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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

### entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

*synonym*: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

### gyrate

v. to move or spin rapidly in a circular or spiraling motion; to rotate or revolve quickly around a central point

*synonym*: spin, rotate, revolve

(1) **gyrate** underneath the water, (2) **gyrate** dance moves

The dancers started to **gyrate** their hips to the beat of the music.

### lurk

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

*synonym*: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness  
In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

## **sham**

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## **palpable**

*adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

*synonym*: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

## **crux**

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym*: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## **unbeknownst**

*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

*synonym*: secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

**Unbeknownst** to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

## **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.

## indiscriminate

*adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

*synonym*: random, haphazard, eclectic

(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force

The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

## sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## deprecate

*v.* to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself

*synonym*: disapprove, criticize, object

(1) **deprecate** a belief, (2) **deprecate** the use of harmful substances

I **deprecate** your dishonest behavior towards your colleagues.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## alto

*n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

*synonym*: contralto, countertenor, soprano

(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo

The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.

## troll

*n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

*synonym*: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

## desolate

*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

*synonym*: barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

## disclaim

*v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

*synonym*: deny, reject, disavow

(1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

## instinctively

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

*synonym*: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad

with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

*synonym*: humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

## negate

v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

*synonym*: refuse, nullify, annul

(1) **negate** the possibility, (2) **negate** the existing system

Drinking may **negate** the beneficial effects of the drug.

## crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

*synonym*: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

## reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

*synonym*: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

## byproduct

n. a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

*synonym*: side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

## societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym*: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

## orthodoxy

*n.* adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution

*synonym*: conformity, traditionalism, conservatism

(1) religious **orthodoxy**, (2) intellectual **orthodoxy**

The church's **orthodoxy** on certain issues was deeply ingrained.

## pragmatic

*adj.* practical rather than idealistic

*synonym*: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

## institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## devise

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

*synonym*: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil

fuels.

## panopticon

*n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population

*synonym*: surveillance, prison, watchtower

(1) **panopticon-like** surveillance, (2) **panopticon** effect on behavior

The **panopticon** prison design allows for constant surveillance of the inmates.

## inmate

*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

*synonym*: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

## excite

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

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

## obedient

*adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

*synonym*: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

## overt

*adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

*synonym*: open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

## tyranny

- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

*synonym*: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

## pun

- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym*: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## imprison

- v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

*synonym*: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

## dissident

- n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

*synonym*: dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

## brute

- n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

*synonym*: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game

to be canceled.

## **cliche**

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym*: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## **instantaneous**

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym*: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

## **misapprehension**

*n.* a misunderstanding or mistaken belief; an incorrect or flawed understanding of a situation, concept, or information

*synonym*: misunderstanding, misconception, error

(1) **misapprehension** about the situation, (2) common **misapprehension**

The politician's statements were based on a **misapprehension** of the facts.

## **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.

## **blacksmith**

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## instinct

- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

- (1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## overhear

- v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

*synonym*: catch, eavesdrop

- (1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

## scrutinize

- v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely

*synonym*: examine, inspect, audit

- (1) **scrutinize** her belongings, (2) **scrutinize** a suspect

The detective **scrutinized** the evidence for any clues.

## posit

- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym*: assert, declare, assume

- (1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## omniscience

- n.* the quality or state of having complete or infinite knowledge; the ability to know everything

*synonym*: all-knowingness, infinite knowledge, wisdom

- (1) limitation of human **omniscience**, (2) claim of **omniscience**

Many theological debates center around the concept of divine **omniscience** and the implications it has for human free will.

## dictate

- v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

*synonym*: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate  
The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

## disparate

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

*synonym*: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location  
The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

## tyrant

*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

*synonym*: despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime  
The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

## converse

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym*: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## dissent

*n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

*synonym*: discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**  
The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

## cripple

*v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

*synonym*: disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition  
The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's

chances of playing again this season.

