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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

### quirk

*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

*synonym*: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

### concede

*v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

*synonym*: admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

### onstage

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience

in awe.

## sway

*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

*synonym* : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

## patriotism

*n.* love and loyalty to one's country

*synonym* : nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

## cosmopolitan

*adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

*synonym* : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

## sophisticate

*n.* a person who has refined tastes, manners, or knowledge, often associated with urban sophistication or worldly experience; (verb) to make something or someone more complex, refined, or developed

*synonym* : cultured, connoisseur, intellectual

(1) market **sophisticate**, (2) **sophisticate** national life

He was an intellectual **sophisticate** who could engage in debates on various topics.

## 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.

## enlist

*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

*synonym*: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## orphan

*n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

*synonym*: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

## long-lasting

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

*synonym*: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## taint

*v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

*synonym* : corrupt, infect, spoil

(1) **taint** the government, (2) **taint** the atmosphere worldwide

The scandal will **taint** his reputation for years to come.

## authoritarian

*adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

*synonym* : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

## exaggeration

*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

*synonym* : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## bogus

*adj.* false or imitation; not genuine

*synonym* : fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **bogus** excuse, (2) **bogus** charities

He accused the company of using **bogus** advertising claims to sell its products.

## puppet

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is

controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym*: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

## graham

*n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

*synonym*: cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

## cracker

*n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

*synonym*: biscuit, hacker, banger

(1) cannon **cracker**, (2) computer **cracker**

I love having a cheese and **cracker** platter while watching a movie.

## 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.

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## vermin

*n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful

*synonym* : pests, parasites, rodents

(1) plague of **vermin**, (2) **vermin** control

She set traps to catch the **vermin** in her house.

## louse

*n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

*synonym* : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

## irrational

*adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

*synonym* : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## nontraditional

*adj.* departing from or not conforming to traditional or conventional ideas or practices; deviating from what is considered standard or expected

*synonym* : unconventional, nonconformist, alternative

(1) **nontraditional** approach, (2) **nontraditional** family

Her decision to pursue a **nontraditional** career path was met with some resistance from her family.

## apocryphal

*adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

*synonym* : spurious, questionable, dubious

(1) **apocryphal** account, (2) **apocryphal** text

The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely **apocryphal** but still taught in schools.

## deluge

*n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

*synonym* : flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

## testament

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

*synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## 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.

## 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.

## sordid

*adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

*synonym*: dirty, seedy, sleazy

(1) **sordid** business, (2) **sordid** past

The tabloid newspaper exposed the **sordid** details of the politician's scandalous affair.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## presumptuous

*adj.* excessively bold or forward; taking liberties beyond what is appropriate or socially acceptable

*synonym*: arrogant, overconfident, presuming

(1) **presumptuous** behavior, (2) **presumptuous** attitude

It was **presumptuous** of him to assume he would be hired for the job without submitting a resume.

## supposition

*n.* an assumption or belief based on limited evidence or guesswork; a hypothesis or conjecture made without conclusive evidence

*synonym*: assumption, presumption, conjecture

(1) baseless **supposition**, (2) reasonable **supposition**

The team proceeded with the project under the **supposition** that the client would approve their proposal.

## theologian

*n.* an expert or student who studies theology

*synonym*: clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.



## spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym*: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

## constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

*synonym*: restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

## audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

*synonym*: tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

## 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.

**nourish**

*v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

*synonym*: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

**staunch**

*adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

*synonym*: strong, loyal, firm

(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent

She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. 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  |
| 2. 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  |
| 3. music au____on                 | <i>n.</i> a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position  |
| 4. s__y to the rhythm             | <i>v.</i> to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something |
| 5. a__y plan                      | <i>adv.</i> in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss  |
| 6. asylum for or____n children    | <i>n.</i> a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them  |
| 7. hu____ze a room                | <i>v.</i> to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans  |
| 8. fanatic pat____sm              | <i>n.</i> love and loyalty to one's country  |

ANSWERS: 1. instinct, 2. pun, 3. audition, 4. sway, 5. awry, 6. orphan, 7. humanize, 8. patriotism

