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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### shadowy

*adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

*synonym* : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

### limestone

*n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

*synonym* : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

### subterranean

*adj.* under the ground

*synonym* : underground, belowground, subsurface

(1) **subterranean** rooms, (2) **subterranean** motives for murder

Such **subterranean** passages span kilometers in London.

### perpetual

*adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

*synonym* : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

## **gloom**

*n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

*synonym* : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

## **earthy**

*adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

*synonym* : loamy, soil-like

(1) an **earthy** sense of humor, (2) **earthy** material

This building used **earthy** elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

## **hush**

*v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

*synonym* : clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

## **engraving**

*n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing

*synonym* : etching, carving, printing

(1) a wood **engraving**, (2) **engraving** tools

The intricate **engraving** on the silver vase was a work of art.

## **zigzag**

*adj.* having short sharp turns or angles

*synonym* : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

## surreal

*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality  
*synonym* : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

## otherworldly

*adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world  
*synonym* : celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

## muffle

*v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

*synonym* : mute, stifle, embower

(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries

He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

## footfall

*n.* the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area

*synonym* : footstep, tread, step

(1) heavy **footfall**, (2) increasing **footfall**

The sudden **footfall** outside the house startled the sleeping dog.

## flickering

*adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

*synonym* : shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

## torch

*n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

*synonym* : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

## passageway

*n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

*synonym* : corridor, hallway, passage

(1) **passageway** lighting, (2) an enclosed **passageway**

The narrow **passageway** was the only route to the hidden chamber.

## unexplored

*adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

*synonym* : uncharted, undiscovered, untapped

(1) **unexplored** ideas, (2) **unexplored** cave

There are many **unexplored** regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.

## sect

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

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

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

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

## ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym* : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

## decouple

*v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

*synonym* : disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle  
We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

## towering

*adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature  
*synonym* : lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain

The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

## tundra

*n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen  
*synonym* : arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

## engrave

*v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

*synonym* : carve, inscribe, etch

(1) **engrave** initials, (2) **engrave** metal

He wanted to **engrave** his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.

## bison

*n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison  
*synonym* : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

## outnumber

*v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number  
*synonym* : surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

## wriggle

*v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

*synonym*: squirm, jerk, twist

(1) **wriggle** free, (2) **wriggle** in surprise

The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

## undocumented

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

## barring

*adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone

*synonym*: except, apart from

(1) **barring** bad weather, (2) **barring** unexpected circumstances

**Barring** any unforeseeable technical issues, the project should be completed by next week.

## doodle

*v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

*synonym*: scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

## 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.

## fling

*v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

*synonym*: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully  
He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

## inscription

*n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

*synonym*: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

## symmetrical

*adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

*synonym*: harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

## 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.

## cuneiform

*adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia

*synonym*: wedge-shaped, triangular, pyramidal

(1) **cuneiform** writing, (2) external **cuneiform** bone

The **cuneiform** tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.

## hieroglyph

*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

*synonym* : character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird  
Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

## pictograph

*n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information

*synonym* : symbol, glyph, icon

(1) hand-drawn **pictograph**, (2) **pictograph** symbols  
The cave paintings are ancient **pictographs** that tell stories of the past.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym* : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark  
His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## pronoun

*n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

## adverb

*n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very

*synonym* : modifier, qualifier, descriptor

(1) **adverb** placement, (2) **adverb** of degree

During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an **adverb** clause in our writing correctly.

## adjective

*n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun

*synonym* : modifier, accessory, attribute

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

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



## weaponry

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym*: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## celestial

*adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

*synonym*: heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

## constellation

*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

*synonym*: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

## 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.

## revisit

*v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. de\_\_\_\_le a space shuttle  
*v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
2. wr\_\_\_\_e in surprise  
*v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
3. sub\_\_\_\_\_ean rooms  
*adj.* under the ground
4. to\_\_\_\_ng trees  
*adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
5. the stars of the Scorpion  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
6. ins\_\_\_\_\_on on a plaque  
*n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
7. une\_\_\_\_\_ed cave  
*adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
8. heavy fo\_\_\_\_ll  
*n.* the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area
9. pr\_\_\_\_n usage  
*n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