## entrench

*v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

*synonym*: establish, fortify, secure

(1) **entrench** power, (2) **entrench** beliefs

The general tried to **entrench** his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

## wield

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

*synonym*: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## insidious

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

*synonym*: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

## adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym*: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

## off-limits

*adj.* not allowed to be entered or used

*synonym*: prohibited, restricted, forbidden

(1) **off-limits** to development, (2) **off-limits** topic

The restricted area was **off-limits** to visitors.

## detectable

*adj.* capable of being discovered or identified

*synonym*: perceptible, noticeable, observable

(1) a barely **detectable** change, (2) **detectable** by the

human ear

The object is **detectable** at ultraviolet wavelengths.

## contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

*synonym*: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## unravel

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

*synonym*: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

## whistleblower

*n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

*synonym*: informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

**whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## reshape

*v.* to change the form or structure of something

*synonym*: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the

manufacturing industry.

## endgame

*n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

*synonym*: outcome, finale, conclusion

(1) **endgame** strategies, (2) chess **endgame**

The athlete's **endgame** was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport

## newsworthy

*adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

*synonym*: newswaking, noteworthy, important

(1) **newsworthy** event, (2) **newsworthy** announcement

The scandal was deemed **newsworthy** by every major media outlet in the country.

## uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

## odious

*adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust

*synonym*: loathsome, repugnant, revolting

(1) **odious** task, (2) **odious** character

The **odious** smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

## rejuvenate

*v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

*synonym*: revitalize, renew, refresh

(1) **rejuvenate** a downtown area, (2) **rejuvenate** energy

The spa treatment promised to **rejuvenate** her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

## portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

*synonym*: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

## worthless

*adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

*synonym*: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

## enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

*synonym*: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

## accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

*synonym*: charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym*: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## nefarious

*adj.* extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities

*synonym* : wicked, evil, villainous

(1) **nefarious** intentions, (2) **nefarious** activities

The undercover investigator exposed the **nefarious** plan before any harm could be done.

## **soulless**

*adj.* having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling

*synonym* : heartless, affectless, cold-blooded

(1) he is **soulless** and mechanical, (2) in a **soulless** manner

She is sitting in a tree with a **soulless** look after hearing the news.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ne_____us activities                | <i>adj.</i> extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities                 |
| 2. ad_____ry team                      | <i>n.</i> a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent   |
| 3. in___e rights                       | <i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility   |
| 4. im_____on illegal immigrant         | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement   |
| 5. accurately po_____y the condition   | <i>v.</i> to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work   |
| 6. br___e force                        | <i>n.</i> a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power |
| 7. ind_____ate violence                | <i>adj.</i> done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless                                 |
| 8. unb_____st to any of us             | <i>adv.</i> without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation  |
| 9. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |

ANSWERS: 1. nefarious, 2. adversary, 3. inmate, 4. imprison, 5. portray, 6. brute, 7. indiscriminate, 8. unbeknownst, 9. mindset

10. in a sen_____al mood	<i>adj.</i> connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
11. od___s character	<i>adj.</i> arousing intense dislike or disgust
12. de_____te moon	<i>adj.</i> deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
13. re_____e education policy	<i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something
14. toxic by_____cts	<i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
15. religious or_____xy	<i>n.</i> adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution
16. in___e population	<i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
17. sen_____al damage	<i>adj.</i> connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
18. de_____te the use of harmful substances	<i>v.</i> to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself
19. cr_____e economy	<i>v.</i> to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

ANSWERS: 10. sentimental, 11. odious, 12. desolate, 13. reshape, 14. byproduct, 15. orthodoxy, 16. inmate, 17. sentimental, 18. deprecate, 19. cripple

