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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### plumb

*v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

*synonym* : fathom, dip, sound

(1) **plumb** the depths, (2) **plumb** a pipe

The contractor had to **plumb** the new building before erecting the walls.

### hotline

*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

*synonym* : helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

### resurgence

*n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

*synonym* : revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

## fundamentalist

*n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

*synonym*: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## elitist

*adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

*synonym*: exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

## pundit

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym*: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## steadfast

*adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges

*synonym*: unwavering, resolute, steadfast

(1) **steadfast** commitment, (2) **steadfast** determination

The **steadfast** soldier refused to leave his post despite the danger.

## triangulation

*n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

*synonym* : measurement, surveying, trilateration

(1) **triangulation** method, (2) political **triangulation**

The archaeologists used GPS **triangulation** to accurately map the ancient ruins.

## overeducated

*adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position

*synonym* : overqualified, hypereducated, excessively educated

(1) **overeducated** worker, (2) **overeducated** job applicant

Despite his impressive academic achievements, some people thought he was **overeducated** and lacked practical experience.

## wonk

*n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

*synonym* : nerd, geek, enthusiast

(1) book **wonk**, (2) tech **wonk**

The political **wonk** analyzed every detail of the debate.

## quagmire

*n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament

*synonym* : morass, swamp, bog

(1) sink into a **quagmire**, (2) **quagmire** debate

The company found itself in a legal **quagmire**, unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.

## despoil

*v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something

*synonym* : plunder, ravage, loot

(1) **despoil** the natural resources, (2) **despoiled** land  
The company's practice of using cheap materials to cut costs will **despoil** the quality of the final product.

## puny

*adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact

*synonym*: small, weak, feeble

(1) **puny** muscles, (2) **puny** excuse

The weightlifter could easily lift the **puny** dumbbell with one hand.

## entail

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

*synonym*: involve, necessitate, require

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

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

## impotent

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

*synonym*: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

## bribe

*v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

*synonym*: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

## 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.

## strife

*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

*synonym*: conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## 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.

## gregarious

*adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

*synonym*: sociable, outgoing, friendly

(1) **gregarious** animals, (2) **gregarious** nature

She was a **gregarious** person, always making friends with everyone she met.

## loquacious

*adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

*synonym*: chatty, talkative, garrulous

(1) **loquacious** chatter, (2) **loquacious** interviewee

The **loquacious** salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

## endow

*v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

*synonym*: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason

and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

## 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.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym*: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## frivolous

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym*: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

## prolong

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

*synonym*: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

### **crucify**

*v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

*synonym*: execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

### **disembowel**

*v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate

*synonym*: eviscerate, remove organs

(1) **disembowel** a fish, (2) **disembowel** an enemy

The lion used its sharp claws to **disembowel** large prey like zebras and antelopes.

### **barbaric**

*adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

*synonym*: savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

### **erupt**

*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

*synonym*: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

### **greedy**

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym*: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

## steer

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym* : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## 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.

## invigorate

*v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh

*synonym* : energize, stimulate, revitalize

(1) **invigorate** the economy, (2) **invigorate** the team

Exercising in the morning helps to **invigorate** my mind and body.

## sympathize

*v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

*synonym* : empathize, understand, commiserate

(1) **sympathize** with a tragic hero, (2) **sympathize** with their situation

I **sympathize** with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## kind-hearted

*adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

*synonym* : compassionate, kind, sympathetic

(1) **kind-hearted** person, (2) **kind-hearted** gesture



The volunteer organization is full of **kind-hearted** people who donate their time to help others.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body  
*synonym* : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## feeble

*adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact

*synonym* : weak, frail, feeble-minded

(1) **feeble** attempt, (2) **feeble** excuse

The older man's **feeble** voice suggested he was not feeling well.

## outsider

*n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

*synonym* : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

## 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.

## dreadful

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

*synonym* : terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

## calamity

*n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss  
*synonym* : disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

## misfortune

*n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble

*synonym* : adversity, calamity, tragedy

(1) economic **misfortune**, (2) a string of **misfortunes**

The flood was a great **misfortune** to the small town causing extensive damage.