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| 9. give properties by te_____nt | <i>n.</i> a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else  |
| 10. a lon_____ing friendship    | <i>adj.</i> existing or continuing for a long time  |
| 11. Je___h history              | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism  |
| 12. minimal exa_____ion         | <i>n.</i> an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is                                   |
| 13. plague of ve___n            | <i>n.</i> small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful   |
| 14. c__p wood                   | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife   |
| 15. Swedish the_____an          | <i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology   |
| 16. c__p a meet with a knife    | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife   |
| 17. negative ste_____pes        | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 18. apo_____al account          | <i>adj.</i> of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true   |
| 19. full of em_____y            | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation  |
| 20. a qu__k of fate             | <i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group   |

ANSWERS: 9. testament, 10. long-lasting, 11. Jewish, 12. exaggeration, 13. vermin, 14. chop, 15. theologian, 16. chop, 17. stereotype, 18. apocryphal, 19. empathy, 20. quirk

21. st\_\_\_\_h conviction *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
22. cos\_\_\_\_tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
23. avoid ste\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
24. en\_\_\_\_t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
25. no\_\_\_\_h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
26. gr\_\_\_\_m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
27. sp\_\_\_\_l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
28. pu\_\_\_\_t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 21. staunch, 22. cosmopolitan, 23. stereotype, 24. enlist, 25. nourish, 26. graham, 27. spoil, 28. puppet

29. lo\_\_e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
30. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
31. co\_\_\_\_\_e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
32. re\_\_\_\_\_te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
33. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
34. walk on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
35. sp\_\_l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
36. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
37. or\_\_\_n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
38. lon\_\_\_\_\_ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
39. irr\_\_\_\_\_al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 29. louse, 30. blacksmith, 31. concede, 32. reinstate, 33. astonishing, 34. onstage, 35. spoil, 36. germ, 37. orphan, 38. long-lasting, 39. irrational

40. so\_\_\_d past *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
41. gr\_\_\_m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
42. co\_\_\_\_\_e a territory *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
43. aut\_\_\_\_\_ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
44. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
45. cos\_\_\_\_\_tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
46. cannon cr\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

ANSWERS: 40. sordid, 41. graham, 42. concede, 43. authoritarian, 44. determinant, 45. cosmopolitan, 46. cracker

47. hu\_\_\_\_ze my pet                    *v.*    to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
48. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m            *n.*    a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
49. great the\_\_\_\_ans                    *n.*    an expert or student who studies theology
50. co\_\_\_\_in information flow            *v.*    to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
51. st\_\_\_\_h opponent                    *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
52. personality qu\_\_k                    *n.*    a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
53. aut\_\_\_\_ian government                *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
54. get caught in the de\_\_\_e                *n.*    a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
55. bo\_\_s excuse                         *adj.* false or imitation; not genuine
56. computer cr\_\_\_\_r                    *n.*    a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

ANSWERS: 47. humanize, 48. germ, 49. theologian, 50. constrain, 51. staunch, 52. quirk, 53. authoritarian, 54. deluge, 55. bogus, 56. cracker



57. em\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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59. ve\_\_\_n control *n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
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ANSWERS: 57. empathy, 58. constrain, 59. vermin, 60. testament, 61. apocryphal, 62. louse, 63. onstage, 64. nourish, 65. pun, 66. determinant

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69. en\_\_\_t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
70. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
71. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
72. a de\_\_\_e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
73. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
74. the spirit of pat\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
75. so\_\_\_d business *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
76. reasonable sup\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an assumption or belief based on limited evidence or guesswork; a hypothesis or conjecture made without conclusive evidence
77. a\_\_y hair *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

ANSWERS: 67. exaggeration, 68. sway, 69. enlist, 70. blacksmith, 71. astonishing, 72. deluge, 73. terrifying, 74. patriotism, 75. sordid, 76. supposition, 77. awry

78. re\_\_\_\_\_te a policy      *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
79. an irr\_\_\_\_\_al request      *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
80. non\_\_\_\_\_nal family      *adj.* departing from or not conforming to traditional or conventional ideas or practices; deviating from what is considered standard or expected
81. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *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
82. market sop\_\_\_\_\_ate      *n.* a person who has refined tastes, manners, or knowledge, often associated with urban sophistication or worldly experience; (verb) to make something or someone more complex, refined, or developed
83. baseless sup\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* an assumption or belief based on limited evidence or guesswork; a hypothesis or conjecture made without conclusive evidence
84. ta\_\_t the government      *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

ANSWERS: 78. reinstate, 79. irrational, 80. nontraditional, 81. instinct, 82. sophisticate, 83. supposition, 84. taint