20. government whi_____wer	<i>n.</i> a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
21. di_____im his rights	<i>v.</i> to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
22. ind_____ate use of force	<i>adj.</i> done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
23. gy____e underneath the water	<i>v.</i> to move or spin rapidly in a circular or spiraling motion; to rotate or revolve quickly around a central point
24. br__e beasts	<i>n.</i> a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
25. ov__t hostility	<i>adj.</i> open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
26. happen to ov_____ar a conversation	<i>v.</i> to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
27. main c__x	<i>n.</i> the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
28. bla_____th shop	<i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
29. ex____e rebellion	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 20. whistleblower, 21. disclaim, 22. indiscriminate, 23. gyrate, 24. brute, 25. overt, 26. overhear, 27. crux, 28. blacksmith, 29. excite

30. di____e to the associate	<i>v.</i> to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
31. silly p_n	<i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
32. by____ct of technology	<i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
33. mis_____ion about the situation	<i>n.</i> a misunderstanding or mistaken belief; an incorrect or flawed understanding of a situation, concept, or information
34. ne___e the existing system	<i>v.</i> to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
35. ins_____ize a system	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
36. di____t opinion	<i>n.</i> possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
37. with no di____t	<i>n.</i> possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
38. in____us behavior	<i>adj.</i> tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
39. co____se with an acquaintance	<i>v.</i> to talk informally
40. limitation of human omn_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of having complete or infinite knowledge; the ability to know everything

ANSWERS: 30. dictate, 31. pun, 32. byproduct, 33. misapprehension, 34. negate, 35. institutionalize, 36. dissent, 37. dissent, 38. insidious, 39. converse, 40. omniscience

41. pr_____ic politics	<i>adj.</i> practical rather than idealistic
42. l__k in the darkness	<i>v.</i> to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
43. first-person na_____or	<i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
44. gy___e dance moves	<i>v.</i> to move or spin rapidly in a circular or spiraling motion; to rotate or revolve quickly around a central point
45. ty_____y of the majority	<i>n.</i> a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
46. cr___e chocolate	<i>v.</i> to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
47. physically di_____te location	<i>adj.</i> very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
48. de___e a literary plot	<i>v.</i> to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
49. mo_____y his ego	<i>v.</i> to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
50. aggressive in_____ct	<i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 41. pragmatic, 42. lurk, 43. narrator, 44. gyrate, 45. tyranny, 46. crave, 47. disparate, 48. devise, 49. mortify, 50. instinct

51. a barely det_____le change	<i>adj.</i> capable of being discovered or identified
52. de_____te a belief	<i>v.</i> to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself
53. ne___e the possibility	<i>v.</i> to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
54. wi__d her authority	<i>v.</i> to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
55. scr_____ze her belongings	<i>v.</i> to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
56. en_____ch beliefs	<i>v.</i> to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
57. a s__m battle	<i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
58. un_____l a plot	<i>v.</i> undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
59. claim of omn_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of having complete or infinite knowledge; the ability to know everything
60. ov__t symptoms	<i>adj.</i> open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
61. re_____e my thoughts	<i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something
62. un_____l a knit	<i>v.</i> undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

ANSWERS: 51. detectable, 52. deprecate, 53. negate, 54. wield, 55. scrutinize, 56. entrench, 57. sham, 58. unravel, 59. omniscience, 60. overt, 61. reshape, 62. unravel

63. 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
64. wo\_\_\_\_\_ss stock  
*adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
65. re\_\_\_x test  
*n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
66. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children  
*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
67. intellectual or\_\_\_\_\_xy  
*n.* adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution
68. de\_\_\_e my own life  
*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
69. feed a tr\_\_\_l  
*n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
70. po\_\_t the premise  
*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 63. herald, 64. worthless, 65. reflex, 66. instinctively, 67. orthodoxy, 68. devote, 69. troll, 70. posit