## melancholy

*n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

*synonym* : sadness, sorrow, gloom

(1) feel **melancholy**, (2) nostalgic **melancholy**

His **melancholy** mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

## precarious

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

*synonym* : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

## sentimental

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

*synonym* : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

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

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

## tranquility

*n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment

*synonym* : calmness, serenity, peace

(1) the **tranquility** of the environment, (2) feeling of **tranquility**

She found **tranquility** by meditating in the garden.

## snore

v. to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull  
*synonym*: doze, slumber, yawn

(1) **snore** in my sleep, (2) **snore** peacefully

I couldn't sleep because my roommate **snored** loudly every night.

## 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.

## indefensible

*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism

*synonym*: untenable, unjustifiable, unsupportable

(1) logically **indefensible**, (2) **indefensible** argument

The argument was **indefensible**, and the judge dismissed it.

## 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.

## legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

*synonym*: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

## decency

*n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

*synonym*: morality, propriety, decorum

(1) an offense against **decency**, (2) **decency** standards

He always tried to act with **decency**, treating others with respect and kindness.

## heretic

*n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

*synonym*: dissenter, nonconformist, dissident

(1) **heretic** beliefs, (2) labeled a **heretic**

The philosopher was accused of being a **heretic** for his controversial ideas.

## 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**.

## sect

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

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

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

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

## exterminate

*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

*synonym*: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism  
The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

## pamphlet

*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject  
*synonym*: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English  
The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

## circulate

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system  
*synonym*: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting  
The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## jurisprudence

*n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems  
*synonym*: legal theory, laws, legal system

(1) **jurisprudence** system, (2) modern **jurisprudence**  
The lawyer's understanding of **jurisprudence** helped her win the case.

## inflict

*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something  
*synonym*: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow  
The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

## outweigh

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something  
*synonym*: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes  
The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the

disadvantages.

## superfluous

*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required  
*synonym*: extra, unnecessary, redundant

(1) **superfluous** information, (2) **superfluous** words

The recipe called for a **superfluous** amount of salt and made the dish too salty.

## tyrannical

*adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way  
*synonym*: despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

**Tyrannical** Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

## catchy

*adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention  
*synonym*: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

## wrench

*v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently  
*synonym*: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

## mobilize

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose  
*synonym*: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

## modernity

*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture  
*synonym*: contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life

and the city's **modernity**.

## diffuse

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

*synonym* : spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

## redound

*v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive

*synonym* : contribute, result, benefit

(1) **redound** to the team's victory, (2) **redound** to our advantage

His dedication to his work **redounds** to his success.

## reap

*v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

*synonym* : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

## plunder

*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

*synonym* : pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

## rejoicing

*n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight

*synonym* : celebration, merriment, festivity

(1) sound of **rejoicing**, (2) **rejoicing** family

There was much **rejoicing** among the fans when their team

won the championship.

## **mourning**

*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym*: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

## **woe**

*n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

*synonym*: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

## **abolish**

*v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to

*synonym*: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

## **spearhead**

*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

*synonym*: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

## **inconstant**

*adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable

*synonym*: variable, changeable, erratic

(1) **inconstant** weather, (2) **inconstant** work performance

His **inconstant** behavior made it difficult for others to trust him.

## **allege**

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

*synonym*: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing



The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

## enlightenment

*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

*synonym*: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

## defensible

*adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism

*synonym*: justifiable, supportable, vindicable

(1) **defensible** fort, (2) **defensible** decision

The lawyer argued that his client's actions were **defensible** given the circumstances.

## mischief

*n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

*synonym*: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

## trickle

*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym*: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## infiltrate

*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

*synonym*: penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## appall

*v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

*synonym*: shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

## nonviolence

*n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

*synonym*: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

## offend

*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

*synonym*: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

## toleration

*n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices

*synonym*: forbearance, patience, endurance

(1) **toleration** policy, (2) religious **toleration**

The school's policy on religious **toleration** meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.

## scrimp

*v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize

*synonym*: save, economize, cut back

(1) **scrimp** on expenses, (2) **scrimp** on time

I had to **scrimp** and save every penny to afford my dream vacation.