ANSWERS: 1. decouple, 2. wriggle, 3. subterranean, 4. towering, 5. constellation, 6. inscription, 7. unexplored, 8. footfall, 9. pronoun

10. advanced we\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
11. und\_\_\_\_\_ted worker *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
12. fl\_\_g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
13. h\_\_h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
14. gl\_\_m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
15. increasing fo\_\_\_\_ll *n.* the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area
16. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
17. ce\_\_\_\_\_al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
18. ou\_\_\_\_\_er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 10. weaponry, 11. undocumented, 12. fling, 13. hush, 14. gloom, 15. footfall, 16. sect, 17. celestial, 18. outnumber

19. an attributive ad\_\_\_\_\_ve      *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
20. en\_\_\_\_\_e metal      *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
21. cu\_\_\_\_\_rm writing      *adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
22. wr\_\_\_\_\_e free      *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
23. sheer li\_\_\_\_\_ne cliffs      *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
24. en\_\_\_\_\_ng tools      *n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
25. de\_\_\_\_t a scene      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
26. pic\_\_\_\_\_ph symbols      *n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
27. funerary ins\_\_\_\_\_ons      *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

ANSWERS: 19. adjective, 20. engrave, 21. cuneiform, 22. wriggle, 23. limestone, 24. engraving, 25. depict, 26. pictograph, 27. inscription

28. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
29. de\_\_\_\_\_le a power supply v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
30. an enclosed pas\_\_\_\_\_ay n. a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
31. st\_\_\_\_\_e the design v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
32. the hie\_\_\_\_\_ph of the bird n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
33. we\_\_\_\_\_ry development n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
34. do\_\_\_e my way through life v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
35. ba\_\_\_\_\_g bad weather adv. excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone
36. a zi\_\_\_g line adj. having short sharp turns or angles
37. external cu\_\_\_\_\_rm bone adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
38. su\_\_\_\_\_l art adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 28. depict, 29. decouple, 30. passageway, 31. stylize, 32. hieroglyph, 33. weaponry, 34. doodle, 35. barring, 36. zigzag, 37. cuneiform, 38. surreal

39. ep\_\_\_\_\_al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
40. re\_\_\_\_\_t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
41. possessive pr\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
42. sym\_\_\_\_\_al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
43. to\_\_\_\_\_ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
44. endangered bi\_\_n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
45. sh\_\_\_\_\_y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
46. do\_\_\_e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
47. oth\_\_\_\_\_dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
48. to a rec\_\_\_\_\_ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
49. ou\_\_\_\_\_er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
50. fli\_\_\_\_\_ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

ANSWERS: 39. ephemeral, 40. revisit, 41. pronoun, 42. symmetrical, 43. towering, 44. bison, 45. shadowy, 46. doodle, 47. otherworldly, 48. recognizable, 49. outnumber, 50. flickering

51. oth\_\_\_\_\_dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
52. American bi\_\_n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
53. ep\_\_\_\_\_al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
54. Egyptian hie\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
55. h\_\_h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
56. sym\_\_\_\_\_al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
57. pas\_\_\_\_\_ay lighting *n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
58. ad\_\_\_b of degree *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
59. the to\_\_h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
60. fli\_\_\_\_\_ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

ANSWERS: 51. otherworldly, 52. bison, 53. ephemeral, 54. hieroglyph, 55. hush, 56. symmetrical, 57. passageway, 58. adverb, 59. torch, 60. flickering

61. pe\_\_\_\_\_al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
62. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
63. an ea\_\_\_y sense of humor *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
64. re\_\_\_\_\_t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
65. ad\_\_\_b placement *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
66. re\_\_\_\_\_le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
67. ad\_\_\_\_\_ve clause *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
68. rec\_\_\_\_\_ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
69. su\_\_\_\_\_l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
70. sub\_\_\_\_\_ean motives for murder *adj.* under the ground
71. ce\_\_\_\_\_al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
72. st\_\_\_\_\_e the behavior *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

ANSWERS: 61. perpetual, 62. sect, 63. earthy, 64. revisit, 65. adverb, 66. rectangle, 67. adjective, 68. recognizable, 69. surreal, 70. subterranean, 71. celestial, 72. stylize



