** of territory, (2) **annexation** by force of arms

The **annexation** of the neighboring country was a controversial decision.

## architect

*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

*synonym*: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

## reputation

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

*synonym*: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym*: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## scholar

*n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

*synonym*: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

## urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

*synonym*: develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems  
The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

## dense

*adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

*synonym*: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests  
The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

## persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

*synonym*: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success  
Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

## mausoleum

*n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

*synonym*: tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**  
The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

## testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym*: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality  
His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## Session 2: Spelling

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20. an age of ab\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 12. determinant, 13. silk, 14. excursion, 15. atlas, 16. strategy, 17. reputation, 18. fortune, 19. legendary, 20. abundance

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ANSWERS: 21. dense, 22. architect, 23. persist, 24. extravagant, 25. amazing, 26. souvenir, 27. flourish, 28. territory, 29. realm, 30. elevate, 31. annexation, 32. souvenir





42. des\_\_\_\_\_ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
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50. fa\_\_\_e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
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ANSWERS: 42. destabilize, 43. economy, 44. empire, 45. entourage, 46. extent, 47. urbanize, 48. camel, 49. territory, 50. famine, 51. legendary

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69. give his te\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

ANSWERS: 61. mass, 62. wit, 63. vast, 64. testimony, 65. attract, 66. dense, 67. inclusive, 68. extravagant, 69. testimony

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75. me\_\_\_\_\_al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
76. ce\_\_\_t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
77. ree\_\_\_\_\_sh ties *v.* to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system

ANSWERS: 70. mass, 71. silk, 72. extent, 73. cement, 74. gleam, 75. medieval, 76. cement, 77. reestablish

78. solar ca\_\_\_\_n *n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping
79. tourist me\_\_a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
80. gl\_\_m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
81. ur\_\_\_\_ze transportation systems *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
82. pe\_\_\_\_t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
83. he\_\_\_\_d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
84. legal ru\_\_\_\_g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
85. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 78. caravan, 79. mecca, 80. gleam, 81. urbanize, 82. persist, 83. herald, 84. ruling, 85. kingdom

86. hotel an\_\_x                      v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
87. te\_\_\_\_\_nt to the superior quality                      n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
88. am\_\_s a patent portfolio                      v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
89. ex\_\_\_\_\_on project                      n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
90. me\_\_\_\_\_al history                      *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
91. am\_\_s followers                      v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
92. v\_\_t desert                      *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
93. st\_\_\_\_\_h along the coast                      v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
94. in\_\_\_\_\_ve education                      *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
95. he\_\_\_d the news                      v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 86. annex, 87. testament, 88. amass, 89. expansion, 90. medieval, 91. amass, 92. vast, 93. stretch, 94. inclusive, 95. herald

96. at\_\_\_\_t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
97. establish his ki\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
98. de\_\_\_\_t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
99. public re\_\_m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
100. ann\_\_\_\_\_on of territory *n.* the process of adding territory to a country, state, or other political units
101. industrial ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
102. ree\_\_\_\_\_sh trust *v.* to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system
103. act in a de\_\_\_\_t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
104. the cabin pressure fell dra\_\_\_\_\_lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
105. de\_\_\_\_t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
106. spice r\_\_k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

ANSWERS: 96. attract, 97. kingdom, 98. devout, 99. realm, 100. annexation, 101. expansion, 102. reestablish, 103. devout, 104. dramatically, 105. depict, 106. rack



107. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
108. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
109. business mo\_\_\_l *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry
110. member of his en\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
111. marble ma\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
112. visit a ma\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
113. ar\_\_\_\_\_ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
114. half qu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
115. Silicon Valley bil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
116. in\_\_\_\_\_on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
117. material we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 107. abundance, 108. massive, 109. mogul, 110. entourage, 111. mausoleum, 112. mausoleum, 113. architect, 114. quantity, 115. billionaire, 116. inflation, 117. wealth

118. at\_\_s of anatomy *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
119. clothing r\_\_k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
120. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
121. oil bil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
122. em\_\_\_e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
123. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
124. ca\_\_\_\_\_n park *n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping
125. t\_\_e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
126. domed mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
127. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
128. el\_\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 118. atlas, 119. rack, 120. massive, 121. billionaire, 122. empire, 123. amazing, 124. caravan, 125. tale, 126. mosque, 127. depict, 128. elevate

129. weekend ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior
130. hold a sc\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a ceremonial staff or rod that represents authority or power, often carried by monarchs or other high-ranking officials; a symbol of royalty or sovereignty
131. an\_\_x notes *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
132. ride a ca\_\_l *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
133. co\_\_\_\_\_te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
134. a fairy t\_\_e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
135. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
136. ec\_\_\_\_\_y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 129. excursion, 130. scepter, 131. annex, 132. camel, 133. corporate, 134. tale, 135. testament, 136. economy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.  
*adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
2. The company is undergoing an \_\_\_\_\_ opening new locations in several states.  
*n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the neighboring country was a controversial decision.  
*n.* the process of adding territory to a country, state, or other political units
4. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.  
*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
5. The politician and his \_\_\_\_\_ arrived half an hour late.  
*n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
6. I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower \_\_\_\_\_ when I visited Paris.  
*n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
7. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its \_\_\_\_\_ policy.  
*adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
8. We traveled across the country in a \_\_\_\_\_ of RVs and campers.  
*n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping

ANSWERS: 1. legendary, 2. expansion, 3. annexation, 4. religion, 5. entourage, 6. souvenir, 7. inclusive, 8. caravan

9. Her passions are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of real-world political affairs.  
*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
10. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
11. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.  
*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
13. You should work hard but not be a \_\_\_\_\_ to it.  
*n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
14. The political crisis \_\_\_\_\_ the country and caused widespread turmoil.  
*v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
15. Life expectancy has grown \_\_\_\_\_ this century.  
*adv.* in a very impressive manner
16. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.  
*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
17. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

ANSWERS: 9. realm, 10. empire, 11. inflation, 12. wealth, 13. slave, 14. destabilized, 15. dramatically, 16. kingdom, 17. scholar

18. He has the \_\_\_\_ to keep talking about this topic.

*n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

19. I need to buy a new coat \_\_\_\_ to organize my winter jackets.

*n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

20. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ tower remained standing.

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

21. He is a media \_\_\_\_\_ and owns several major newspapers.

*n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry

22. The government plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

*v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

23. A \_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

24. The sound of the trumpet \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the king.

*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

25. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

ANSWERS: 18. wit, 19. rack, 20. medieval, 21. mogul, 22. urbanize, 23. vast, 24. heralded, 25. famine

26. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
- n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
27. She has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
28. The royal palace had a room designed to store the king's \_\_\_\_\_ and crown jewels.
- n.* a ceremonial staff or rod that represents authority or power, often carried by monarchs or other high-ranking officials; a symbol of royalty or sovereignty
29. Some herds have been observed to \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
30. The world \_\_\_\_\_ showed me the locations of all the countries.
- n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
31. A healthy farm provides an \_\_\_\_\_ of food.
- n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
32. The imperial \_\_\_\_\_ was built to honor the late king.
- n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
33. She had \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.
- v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

ANSWERS: 26. pilgrims, 27. reputation, 28. scepter, 29. stretch, 30. atlas, 31. abundance, 32. mausoleum, 33. amassed

34. The self-made \_\_\_\_\_ donated millions to charity.  
*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
35. The building has become a \_\_\_\_\_ for fans of the movie.  
*n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
36. The judge's \_\_\_\_\_ was in favor of the defendant.  
*n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
37. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
38. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
39. The building \_\_\_\_\_ tried to build the house above the tree.  
*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
40. They incorporated the conquered \_\_\_\_\_ into their nation.  
*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
41. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.  
*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 34. billionaire, 35. mecca, 36. ruling, 37. flourished, 38. fortune, 39. architect, 40. territory, 41. attract



42. Consult your doctor if the symptoms \_\_\_\_\_.

- v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

43. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

44. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the territory from the neighboring country.

- v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

45. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship after our argument.

- v. to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system

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

- adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

47. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.

- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

- adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

- adj. of or relating to a large company

ANSWERS: 42. persist, 43. amazing, 44. annexed, 45. reestablish, 46. massive, 47. elevates, 48. devout, 49. corporate

50. In southward, the average annual water \_\_\_\_\_ increases.

*n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude

51. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

52. His wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

53. They are eager to \_\_\_\_\_ a positive reputation.

*v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

54. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

55. A \_\_\_\_\_ has a hump on its back.

*n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

56. The diamond ring \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

*v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

57. We went on an exciting \_\_\_\_\_ to explore the ancient ruins of a lost civilization.

*n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior

ANSWERS: 50. quantity, 51. tales, 52. testament, 53. cement, 54. depicted, 55. camel, 56. gleamed, 57. excursion

58. The entire mountain is covered in \_\_\_\_\_ rainforest.

*adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

60. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party.

*n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

61. 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

62. The wedding was an \_\_\_\_\_ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

63. Witness \_\_\_\_\_ backed up the defendant's claims.

*n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

64. I was amazed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of her generosity.

*n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends

65. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

ANSWERS: 58. dense, 59. mass, 60. silk, 61. determinant, 62. extravagant, 63. testimony, 64. extent, 65. Mosque

66. It took a few weeks to extract the \_\_\_\_\_ of information from those complicated sources.

- n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

67. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

68. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 66. nugget, 67. strategy, 68. economy