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| 71. in a so_____ss manner            | <i>adj.</i> having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling             |
| 72. ask a co_____se question         | <i>v.</i> to talk informally   |
| 73. ins_____ous reaction             | <i>adj.</i> occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment  |
| 74. off_____ts topic                 | <i>adj.</i> not allowed to be entered or used  |
| 75. chess en_____e                   | <i>n.</i> the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition |
| 76. di_____ct public opinion         | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do   |
| 77. a de_____te scene                | <i>adj.</i> deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness  |
| 78. un_____r the truth               | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden  |
| 79. de____e a plan                   | <i>v.</i> to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination  |
| 80. unb_____st to me                 | <i>adv.</i> without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation  |
| 81. im_____on myself within the room | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement   |

ANSWERS: 71. soulless, 72. converse, 73. instantaneous, 74. off-limits, 75. endgame, 76. distract, 77. desolate, 78. uncover, 79. devise, 80. unbeknownst, 81. imprison

82. so____al norms	<i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships
83. di____im ownership	<i>v.</i> to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
84. witty p_n	<i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
85. en____ch power	<i>v.</i> to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
86. the na____or of the TV program	<i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
87. turn out to be all s__m	<i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
88. cr____e opposition	<i>v.</i> to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
89. ins____ous message	<i>adj.</i> occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
90. in____ct for self-preservation	<i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 82. societal, 83. disclaim, 84. pun, 85. entrench, 86. narrator, 87. sham, 88. cripple, 89. instantaneous, 90. instinct

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| 91. ex___e the crowd              | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager   |
| 92. flexible mi____t              | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone   |
| 93. pan_____on effect on behavior | <i>n.</i> a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population |
| 94. mainstream wo_____ew          | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world   |
| 95. so_____al expectations        | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships   |
| 96. the c__x of the argument      | <i>n.</i> the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue   |
| 97. I__ked behind the words       | <i>v.</i> to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal   |
| 98. new_____hy event              | <i>adj.</i> worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy  |
| 99. an a__o solo                  | <i>n.</i> the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone  |
| 100. mo_____y the body            | <i>v.</i> to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires   |

ANSWERS: 91. excite, 92. mindset, 93. panopticon, 94. worldview, 95. societal, 96. crux, 97. lurk, 98. newsworthy, 99. alto, 100. mortify

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| 101. he is so ____ss and mechanical          | <i>adj.</i> having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling  |
| 102. po__t the existence of life after death | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration  |
| 103. a__o saxophone                          | <i>n.</i> the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone  |
| 104. un____r a potential problem             | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden   |
| 105. ob____nt dog                            | <i>adj.</i> willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do   |
| 106. di____ct attention from the real issue  | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do  |
| 107. cor____le officials                     | <i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral  |
| 108. anonymous whi____wer                    | <i>n.</i> a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people |
| 109. ne____us intentions                     | <i>adj.</i> extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities  |

ANSWERS: 101. soulless, 102. posit, 103. alto, 104. uncover, 105. obedient, 106. distract, 107. corruptible, 108. whistleblower, 109. nefarious

110. pa____le lie	<i>adj.</i> able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
111. copyright tr__l	<i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
112. en____l legal consequences	<i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
113. criminal acc____on	<i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
114. en____h a gas with a balloon	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
115. od____s task	<i>adj.</i> arousing intense dislike or disgust
116. en____h public services	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
117. rej____te a downtown area	<i>v.</i> to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
118. ins_____ize customary laws	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
119. wi__d a bad influence	<i>v.</i> to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 110. palpable, 111. troll, 112. entail, 113. accusation, 114. enrich, 115. odious, 116. enrich, 117. rejuvenate, 118. institutionalize, 119. wield

120. pr_____ic approach	<i>adj.</i> practical rather than idealistic
121. common mis_____ion	<i>n.</i> a misunderstanding or mistaken belief; an incorrect or flawed understanding of a situation, concept, or information
122. rej_____te energy	<i>v.</i> to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
123. outspoken di_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
124. scr_____ze a suspect	<i>v.</i> to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
125. age-old cl___e	<i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
126. he___d the news	<i>v.</i> to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
127. po_____y feelings in words	<i>v.</i> to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
128. false acc_____on	<i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
129. con_____us virus	<i>adj.</i> able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