73. orthogonal re\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
74. northern con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
75. sh\_\_\_\_\_y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
76. ba\_\_\_\_\_g unexpected circumstances *adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone
77. the Siberian tu\_\_\_\_a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
78. to\_\_h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
79. und\_\_\_\_\_ted command *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
80. pe\_\_\_\_\_al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
81. a wood en\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
82. mu\_\_\_\_e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

ANSWERS: 73. rectangle, 74. constellation, 75. shadowy, 76. barring, 77. tundra, 78. torch, 79. undocumented, 80. perpetual, 81. engraving, 82. muffle

83. hand-drawn pic\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
84. li\_\_\_\_\_ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
85. ea\_\_\_y material *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
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87. zi\_\_\_g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
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89. en\_\_\_\_\_e initials *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
90. tu\_\_\_a biome *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
91. une\_\_\_\_\_ed ideas *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

ANSWERS: 83. pictograph, 84. limestone, 85. earthy, 86. gloom, 87. zigzag, 88. muffle, 89. engrave, 90. tundra, 91. unexplored

92. fl\_\_g a door open forcefully

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

ANSWERS: 92. fling

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.  
*adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
2. His car was easily \_\_\_\_\_ in the parking lot.  
*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
3. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. When on the phone, he likes to \_\_\_\_\_ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.  
*v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
5. 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
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.  
*adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
7. During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an \_\_\_\_\_ clause in our writing correctly.  
*n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very

ANSWERS: 1. unexplored, 2. recognizable, 3. sect, 4. doodle, 5. rectangle-shaped, 6. towering, 7. adverb

8. In English, personal \_\_\_\_\_ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
- n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
- adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
- n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.
- adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
12. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.
- adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
14. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our foreign policy from ideology.
- v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
15. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.
- n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

ANSWERS: 8. pronouns, 9. shadowy, 10. gloom, 11. flickering, 12. limestone, 13. cuneiform, 14. decouple, 15. weaponry

16. The ancient coin had an \_\_\_\_\_ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
- n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
17. The number of tourists in the city now \_\_\_\_\_ the locals.
- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
18. The Arctic \_\_\_\_\_ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.
- n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
19. This building used \_\_\_\_\_ elements such as stone, brick, and wood.
- adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
20. The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ outside the house startled the sleeping dog.
- n.* the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area
21. This figure is \_\_\_\_\_ about the x-axis.
- adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
22. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.
- v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
23. The company employs a \_\_\_\_\_ inventory system.
- adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

ANSWERS: 16. inscription, 17. outnumber, 18. tundra, 19. earthy, 20. footfall, 21. symmetrical, 22. muffle, 23. perpetual

24. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.
- v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
25. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period
26. He was provoked to \_\_\_\_\_ the draft on the floor.
- v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
27. She wore a colorful-\_\_\_\_\_ scarf.
- v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
28. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
29. The cave paintings are ancient \_\_\_\_\_ that tell stories of the past.
- n. a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ "red" describes the color of the apple.
- n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun
31. The narrow \_\_\_\_\_ was the only route to the hidden chamber.
- n. a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

ANSWERS: 24. engrave, 25. revisit, 26. fling, 27. stylized, 28. hush, 29. pictographs, 30. adjective, 31. passageway

32. Each beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ represents either an idea or a sound.  
*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
33. Such \_\_\_\_\_ passages span kilometers in London.  
*adj.* under the ground
34. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.  
*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
35. She used an electric \_\_\_\_\_ to light her way through the dark cave.  
*n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
36. The intricate \_\_\_\_\_ on the silver vase was a work of art.  
*n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
37. We had to go through a \_\_\_\_\_ course.  
*adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
38. Large herds of \_\_\_\_\_ used to live on the plains of this area.  
*n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
39. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
40. Navigators still use the Little Bear \_\_\_\_\_ at sea.  
*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 32. hieroglyph, 33. subterranean, 34. depicted, 35. torch, 36. engraving, 37. zigzag, 38. bison, 39. ephemeral, 40. constellation



41. The \_\_\_\_\_ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

*adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

42. The child started to \_\_\_\_\_ out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

*v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

43. \_\_\_\_\_ any unforeseeable technical issues, the project should be completed by next week.

*adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone

44. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a \_\_\_\_\_ feel.

*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

*adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

46. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on \_\_\_\_\_ non-citizens.

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

ANSWERS: 41. celestial, 42. wriggle, 43. Barring, 44. surreal, 45. otherworldly, 46. undocumented