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## Session 1: Word List

### terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

### 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.

### flashlight

*n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

*synonym*: torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

### preoccupation

*n.* the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively

*synonym*: fetish, obsession, fixation

(1) **preoccupation** with work, (2) military **preoccupation**

She has an obsessive **preoccupation** with weight and shape.

## bakery

*n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

*synonym* : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

## pastry

*n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

*synonym* : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

## obsess

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

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

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

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

## breathless

*adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

*synonym* : panting, winded, out of breath

(1) with **breathless** interest, (2) **breathless** anticipation

After running up the stairs, I was left **breathless** and sweaty.

## embellish

*v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

*synonym* : decorate, adorn, beautify

(1) **embellish** a story, (2) **embellish** a room

I decided to **embellish** the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

## heartbreak

*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

*synonym*: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

## lifespan

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## timeframe

*n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task

*synonym*: timespan, duration, period

(1) short **timeframe**, (2) realistic **timeframe**

We need to set a **timeframe** for completing this project.

## narrate

*v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

*synonym*: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

## immerse

*v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym*: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

**bud** *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot  
*synonym*: shoot, sprout, germ  
(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting  
The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

**nostalgia** *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past  
*synonym*: longing, wistfulness, yearning  
(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip  
The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

**dread** *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen  
*synonym*: fear, cringe, apprehend  
(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old  
We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

**granular** *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance  
*synonym*: gritty, grainy, sandy  
(1) a **granular** medicine, (2) **granular** data  
The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

**ream** *n.* a unit of measurement for the quantity of paper, usually equal to 500 sheets; a large quantity of something  
*synonym*: batch, heap, ton  
(1) **ream** weight, (2) **ream** of ideas  
I need to buy a **ream** of printer paper for the office.

## comprehend

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully  
*synonym*: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions  
She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

## widen

*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

*synonym*: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve  
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

## picosecond

*n.* a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second

*synonym*: trillionth of a second

(1) **picosecond** resolution, (2) **picosecond** pulse

The computer processor can execute instructions in a **picosecond**.

## awry

*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

*synonym*: amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair

The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

## warp

*v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

*synonym*: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

- app** *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC  
*synonym* : application, software  
(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**  
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.
- prioritize** *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things  
*synonym* : rank, order, arrange  
(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars  
The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- 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.
- tweet** *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application  
*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)  
(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**  
We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.
- incessant** *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting  
*synonym* : constant, unending, ceaseless  
(1) **incessant** chatter, (2) **incessant** rain  
The **incessant** barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.
- exile** *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

*synonym* : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

## repose

*n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned

*synonym* : rest, relaxation, tranquility

(1) state of **repose**, (2) peaceful **repose**

After a long day at work, I found my **repose** in a cozy armchair by the fireplace.

## parisian

*adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

(1) **Parisian** celebrity, (2) **parisian** accent

The **Parisian** café had a charming atmosphere.

## displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## perpetuate

*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

*synonym* : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

## ironic

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym* : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

## slap

*v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

*synonym* : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

## rift

*n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

*synonym* : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

## rupture

*n.* a break or tear in something, especially a bodily tissue or a physical object

*synonym* : fracture, break, tear

(1) a **rupture** between friends, (2) the **rupture** of a blood vessel

A fault line **rupture** can cause significant damage and destruction to surrounding areas.

## Jovian

*adj.* relating to Jupiter or its characteristics

*synonym* : Jupiter, giant planet

(1) **Jovian** satellites, (2) **Jovian** planet

The **Jovian** moon Europa is believed to have an ocean beneath its icy surface.

## encapsulate

*v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

*synonym* : enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the



essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

**tuck**

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

*synonym*: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

**sari**

n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

*synonym*: shawl, wrap, veil

(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

**chop**

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym*: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

**instruct**

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

**cannibal**

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

*synonym*: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

## **incompleteness**

*n.* the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished

*synonym*: rawness, deficiency, insufficiency

(1) **incompleteness** theory, (2) feeling of **incompleteness**

The **incompleteness** of the instructions made it difficult to assemble the furniture correctly.

