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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dosimeter

*n.* a device used to measure and record an individual's exposure to radiation over a specific period of time, commonly used to monitor radiation levels in workers or individuals in radiation-prone environments

*synonym*: radiation monitor, radiation dosimeter, radiation detector

(1) **dosimeter** reading, (2) environmental **dosimeter**

The workers at the nuclear facility must always wear a radiation **dosimeter**.

### berserk

*adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

*synonym*: crazed, frenzied, wild

(1) run **berserk**, (2) a **berserk** rage

The fans went **berserk** when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

### frenetic

*adj.* frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation

*synonym*: frenzied, hyperactive, violent

(1) **frenetic** dancing, (2) **frenetic** energy

The **frenetic** pace of the city can be overwhelming for some

people.

### frantic

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

*synonym*: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

### reluctantly

*adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

*synonym*: unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave

He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

### sarcophagus

*n.* a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people

*synonym*: coffin, tomb, casket

(1) **sarcophagus** lid, (2) ancient **sarcophagus**

The pharaoh was buried in an ornate **sarcophagus** complete with intricate hieroglyphics.

### hasty

*adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration

*synonym*: rushed, impulsive, prompt

(1) a **hasty** temper, (2) **hasty** commitment

The **hasty** conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.

### contaminate

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## draconian

*adj.* severe or harsh; excessively strict

*synonym* : severe, harsh, strict

(1) **draconian** austerity, (2) **draconian** laws

The government implemented a series of **draconian** measures to control the spread of the virus.

## settler

*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

*synonym* : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

## 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.

## overused

*adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming clichéd; lacking originality

*synonym* : overworked, overutilized, exhausted

(1) **overused** common, (2) **overused** cliché

The concept of time travel has become **overused** in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

## evacuate

*v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

*synonym* : empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

## defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym* : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## ancestral

*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

*synonym* : hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

## decidedly

*adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

*synonym* : definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

## scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym* : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## eerily

*adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

*synonym* : spookily, strangely, creepily

(1) **eerily** accurate, (2) **eerily** atmospheric

The abandoned house was **eerily** silent as if someone was watching from within.

## bucolic

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality

*synonym* : rural, pastoral, idyllic

(1) **bucolic** setting, (2) surrounded with **bucolic** charm  
We enjoyed a **bucolic** picnic in the meadow, surrounded by rolling hills.

## **bulldoze**

*v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

*synonym*: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying  
They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

## **vestige**

*n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

*synonym*: trace, remnant, relic

(1) a **vestige** of a castle wall, (2) a **vestige** of the virus  
The abandoned building was a **vestige** of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

## **chimney**

*n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

*synonym*: flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

## **starvation**

*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

*synonym*: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

## **atrocities**

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

*synonym*: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

## famine

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym*: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## outskirt

*n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

*synonym*: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## stork

*n.* a very tall, long-legged bird with white and black plumage and a long beak that walks around in the water to find its food

(1) have a visit from the **stork**, (2) the **stork's** bill

A **stork** flew slowly past.

## devastation

*n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

*synonym*: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

## boar

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

*synonym* : wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

## lynx

*n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America

*synonym* : feline, wildcat, bobcat

(1) **lynx** habitat, (2) **lynx** population

The Siberian **lynx** is a solitary hunter native to the boreal forests.

## moose

*n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

*synonym* : elk, deer, antelope

(1) **moose** hunting, (2) **moose** population

The antlers of a bull **moose** can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.

## trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## exodus

*n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

*synonym* : emigration, evacuation, departure

(1) mass **exodus**, (2) the Oriental **exodus** from America

The rural **exodus** may cause long-term population loss.

## heroic

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## pragmatist

*n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

*synonym* : realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**

As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

## vodka

*n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

*synonym* : spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**

I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

## patina

*n.* a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance

*synonym* : tarnish, oxidation, weathering

(1) green **patina**, (2) coat with a **patina**

The antique dealer valued the piece higher due to its rich **patina** and aged appearance.

## defiance

*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

*synonym* : disobedience, disregard, confrontation



(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**  
He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

## hardy

*adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

*synonym*: tough, sturdy, resilient

(1) **hardy** plants, (2) **hardy** breed

The **hardy** construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

## fraught

*adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

*synonym*: tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

## relocate

*v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

*synonym*: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

## alcoholism

*n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

*synonym*: alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery

He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## cosmos

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym* : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## 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.