ANSWERS: 120. pragmatic, 121. misapprehension, 122. rejuvenate, 123. dissident, 124. scrutinize, 125. cliché, 126. herald, 127. portray, 128. accusation, 129. contagious

130. ty___t regime	<i>n.</i> a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
131. grow to be ob____nt	<i>adj.</i> willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
132. de___e all of my energies	<i>v.</i> to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
133. cl___e plot	<i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
134. en___l risks	<i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
135. pa____le tumor	<i>adj.</i> able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
136. ins_____ely grabbed the knife	<i>adv.</i> as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
137. di____e a letter to secretary	<i>v.</i> to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
138. wo_____ss coin	<i>adj.</i> having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
139. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization	<i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 130. tyrant, 131. obedient, 132. devote, 133. cliché, 134. entail, 135. palpable, 136. instinctively, 137. dictate, 138. worthless, 139. worldview

140. bla_____th welding	<i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
141. off_____ts to development	<i>adj.</i> not allowed to be entered or used
142. det_____le by the human ear	<i>adj.</i> capable of being discovered or identified
143. new_____hy announcement	<i>adj.</i> worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
144. cor_____le judges	<i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
145. accidentally ov_____ard their talk	<i>v.</i> to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
146. cr__e advice from others	<i>v.</i> to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
147. brutal ty_____y	<i>n.</i> a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
148. a domestic ty____t	<i>n.</i> a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
149. con_____us enthusiasm	<i>adj.</i> able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
150. pan_____on-like surveillance	<i>n.</i> a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population

ANSWERS: 140. blacksmith, 141. off-limits, 142. detectable, 143. newsworthy, 144. corruptible, 145. overhear, 146. crave, 147. tyranny, 148. tyrant, 149. contagious, 150. panopticon

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| 151. knee re___x          | <i>n.</i> an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli                                 |
| 152. di_____te impact     | <i>adj.</i> very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way   |
| 153. di_____nt activities | <i>n.</i> a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary   |
| 154. in_____us plot       | <i>adj.</i> tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way                                      |
| 155. political ad_____ry  | <i>n.</i> a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent   |
| 156. en_____e strategies  | <i>n.</i> the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition |

ANSWERS: 151. reflex, 152. disparate, 153. dissident, 154. insidious, 155. adversary, 156. endgame

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.
  - n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
2. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.
  - adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
3. My parents used to \_\_\_\_\_ me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.
  - v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
4. The general tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.
  - v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ prison design allows for constant surveillance of the inmates.
  - n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
  - n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

ANSWERS: 1. byproduct, 2. sentimental, 3. mortify, 4. entrench, 5. panopticon, 6. accusation

7. Many theological debates center around the concept of divine \_\_\_\_\_ and the implications it has for human free will.
- n.* the quality or state of having complete or infinite knowledge; the ability to know everything
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ singer had a unique and powerful voice.
- n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
9. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.
- n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
11. Reading not only increases knowledge but also \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
12. Some researchers claim that even humans can \_\_\_\_\_ sense earthquakes.
- adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
13. She was inside at the time and \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation.
- v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
14. The company had to state to \_\_\_\_\_ any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.
- v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

ANSWERS: 7. omniscience, 8. alto, 9. pun, 10. brute, 11. enriches, 12. instinctively, 13. overheard, 14. disclaim

15. The undercover investigator exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ plan before any harm could be done.

*adj.* extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities

16. I \_\_\_\_\_ your dishonest behavior towards your colleagues.

*v.* to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself

17. The disease has an \_\_\_\_\_ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ rule was marked by oppression and fear.

*n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

19. The boxer's toughest \_\_\_\_\_ was his fear of losing.

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

20. The dictatorship crushes all \_\_\_\_\_ severely.

*n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

21. The advent of the Internet completely \_\_\_\_\_ the manufacturing industry.

*v.* to change the form or structure of something

22. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 15. nefarious, 16. deprecate, 17. insidious, 18. tyrant's, 19. adversary, 20. dissent, 21. reshaped, 22. instinct

23. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

24. The politician's statements were based on a \_\_\_\_\_ of the facts.

- n.* a misunderstanding or mistaken belief; an incorrect or flawed understanding of a situation, concept, or information

25. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.