## **ebb**

*n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

*synonym*: regression, decline, (verb) decrease

(1) **ebb** and flow, (2) at a low **ebb**

The tide was at its **ebb**, revealing the sandy beach.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_\_i blouse *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
2. pic\_\_\_\_\_nd resolution *n.* a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second
3. he is ob\_\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
4. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. per\_\_\_\_\_te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
6. fla\_\_\_\_\_ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
7. the ru\_\_\_\_\_e of a blood vessel *n.* a break or tear in something, especially a bodily tissue or a physical object
8. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
9. feeling of inc\_\_\_\_\_ess *n.* the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished
10. to\_\_h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 1. sari, 2. picosecond, 3. obsess, 4. smartphone, 5. perpetuate, 6. flashlight, 7. rupture, 8. lifespan, 9. incompleteness, 10. torch

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| 11. a__y hair                | <i>adv.</i> in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss   |
| 12. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet  |
| 13. c__p a meet with a knife | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife   |
| 14. pre_____ion with work    | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively  |
| 15. w__p under pressure      | <i>v.</i> to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something                    |
| 16. a warm no_____ia         | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past   |
| 17. dr__d failure            | <i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen  |
| 18. military pre_____ion     | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively  |
| 19. dr__d getting old        | <i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen  |
| 20. r__m weight              | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for the quantity of paper, usually equal to 500 sheets; a large quantity of something                                     |
| 21. an ir___c turn of events | <i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect |

ANSWERS: 11. awry, 12. smartphone, 13. chop, 14. preoccupation, 15. warp, 16. nostalgia, 17. dread, 18. preoccupation, 19. dread, 20. ream, 21. ironic

22. state of re\_\_\_e *n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
23. enc\_\_\_\_\_te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
24. at a low e\_b *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
25. peaceful re\_\_\_e *n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
26. ca\_\_\_\_\_al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
27. em\_\_\_\_\_sh a room *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
28. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
29. become w\_\_ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

ANSWERS: 22. repose, 23. encapsulate, 24. ebb, 25. repose, 26. cannibal, 27. embellish, 28. tweet, 29. warp

30. with bre\_\_\_\_\_ss interest      *adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness
31. fla\_\_\_\_\_ht beam      *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
32. in\_\_\_\_\_nt rain      *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
33. silk s\_\_i      *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
34. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
35. Pa\_\_\_\_\_an celebrity      *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
36. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
37. r\_\_t between friends      *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
38. e\_b and flow      *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
39. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a computer      *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 30. breathless, 31. flashlight, 32. incessant, 33. sari, 34. displace, 35. parisian, 36. distract, 37. rift, 38. ebb, 39. instruct

40. na\_\_\_\_\_e a news article      *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
41. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks      *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
42. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
43. Jo\_\_\_\_n planet      *adj.* relating to Jupiter or its characteristics
44. pinch off a b\_d      *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
45. a\_\_y plan      *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
46. em\_\_\_\_\_sh a story      *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
47. a ru\_\_\_\_\_e between friends      *n.* a break or tear in something, especially a bodily tissue or a physical object
48. cannot log in to the a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
49. ex\_\_e community      *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 40. narrate, 41. prioritize, 42. displace, 43. Jovian, 44. bud, 45. awry, 46. embellish, 47. rupture, 48. app, 49. exile

50. fruit pa\_\_\_y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
51. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
52. pic\_\_\_\_\_nd pulse *n.* a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second
53. t\_\_k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
54. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
55. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
56. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
57. com\_\_\_\_\_nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
58. inc\_\_\_\_\_ess theory *n.* the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished
59. run a ba\_\_\_y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
60. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 50. pastry, 51. distract, 52. picosecond, 53. tuck, 54. terrify, 55. app, 56. tweet, 57. comprehend, 58. incompleteness, 59. bakery, 60. terrify



61. a gr\_\_\_\_\_ar medicine *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
62. ease her hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
63. realistic ti\_\_\_\_\_me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
64. s\_\_p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
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66. enc\_\_\_\_\_te the essence *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
67. pa\_\_\_\_\_an accent *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
68. wi\_\_n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
69. 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
70. bre\_\_\_\_\_ss anticipation *adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

ANSWERS: 61. granular, 62. heartbreak, 63. timeframe, 64. slap, 65. heartbreak, 66. encapsulate, 67. parisian, 68. widen, 69. torch, 70. breathless

71. completely im\_\_\_\_\_e the ingredient      *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
72. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English      *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
73. na\_\_\_\_\_e an event      *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
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77. wi\_\_n a narrowed heart valve      *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
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ANSWERS: 71. immerse, 72. comprehend, 73. narrate, 74. perpetuate, 75. immerse, 76. lifespan, 77. widen, 78. ironic, 79. ream, 80. exile