## versed

*adj.* well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient

*synonym* : knowledgeable, experienced, skilled

(1) **versed** in law, (2) tech- **versed** professional

She was well- **versed** in French literature and could recite many works by heart.

## aphorism

*n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood

*synonym* : maxim, adage, proverb

(1) **aphorism** writer, (2) famous **aphorism**

"A penny saved is a penny earned" is a well-known **aphorism** about the value of frugality.

## motherland

*n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated

*synonym* : homeland, fatherland, native land

(1) **motherland** defenders, (2) songs of **motherland**

He always spoke proudly of his **motherland** during the war.

## outlive

v. to live longer than another person

*synonym*: continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

## longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

*synonym*: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

## palliate

v. to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

*synonym*: extenuate, soothe, relieve

(1) **palliate** symptoms, (2) attempts to **palliate**

The charity provided meals and shelter to **palliate** the suffering of the homeless population.

## revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

*synonym*: return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym*: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## flummox

v. to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

*synonym*: baffle, confuse, perplex

(1) **flummox** user, (2) **flummox** the audience

The complex puzzle game **flummoxed** me for hours, but I

finally solved it.

## halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

*synonym*: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

## grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## tonic

*adj.* of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

*synonym*: (noun) brew, (noun) elixir

(1) the **tonic** sol-fa, (2) a **tonic** medicine

A **tonic** syllable carries the main stress in a word.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. environmental do\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a device used to measure and record an individual's exposure to radiation over a specific period of time, commonly used to monitor radiation levels in workers or individuals in radiation-prone environments
2. b\_\_r's head  
*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
3. sar\_\_\_\_\_us lid  
*n.* a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people
4. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
5. famous ap\_\_\_\_\_sm  
*n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
6. a ve\_\_\_\_\_e of a castle wall  
*n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
7. ha\_\_e the workload  
*v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
8. pa\_\_\_\_\_le lie  
*adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

ANSWERS: 1. dosimeter, 2. boar, 3. sarcophagus, 4. resilient, 5. aphorism, 6. vestige, 7. halve, 8. palpable

9. on the western ou\_\_\_\_\_rts      *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
10. songs of mot\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
11. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension      *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
12. rel\_\_\_\_\_ly leave      *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
13. fr\_\_\_\_\_c pace      *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
14. a ve\_\_\_\_\_e of the virus      *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
15. pa\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms      *v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
16. se\_\_\_\_\_rs on some foreign shore      *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
17. vo\_\_a shot      *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
18. bu\_\_\_\_\_ze a mound      *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

ANSWERS: 9. outskirts, 10. motherland, 11. lifespan, 12. reluctantly, 13. frantic, 14. vestige, 15. palliate, 16. settler, 17. vodka, 18. bulldoze

19. adopt an attitude of de\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
20. ha\_\_y commitment      *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
21. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
22. he\_\_\_c explorers      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
23. commit at\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
24. the Oriental ex\_\_\_s from America      *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
25. become increasingly fr\_\_\_\_\_t      *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
26. fr\_\_\_\_\_ic energy      *adj.* frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
27. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
28. fl\_\_\_\_\_x user      *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
29. re\_\_\_t to the original subject      *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

ANSWERS: 19. defiance, 20. hasty, 21. atrocity, 22. heroic, 23. atrocity, 24. exodus, 25. fraught, 26. frenetic, 27. whisper, 28. flummox, 29. revert

30. mass ex\_\_\_s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
31. bu\_\_\_\_\_ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
32. re\_\_\_\_\_te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
33. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
34. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
35. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
36. a be\_\_\_\_\_k rage *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
37. fierce de\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
38. flavored vo\_\_a *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

ANSWERS: 30. exodus, 31. bulldoze, 32. relocate, 33. trump, 34. defy, 35. daring, 36. berserk, 37. defiance, 38. vodka



39. l\_\_x habitat *n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America
40. de\_\_\_\_\_ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
41. an an\_\_\_\_\_al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
42. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
43. run be\_\_\_\_\_k *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
44. ha\_\_e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
45. ov\_\_\_\_\_ed cliché *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming clichéd; lacking originality
46. a to\_\_c medicine *adj.* of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor
47. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 39. lynx, 40. decidedly, 41. ancestral, 42. defy, 43. berserk, 44. halve, 45. overused, 46. tonic, 47. disrupt

48. the st\_\_k's bill *n.* a very tall, long-legged bird with white and black plume and a long beak that walks around in the water to find its food
49. smoke ch\_\_\_\_y *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
50. ee\_\_\_y accurate *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
51. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
52. the to\_\_c sol-fa *adj.* of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor
53. ou\_\_\_\_\_e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
54. con\_\_\_\_\_te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
55. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
56. fr\_\_\_\_\_t with danger *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
57. tech-ve\_\_\_d professional *adj.* well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient

ANSWERS: 48. stork, 49. chimney, 50. eerily, 51. lifespan, 52. tonic, 53. outlive, 54. contaminate, 55. grapple, 56. fraught, 57. versed

58. dr\_\_\_\_\_an austerity *adj.* severe or harsh; excessively strict
59. bu\_\_\_\_\_c setting *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
60. ha\_\_y plants *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
61. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
62. have a visit from the st\_\_k *n.* a very tall, long-legged bird with white and black plume and a long beak that walks around in the water to find its food
63. mot\_\_\_\_\_nd defenders *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
64. rel\_\_\_\_\_ly approve the idea *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
65. exploration of co\_\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
66. ap\_\_\_\_\_sm writer *n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
67. dev\_\_\_\_\_on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

ANSWERS: 58. draconian, 59. bucolic, 60. hardy, 61. resilient, 62. stork, 63. motherland, 64. reluctantly, 65. cosmos, 66. aphorism, 67. devastation

68. mo\_\_e population *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
69. origin of the co\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
70. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
71. ov\_\_\_\_\_ed common *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
72. re\_\_\_\_\_te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
73. lo\_\_\_\_\_ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
74. ve\_\_\_\_d in law *adj.* well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient
75. green pa\_\_\_\_a *n.* a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance
76. financial dev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
77. with fr\_\_\_\_\_c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
78. de\_\_\_\_\_ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

ANSWERS: 68. moose, 69. cosmos, 70. starvation, 71. overused, 72. relocate, 73. longevity, 74. versed, 75. patina, 76. devastation, 77. frantic, 78. decidedly

79. surrounded with bu\_\_\_\_c charm      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
80. alc\_\_\_\_\_sm recovery      *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
81. re\_\_\_t to a heavy smoker      *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
82. an\_\_\_\_\_al roots      *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
83. tr\_\_p card      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
84. ch\_\_\_\_\_y sweep      *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
85. ancient sar\_\_\_\_\_us      *n.* a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people
86. mo\_\_e hunting      *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
87. dr\_\_\_\_\_an laws      *adj.* severe or harsh; excessively strict
88. fl\_\_\_\_\_x the audience      *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

ANSWERS: 79. bucolic, 80. alcoholism, 81. revert, 82. ancestral, 83. trump, 84. chimney, 85. sarcophagus, 86. moose, 87. draconian, 88. flummox

89. attempts to pa\_\_\_\_\_te  
*v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
90. pra\_\_\_\_\_st perspective  
*n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
91. a ha\_\_y temper  
*adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
92. wild b\_\_r  
*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
93. ev\_\_\_\_\_te civilians  
*v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
94. a he\_\_\_c poem  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
95. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
96. new se\_\_\_\_\_rs  
*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
97. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_\_r  
*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 89. palliate, 90. pragmatist, 91. hasty, 92. boar, 93. evacuate, 94. heroic, 95. disrupt, 96. settler, 97. whisper

98. coal fa\_\_\_e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
99. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
100. pa\_\_\_\_\_le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
101. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
102. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
103. ev\_\_\_\_\_te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
104. ha\_\_y breed *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
105. do\_\_\_\_\_er reading *n.* a device used to measure and record an individual's exposure to radiation over a specific period of time, commonly used to monitor radiation levels in workers or individuals in radiation-prone environments
106. lo\_\_\_\_\_ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
107. acute alc\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
108. sta\_\_\_\_\_on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 98. famine, 99. daring, 100. palpable, 101. scatter, 102. grapple, 103. evacuate, 104. hardy, 105. dosimeter, 106. longevity, 107. alcoholism, 108. starvation

109. ou\_\_\_\_e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
110. sc\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
111. the ou\_\_\_\_rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
112. ee\_\_\_\_y atmospheric *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
113. l\_\_x population *n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America
114. fa\_\_\_\_e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
115. coat with a pa\_\_\_\_a *n.* a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance
116. fr\_\_\_\_ic dancing *adj.* frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
117. con\_\_\_\_te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
118. a true pra\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

ANSWERS: 109. outlive, 110. scatter, 111. outskirts, 112. eerily, 113. lynx, 114. famine, 115. patina, 116. frenetic, 117. contaminate, 118. pragmatist



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The workers at the nuclear facility must always wear a radiation \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a device used to measure and record an individual's exposure to radiation over a specific period of time, commonly used to monitor radiation levels in workers or individuals in radiation-prone environments
2. 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
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.  
*adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
5. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.  
*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
6. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.  
*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
7. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.  
*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 1. dosimeter, 2. palpable, 3. hasty, 4. heroic, 5. starvation, 6. lifespan, 7. whispered

8. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.

*adj.* brave and taking risks

9. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

10. He always spoke proudly of his \_\_\_\_\_ during the war.

*n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated

11. The Siberian \_\_\_\_\_ is a solitary hunter native to the boreal forests.

*n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America

12. The economic recession caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

*n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

13. The government implemented a series of \_\_\_\_\_ measures to control the spread of the virus.

*adj.* severe or harsh; excessively strict

14. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 8. daring, 9. cosmos, 10. motherland, 11. lynx, 12. devastation, 13. draconian, 14. famine, 15. atrocity

16. The rural \_\_\_\_\_ may cause long-term population loss.

*n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

17. He \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to go to the party.

*adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

18. A \_\_\_\_\_ syllable carries the main stress in a word.

*adj.* of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

19. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

20. They \_\_\_\_\_ the old building to make way for a new one.

*v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

21. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

22. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

23. A \_\_\_\_\_ flew slowly past.

*n.* a very tall, long-legged bird with white and black plume and a long beak that walks around in the water to find its food

ANSWERS: 16. exodus, 17. reluctantly, 18. tonic, 19. scattered, 20. bulldozed, 21. resilient, 22. grapple, 23. stork

24. A large proportion of railway workers in \_\_\_\_\_ colonies were white.  
*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
25. The negotiations were \_\_\_\_\_ with challenges and setbacks.  
*adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
26. The fans went \_\_\_\_\_ when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.  
*adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
27. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
28. We enjoyed a \_\_\_\_\_ picnic in the meadow, surrounded by rolling hills.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
29. We strive not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.  
*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
30. The complex puzzle game \_\_\_\_\_ me for hours, but I finally solved it.  
*v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
31. The charity provided meals and shelter to \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of the homeless population.  
*v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

ANSWERS: 24. settler, 25. fraught, 26. berserk, 27. disrupt, 28. bucolic, 29. contaminate, 30. flummoxed, 31. palliate

32. The university \_\_\_\_\_ to campuses several miles away.  
*v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ home has been in the family for generations.  
*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
34. He acted in \_\_\_\_\_ of our decision.  
*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
35. The mother was \_\_\_\_\_ as she searched for her lost child.  
*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
36. He lost everything due to his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ pace of the city can be overwhelming for some people.  
*adj.* frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
38. The abandoned building was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.  
*n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
39. She was \_\_\_\_\_ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.  
*adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

ANSWERS: 32. relocated, 33. ancestral, 34. defiance, 35. frantic, 36. alcoholism, 37. frenetic, 38. vestige, 39. decidedly

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.
- n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
42. "A penny saved is a penny earned" is a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ about the value of frugality.
- n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
43. The antlers of a bull \_\_\_\_\_ can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.
- n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
44. The concept of time travel has become \_\_\_\_\_ in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.
- adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
45. She was well-\_\_\_\_\_ in French literature and could recite many works by heart.
- adj.* well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

ANSWERS: 40. trump, 41. chimney, 42. aphorism, 43. moose, 44. overused, 45. versed, 46. outskirts

47. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
- v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
48. The hunter tracked the \_\_\_\_\_ through the forest for a good shot.
- n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
49. After trying the new software, I \_\_\_\_\_ to the old version.
- v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
50. As a \_\_\_\_\_ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.
- n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.
- adj. able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
52. The town was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ due to the hurricane approaching.
- v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
53. He is proud of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the business.
- n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
54. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. halve, 48. boar, 49. reverted, 50. pragmatist, 51. hardy, 52. evacuate, 53. longevity, 54. defy

55. She \_\_\_\_\_ her husband for many years.

*v.* to live longer than another person

56. The abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ silent as if someone was watching from within.

*adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

57. The pharaoh was buried in an ornate \_\_\_\_\_ complete with intricate hieroglyphics.

*n.* a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people

58. I ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ tonic at the bar.

*n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

59. The antique dealer valued the piece higher due to its rich \_\_\_\_\_ and aged appearance.

*n.* a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance

ANSWERS: 55. outlived, 56. eerily, 57. sarcophagus, 58. vodka, 59. patina