85. pre\_\_\_\_\_ous behavior *adj.* excessively bold or forward; taking liberties beyond what is appropriate or socially acceptable
86. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
87. non\_\_\_\_\_nal approach *adj.* departing from or not conforming to traditional or conventional ideas or practices; deviating from what is considered standard or expected
88. bo\_\_s charities *adj.* false or imitation; not genuine
89. pre\_\_\_\_\_ous attitude *adj.* excessively bold or forward; taking liberties beyond what is appropriate or socially acceptable
90. sop\_\_\_\_\_ate national life *n.* a person who has refined tastes, manners, or knowledge, often associated with urban sophistication or worldly experience; (verb) to make something or someone more complex, refined, or developed
91. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
92. corporate pu\_\_\_t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
93. ta\_\_t the atmosphere worldwide *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

ANSWERS: 85. presumptuous, 86. terrifying, 87. nontraditional, 88. bogus, 89. presumptuous, 90. sophisticate, 91. Jewish, 92. puppet, 93. taint

94. dance au\_\_\_\_on

*n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

ANSWERS: 94. audition

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
2. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the military after graduating from high school.  
*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
3. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.  
*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
4. The team proceeded with the project under the \_\_\_\_\_ that the client would approve their proposal.  
*n.* an assumption or belief based on limited evidence or guesswork; a hypothesis or conjecture made without conclusive evidence
5. Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
6. They continued to endure \_\_\_\_\_ treatment by the dictatorship.  
*adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. astonishing, 2. enlist, 3. sway, 4. supposition, 5. deluge, 6. irrational, 7. Empathy

8. His story was filled with obvious \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
9. The politician was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wealthy elite.
- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
11. 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
12. He was an intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ who could engage in debates on various topics.
- n.* a person who has refined tastes, manners, or knowledge, often associated with urban sophistication or worldly experience; (verb) to make something or someone more complex, refined, or developed
13. One of her \_\_\_\_\_ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
14. She set traps to catch the \_\_\_\_\_ in her house.
- n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
15. The boss decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.
- v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

ANSWERS: 8. exaggerations, 9. puppet, 10. blacksmith, 11. instinct, 12. sophisticate, 13. quirks, 14. vermin, 15. reinstate

16. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of him to assume he would be hired for the job without submitting a resume.

*adj.* excessively bold or forward; taking liberties beyond what is appropriate or socially acceptable

17. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely \_\_\_\_\_ but still taught in schools.

*adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

18. I love having a cheese and \_\_\_\_\_ platter while watching a movie.

*n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

19. 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

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

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

21. They finally decided to solve the \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

22. Her decision to pursue a \_\_\_\_\_ career path was met with some resistance from her family.

*adj.* departing from or not conforming to traditional or conventional ideas or practices; deviating from what is considered standard or expected

ANSWERS: 16. presumptuous, 17. apocryphal, 18. cracker, 19. pun, 20. testament, 21. long-lasting, 22. nontraditional



23. The charity event aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
24. The little girl was a war \_\_\_\_\_ and lived in a group home.
- n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
25. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.
- adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
26. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
- adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
28. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
29. He performed his magic trick \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience in awe.
- adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
30. His actions were a testament to his deep love and \_\_\_\_\_ for his country.
- n.* love and loyalty to one's country

ANSWERS: 23. humanize, 24. orphan, 25. staunch, 26. constrained, 27. authoritarian, 28. determinant, 29. onstage, 30. patriotism

31. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.  
*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
32. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ defeat after losing the game.  
*v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
33. The city was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ culture and diverse population.  
*adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
34. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.  
*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
35. The scandal will \_\_\_\_\_ his reputation for years to come.  
*v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element
36. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
37. I have an \_\_\_\_\_ for a role in a play tomorrow.  
*n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
38. Death gets more than its share of attention from \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an expert or student who studies theology

ANSWERS: 31. chopped, 32. concede, 33. cosmopolitan, 34. Jewish, 35. taint, 36. louse, 37. audition, 38. theologians

39. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
40. The tabloid newspaper exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ details of the politician's scandalous affair.  
*adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
41. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.  
*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
43. He accused the company of using \_\_\_\_\_ advertising claims to sell its products.  
*adj.* false or imitation; not genuine
44. The plans for the surprise party went \_\_\_\_\_ when the cake was ruined.  
*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
45. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
46. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing \_\_\_\_\_ cracker.  
*n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

ANSWERS: 39. terrifying, 40. sordid, 41. stereotypes, 42. germ, 43. bogus, 44. awry, 45. spoil, 46. graham

47. The mother used her breast milk to \_\_\_\_\_ the baby.

- v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 47. nourish