81. geological r\_\_t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
82. ba\_\_\_y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
83. in\_\_\_\_\_nt chatter *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
84. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
85. Jo\_\_\_n satellites *adj.* relating to Jupiter or its characteristics
86. c\_\_p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
87. habitual ca\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
88. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
89. b\_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
90. s\_\_p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
91. pa\_\_\_y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

ANSWERS: 81. rift, 82. bakery, 83. incessant, 84. instruct, 85. Jovian, 86. chop, 87. cannibal, 88. prioritize, 89. bud, 90. slap, 91. pastry

92. gr\_\_\_\_ar data *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
93. t\_\_k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
94. short ti\_\_\_\_\_me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
95. ob\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
96. no\_\_\_\_\_ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

ANSWERS: 92. granular, 93. tuck, 94. timeframe, 95. obsess, 96. nostalgia

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.
  - v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
2. That work \_\_\_\_\_ his fame.
  - v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
3. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your shirt into your trousers.
  - v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
4. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
  - adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
5. 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
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
  - n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
7. A fault line \_\_\_\_\_ can cause significant damage and destruction to surrounding areas.
  - n. a break or tear in something, especially a bodily tissue or a physical object

ANSWERS: 1. displace, 2. perpetuates, 3. tuck, 4. ironic, 5. torch, 6. exiled, 7. rupture

8. He \_\_\_\_\_ his investigation into a medical clinic.  
*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
9. I need to buy a \_\_\_\_\_ of printer paper for the office.  
*n.* a unit of measurement for the quantity of paper, usually equal to 500 sheets; a large quantity of something
10. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.  
*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
11. After a long day at work, I found my \_\_\_\_\_ in a cozy armchair by the fireplace.  
*n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
12. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.  
*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
13. The tide was at its \_\_\_\_\_ revealing the sandy beach.  
*n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
14. The plans for the surprise party went \_\_\_\_\_ when the cake was ruined.  
*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
15. The movie can \_\_\_\_\_ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.  
*v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

ANSWERS: 8. widened, 9. ream, 10. app's, 11. repose, 12. chopped, 13. ebb, 14. awry, 15. encapsulate

16. She wore a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.  
*n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
17. He worked at the \_\_\_\_\_ as a baker.  
*n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the instructions made it difficult to assemble the furniture correctly.  
*n.* the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished
19. The ice cream truck's sound brought back \_\_\_\_\_ for my childhood.  
*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.  
*adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
21. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
22. He used a backup \_\_\_\_\_ to find his way through the dark cave.  
*n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
23. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.  
*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
24. The computer processor can execute instructions in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second

ANSWERS: 16. sari, 17. bakery, 18. incompleteness, 19. nostalgia, 20. incessant, 21. prioritized, 22. flashlight, 23. lifespan, 24. picosecond

25. They had experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
26. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ complex math problems.
- v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
27. The flower was starting to show its \_\_\_\_ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
- n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
28. The horror movie portrayed a group of \_\_\_\_\_ who hunted humans in the woods.
- n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
29. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
30. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
31. We all \_\_\_\_\_ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
- v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
32. After running up the stairs, I was left \_\_\_\_\_ and sweaty.
- adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

ANSWERS: 25. heartbreak, 26. comprehend, 27. bud, 28. cannibals, 29. slap, 30. smartphones, 31. dread, 32. breathless



33. The \_\_\_\_\_ café had a charming atmosphere.

*adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

34. She has an obsessive \_\_\_\_\_ with weight and shape.

*n.* the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively

35. We need to set a \_\_\_\_\_ for completing this project.

*n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task

36. The ship's hull was \_\_\_\_\_ from years of use in rough seas.

*v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

37. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in his research.

*v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

38. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

*v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

39. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

40. The facility manager \_\_\_\_\_ the security guards to be on high alert.

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 33. Parisian, 34. preoccupation, 35. timeframe, 36. warped, 37. immersed, 38. embellish, 39. tweet, 40. instructed

41. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.

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

42. The soil had a \_\_\_\_\_ texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

*adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ moon Europa is believed to have an ocean beneath its icy surface.

*adj.* relating to Jupiter or its characteristics

44. The chef's specialty is a savory \_\_\_\_\_ with spinach and feta cheese.

*n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

45. Their disagreement caused a \_\_\_\_\_ in their friendship.

*n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

46. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.

*v.* to frighten someone very much

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

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

48. The audiobook hired a professional actor to \_\_\_\_\_ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

*v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 41. obsessed, 42. granular, 43. Jovian, 44. pastry, 45. rift, 46. terrify, 47. distract, 48. narrate

ANSWERS: