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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### toothbrush

*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth  
*synonym*: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

### mascot

*n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

*synonym*: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

### wayfinding

*n.* the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments

*synonym*: navigation, orientation, wayfaring

(1) effective **wayfinding**, (2) improving **wayfinding** signage

A well-designed **wayfinding** system can greatly enhance the experience of navigating a complex building or campus.

## decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences  
The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

## obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym*: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text  
They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

*synonym*: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program  
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

## vexillology

n. the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use

*synonym*: flag science, heraldry

(1) **vexillology** museum, (2) **vexillology** flag designs

The **vexillology** course covers flag design, meaning, and usage throughout history.

## pamphlet

*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

*synonym*: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

## symbolism

*n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

*synonym*: iconography, allegory, metaphor

(1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism**

The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

## exposition

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

*synonym*: explanation, description, account

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

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

## whet

*v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire

*synonym*: sharpen, stimulate, excite

(1) **whet** the blade, (2) **whet** my curiosity

The smell of freshly brewed coffee will **whet** your appetite in the morning.

## paraphernalia

*n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or

accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle

*synonym* : equipment, gear, accessories

(1) fishing **paraphernalia**, (2) sports **paraphernalia**

She packed all her camping **paraphernalia**, including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking utensils.

## barber

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

*synonym* : hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

## adaptable

*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

*synonym* : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

## remix

*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

*synonym* : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

## firefighter

*n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

## casket

*n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

*synonym*: coffin, sarcophagus, chest

(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**

The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## scourge

*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

*synonym*: plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

## plop

*n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

*synonym*: drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

## escutcheon

*n.* a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings

*synonym*: shield, plate, badge

(1) brass **escutcheon**, (2) decorative **escutcheon**

The antique **escutcheon** on the door added a touch of elegance to the room.

## wreck

*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

*synonym*: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

## alderperson

*n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council

*synonym*: city representative, town councilor

(1) **alderperson's** office, (2) the **alderperson's** tireless advocacy

The **alderperson's** progressive agenda focused on sustainable urban development and affordable housing solutions.

## cobble

*n.* a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way

*synonym*: pebble, boulder, stone

(1) **cobble** driveway, (2) **cobble** up a policy accord

The town is known for its historic **cobble** streets, which were laid by hand in the 19th century.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## stalk

*v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

*synonym*: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

## homage

*n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

*synonym*: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

## brew

*v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

*synonym*: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

## misstep

*n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

*synonym*: mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

## parody

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

*synonym*: spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

## regiment

*n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

*synonym*: unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

## depress

*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

*synonym*: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## rectangle

*n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

*synonym*: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

## stylize

*v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

*synonym*: conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design

She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.



## 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.

## unfettered

*adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

*synonym*: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

## crusade

*n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

*synonym*: holy war, religious war, expedition

(1) a **crusade** against smoking, (2) environmental **crusade**

During the **Crusade** period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

## viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## populace

*n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large

*synonym*: public, citizens, community

(1) **populace** distribution, (2) urban **populace**

The politician's speech resonated with the poor **populace** who felt neglected by the authorities.

## frivolous

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym*: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

### **firsthand**

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym* : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

### **cede**

*v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

*synonym* : surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

### **cedar**

*n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

*synonym* : juniper, redwood, pine

(1) **cedar** wood, (2) **cedar** bark

Tall **cedar** trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. po\_\_\_\_ce distribution *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
2. bring a sc\_\_\_\_e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
3. w\_\_t the blade *v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
4. paying ho\_\_\_e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
5. plain ca\_\_\_\_t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
6. too\_\_\_\_sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
7. re\_\_\_\_le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
8. rec\_\_\_\_ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
9. dis\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
10. a worthless wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 1. populace, 2. scourge, 3. whet, 4. homage, 5. casket, 6. toothbrush, 7. rectangle, 8. reconstruct, 9. discotheque, 10. wreck

11. st\_\_k from the room      *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
12. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. an ad\_\_\_\_\_le person      *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
14. st\_\_\_\_\_e the design      *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
15. co\_\_\_e driveway      *n.* a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way
16. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth      *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
17. ob\_\_\_s over her weight      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
18. rational exp\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 11. stalk, 12. rev, 13. adaptable, 14. stylize, 15. cobble, 16. shove, 17. obsess, 18. exposition

19. logistics re\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
20. b\_\_w a cup of tea      *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
21. effective way\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments
22. re\_\_x a couple of tracks      *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
23. sports par\_\_\_\_\_lia      *n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle
24. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd      *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
26. w\_\_t my curiosity      *v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
27. st\_\_k of celery      *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 19. regiment, 20. brew, 21. wayfinding, 22. remix, 23. paraphernalia, 24. industrious, 25. firsthand, 26. whet, 27. stalk

28. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
29. orthogonal re\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
30. environmental cr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
31. the sy\_\_\_\_\_sm of the event *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
32. favorite ba\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
33. ba\_\_\_\_r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
34. de\_\_\_\_\_s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
35. he is ob\_\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
36. ad\_\_\_\_\_le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

ANSWERS: 28. firsthand, 29. rectangle, 30. crusade, 31. symbolism, 32. barber, 33. barber, 34. depress, 35. obsess, 36. adaptable

37. urban po\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
38. de\_\_\_\_s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
39. fishing par\_\_\_\_\_\_lia *n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle
40. improving way\_\_\_\_ng signage *n.* the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments
41. first-person na\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
42. navigating mi\_\_\_\_ps *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
43. decided to be a fir\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
44. de\_\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
45. sh\_\_e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
46. the na\_\_\_\_or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
47. wooden ca\_\_\_\_t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

ANSWERS: 37. populace, 38. depress, 39. paraphernalia, 40. wayfinding, 41. narrator, 42. misstep, 43. firefighter, 44. depict, 45. shove, 46. narrator, 47. casket

48. vassal ho\_\_\_e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
49. team ma\_\_\_t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
50. a cr\_\_\_\_e against smoking *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
51. unf\_\_\_\_\_ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
52. corporate ma\_\_\_t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
53. p\_\_p of water *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
54. re\_\_x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
55. forest fir\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires

ANSWERS: 48. homage, 49. mascot, 50. crusade, 51. unfettered, 52. mascot, 53. plop, 54. remix, 55. firefighter



56. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
57. an international exp\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
58. marching re\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
59. recover from a mi\_\_\_\_\_p      *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
60. de\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
61. vex\_\_\_\_\_gy flag designs      *n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
62. unf\_\_\_\_\_ed capitalism      *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
63. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene      *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
64. ce\_\_r bark      *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

ANSWERS: 56. motto, 57. exposition, 58. regiment, 59. misstep, 60. decode, 61. vexillology, 62. unfettered, 63. discotheque, 64. cedar

65. sc\_\_\_\_\_e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
66. vex\_\_\_\_\_gy museum *n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
67. the house was a wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
68. ability to de\_\_\_e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
69. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
70. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
71. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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73. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
74. ald\_\_\_\_\_on's office *n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council

ANSWERS: 65. scourge, 66. vexillology, 67. wreck, 68. decode, 69. toothbrush, 70. rev, 71. industrious, 72. stylize, 73. viol, 74. alderperson

75. c\_\_e custody of the kids      *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
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78. pa\_\_\_\_\_et in English      *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
79. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct an image      *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
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81. political sy\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
82. comedic pa\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
83. decorative esc\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings

ANSWERS: 75. cede, 76. motto, 77. plop, 78. pamphlet, 79. reconstruct, 80. viol, 81. symbolism, 82. parody, 83. escutcheon

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91. the ald\_\_\_\_\_on's tireless advocacy *n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council
92. b\_\_w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
93. engage in fr\_\_\_\_\_us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

ANSWERS: 84. escutcheon, 85. pamphlet, 86. cobble, 87. cedar, 88. depict, 89. parody, 90. frivolous, 91. alderperson, 92. brew, 93. frivolous

94. c\_\_e power

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 94. cede

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We seek a candidate who possesses \_\_\_\_\_ fighting potential.  
*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
2. She packed all her camping \_\_\_\_\_ including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking utensils.  
*n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle
3. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.  
*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.  
*n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
5. My \_\_\_\_\_ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.  
*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.  
*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

ANSWERS: 1. adaptable, 2. paraphernalia, 3. decode, 4. exposition, 5. toothbrush, 6. viol, 7. remixed

8. The landowner agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ part of his property to the government for the public good.
- v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
9. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
- n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
11. She took a \_\_\_\_\_ on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.
- n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ course covers flag design, meaning, and usage throughout history.
- n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
13. The politician's speech resonated with the poor \_\_\_\_\_ who felt neglected by the authorities.
- n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
14. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 8. cede, 9. industrious, 10. mascot, 11. misstep, 12. vexillology, 13. populace, 14. rev

15. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ some coffee this morning.
- v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.
- n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
17. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
18. The movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ of classic horror films.
- n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
19. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.
- n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
20. The town is known for its historic \_\_\_\_\_ streets, which were laid by hand in the 19th century.
- n.* a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
- n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
22. The political organization handed out \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about their cause.
- n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 15. brew, 16. symbolism, 17. motto, 18. parody, 19. discotheque, 20. cobble, 21. firefighter, 22. pamphlets



23. The ball fell into the water with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
24. The plague was a \_\_\_\_\_ that killed millions of people.
- n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
25. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.
- n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
27. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.
- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
28. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ progressive agenda focused on sustainable urban development and affordable housing solutions.
- n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council
30. The antique \_\_\_\_\_ on the door added a touch of elegance to the room.
- n.* a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings

ANSWERS: 23. plop, 24. scourge, 25. reconstruct, 26. barber, 27. shoved, 28. depicted, 29. alderperson's, 30. escutcheon

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ makes use of the local dialect.

*n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

32. Tall \_\_\_\_\_ trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

*n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

33. The divers accidentally discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ on the ocean floor.

*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

34. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

35. During the \_\_\_\_\_ period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

*n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

36. She wore a colorful-\_\_\_\_\_ scarf.

*v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

37. The army \_\_\_\_\_ marched in perfect unison during the parade.

*n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

38. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

ANSWERS: 31. narrator, 32. cedar, 33. wreck, 34. firsthand, 35. Crusade, 36. stylized, 37. regiment, 38. frivolous

39. The hunter quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
40. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.
- v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
41. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.
- v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
42. The living room had a \_\_\_\_\_ coffee table in the center of it.
- n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
43. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ to the retiring athlete.
- n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
44. The smell of freshly brewed coffee will \_\_\_\_\_ your appetite in the morning.
- v. to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
45. A well-designed \_\_\_\_\_ system can greatly enhance the experience of navigating a complex building or campus.
- n. the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments

ANSWERS: 39. stalked, 40. obsessed, 41. depressed, 42. rectangle-shaped, 43. homage, 44. whet, 45. wayfinding

46. The athlete felt \_\_\_\_\_ by her recent injury and performed with ease.

*adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

47. The funeral director closed the \_\_\_\_\_ and secured it with screws.

*n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

ANSWERS: 46. unfettered, 47. casket