- v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

26. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport

- n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

27. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

28. The job offer \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of responsibility and hard work.

- v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

29. The new software provides \_\_\_\_\_ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

- adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

ANSWERS: 23. devoted, 24. misapprehension, 25. imprisoned, 26. endgame, 27. sham, 28. entails, 29. instantaneous

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog followed its owner's commands.

*adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

31. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

32. He was banned from the online forum for being a \_\_\_\_\_ and causing trouble.

*n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

33. The scandal was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ by every major media outlet in the country.

*adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

34. The deserted island was \_\_\_\_\_ and uninhabited.

*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

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

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

36. The spa treatment promised to \_\_\_\_\_ her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

*v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

37. The organization worked to bring together \_\_\_\_\_ groups in the community.

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

ANSWERS: 30. obedient, 31. uncovered, 32. troll, 33. newsworthy, 34. desolate, 35. narrator, 36. rejuvenate, 37. disparate

38. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

39. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

- n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

41. The government's security forces constantly monitored the \_\_\_\_\_ politician.

- n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

42. The allies \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of surrender to the country.

- v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

43. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

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

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

45. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.

- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

ANSWERS: 38. distract, 39. posit, 40. crux, 41. dissident, 42. dictated, 43. excited, 44. blacksmith, 45. contagious

46. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

47. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

48. Drinking may \_\_\_\_\_ the beneficial effects of the drug.

*v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

49. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

50. 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

51. The dancers started to \_\_\_\_\_ their hips to the beat of the music.

*v.* to move or spin rapidly in a circular or spiraling motion; to rotate or revolve quickly around a central point

52. The product was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

*adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

53. \_\_\_\_\_ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

ANSWERS: 46. corruptible, 47. wielded, 48. negate, 49. mindset, 50. heralded, 51. gyrate, 52. worthless, 53. Unbeknownst

54. We often \_\_\_\_\_ political problems as religious issues.

- v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

55. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.

- v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

56. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at every corner.

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

57. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

- adj.* practical rather than idealistic

58. The object is \_\_\_\_\_ at ultraviolet wavelengths.

- adj.* capable of being discovered or identified

59. She is sitting in a tree with a \_\_\_\_\_ look after hearing the news.

- adj.* having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling

60. His \_\_\_\_\_ lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

- adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

61. The tension in the room was \_\_\_\_\_ as they waited for the results to come in.

- adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

62. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the \_\_\_\_\_ hammer.

- n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

ANSWERS: 54. portray, 55. unravel, 56. lurks, 57. pragmatic, 58. detectable, 59. soulless, 60. overt, 61. palpable, 62. reflex

63. She \_\_\_\_\_ success and is always pushing herself to do better.

*v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

64. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

*adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust

66. The government has laws in place to protect \_\_\_\_\_ from retaliation.

*n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

67. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

68. The injury was severe enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

*v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

69. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

70. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ the evidence for any clues.

*v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely

ANSWERS: 63. craves, 64. devise, 65. odious, 66. whistleblowers, 67. institutionalize, 68. cripple, 69. worldviews, 70. scrutinized

71. The prison implemented a new educational program for \_\_\_\_\_ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
- n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
72. The country was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
73. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.
- v.* to talk informally
74. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
- adj.* relating to society or social relationships
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.
- adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
76. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
77. The church's \_\_\_\_\_ on certain issues was deeply ingrained.
- n.* adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution

ANSWERS: 71. inmates, 72. tyranny, 73. converse, 74. societal, 75. indiscriminate, 76. cliché, 77. orthodoxy

78. The restricted area was \_\_\_\_\_ to visitors.

*adj.* not allowed to be entered or used

ANSWERS: 78. off-limits