## lifesaving

*n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym*: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

## contraception

*n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. tri\_\_\_\_\_ion method *n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks
2. great the\_\_\_\_\_ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
3. ext\_\_\_\_\_te communism *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
4. ci\_\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
5. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
6. en\_\_w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
7. inc\_\_\_\_\_nt work performance *adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable
8. co\_\_\_\_\_e a territory *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
9. er\_\_t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
10. kin\_\_\_\_\_ted person *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

ANSWERS: 1. triangulation, 2. theologian, 3. exterminate, 4. circulate, 5. impotent, 6. endow, 7. inconstant, 8. concede, 9. erupt, 10. kind-hearted

11. de\_\_\_\_y standards *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
12. 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
13. de\_\_\_\_\_l the natural resources *v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something
14. cr\_\_\_\_\_y him for their actions *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
15. sup\_\_\_\_\_us words *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
16. inf\_\_\_\_\_te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
17. an offense against de\_\_\_\_y *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
18. de\_\_\_\_\_led land *v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something

ANSWERS: 11. decency, 12. irrational, 13. despoil, 14. crucify, 15. superfluous, 16. infiltrate, 17. decency, 18. despoil

19. ba\_\_\_\_ic treatment      *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
20. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
21. kin\_\_\_\_ted gesture      *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
22. br\_\_e a politician      *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
23. path toward mo\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
24. feeling of tra\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
25. labeled a he\_\_\_\_c      *n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
26. mo\_\_\_\_ze a stiff joint      *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
27. mo\_\_\_\_ze cooperation      *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 19. barbaric, 20. creditor, 21. kind-hearted, 22. bribe, 23. modernity, 24. tranquility, 25. heretic, 26. mobilize, 27. mobilize

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| 28. incumbent leg_____or     | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws  |
| 29. logically ind_____ble    | <i>adj.</i> unable to be protected or justified from criticism   |
| 30. res_____ce in popularity | <i>n.</i> the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance   |
| 31. cr_____y a criminal      | <i>v.</i> to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die  |
| 32. ou_____er perspective    | <i>n.</i> a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles |
| 33. gr_____y for money       | <i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food   |
| 34. lif_____ng device        | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning   |
| 35. fr_____us lawsuits       | <i>adj.</i> not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant  |
| 36. tol_____on policy        | <i>n.</i> the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices  |
| 37. di_____e bleeding        | <i>adj.</i> spread out widely; not concentrated in one place   |
| 38. spirit of mo_____ty      | <i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture   |

ANSWERS: 28. legislator, 29. indefensible, 30. resurgence, 31. crucify, 32. outsider, 33. greedy, 34. lifesaving, 35. frivolous, 36. toleration, 37. diffuse, 38. modernity

39. gre\_\_\_\_\_us nature *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
40. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
41. religious tol\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
42. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
43. pr\_\_\_\_\_g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
44. non\_\_\_\_\_ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
45. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
46. in\_\_\_\_\_t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
47. sym\_\_\_\_\_ze with their situation *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

ANSWERS: 39. gregarious, 40. blacksmith, 41. toleration, 42. mourning, 43. prolong, 44. nonviolence, 45. trickle, 46. inflict, 47. sympathize



48. nostalgic mel\_\_\_\_\_ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
49. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
50. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
51. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
52. malicious mi\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
53. fun\_\_\_\_\_ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
54. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
55. lif\_\_\_\_\_ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
56. st\_\_r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
57. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
58. conservative pu\_\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

ANSWERS: 48. melancholy, 49. empathy, 50. grandchild, 51. well-being, 52. mischief, 53. fundamentalist, 54. spearhead, 55. lifesaving, 56. steer, 57. empathy, 58. pundit

59. ho\_\_\_\_e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
60. ove\_\_\_\_\_ted worker *adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position
61. sn\_\_e in my sleep *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
62. in\_\_\_\_t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
63. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
64. ou\_\_\_\_gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
65. an\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
66. political tri\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks
67. com\_\_\_\_\_nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
68. re\_\_\_\_\_ng family *n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight

ANSWERS: 59. hotline, 60. overeducated, 61. snore, 62. inflict, 63. sect, 64. outweigh, 65. ancestor, 66. triangulation, 67. comprehend, 68. rejoicing

69. sink into a qu\_\_\_\_\_re                      *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
70. 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
71. feel mel\_\_\_\_\_ly                      *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
72. ac\_\_\_\_\_e each other                      *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
73. def\_\_\_\_\_le decision                      *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
74. wi\_\_n in excitement                      *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
75. at st\_\_\_\_\_e over the land                      *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
76. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble argument                      *adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
77. en\_\_w him with the power                      *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
78. economic mis\_\_\_\_\_ne                      *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
79. st\_\_r a conversation                      *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 69. quagmire, 70. instinct, 71. melancholy, 72. accuse, 73. defensible, 74. widen, 75. strife, 76. indefensible, 77. endow, 78. misfortune, 79. steer

80. inc\_\_\_\_\_nt weather *adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable
81. loq\_\_\_\_\_us chatter *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
82. st\_\_\_\_\_st determination *adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges
83. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
84. sports pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
85. ne\_\_\_n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
86. a string of mis\_\_\_\_\_nes *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
87. ap\_\_\_l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
88. loq\_\_\_\_\_us interviewee *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
89. full of w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 80. inconstant, 81. loquacious, 82. steadfast, 83. sect, 84. pundit, 85. neuron, 86. misfortune, 87. appall, 88. loquacious, 89. woe

90. wr\_\_\_h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
91. p\_\_\_y excuse *adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
92. sexually im\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
93. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
94. sn\_\_\_e peacefully *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
95. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
96. engage in fr\_\_\_\_\_us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
97. fe\_\_\_e excuse *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
98. un\_\_\_t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
99. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
100. res\_\_\_\_\_ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

ANSWERS: 90. wrench, 91. puny, 92. impotent, 93. peasant, 94. snore, 95. creditor, 96. frivolous, 97. feeble, 98. unjust, 99. ancestor, 100. resurgence

101. non\_\_\_\_\_ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
102. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad campaign *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
103. al\_\_\_e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
104. sound of re\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight
105. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
106. ove\_\_\_\_\_ted job applicant *adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position
107. ci\_\_\_\_\_te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
108. ca\_\_\_y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
109. el\_\_\_\_\_t mentality *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
110. qu\_\_\_\_\_re debate *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
111. pl\_\_\_\_\_r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

ANSWERS: 101. nonviolence, 102. spearhead, 103. allege, 104. rejoicing, 105. sentimental, 106. overeducated, 107. circulate, 108. catchy, 109. elitist, 110. quagmire, 111. plunder

112. sym\_\_\_\_\_ze with a tragic hero      *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
113. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh our wishes      *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
114. Swedish the\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
115. 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
116. un\_\_\_t accusation      *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
117. economic w\_e      *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
118. financial ca\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
119. tr\_\_\_\_\_e from his eyes      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
120. pre\_\_\_\_\_us job      *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
121. measures to pr\_\_\_\_\_g the lifespan      *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 112. sympathize, 113. outweigh, 114. theologian, 115. irrational, 116. unjust, 117. woe, 118. calamity, 119. trickle, 120. precarious, 121. prolong

122. playful mi\_\_\_\_ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
123. dis\_\_\_\_\_el an enemy *v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
124. st\_\_\_\_\_st commitment *adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges
125. r\_\_p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
126. pl\_\_b a pipe *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully
127. fe\_\_\_e attempt *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
128. sc\_\_\_p on expenses *v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize
129. dis\_\_\_\_\_el a fish *v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate

ANSWERS: 122. mischief, 123. disembowel, 124. steadfast, 125. reap, 126. plumb, 127. feeble, 128. scrimp, 129. disembowel



130. mo\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
131. ext\_\_\_\_te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
132. wi\_\_n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
133. a ca\_\_\_y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
134. gr\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
135. inf\_\_\_\_te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
136. modern jur\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
137. in\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *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
138. civil st\_\_\_e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
139. a tyr\_\_\_\_al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

ANSWERS: 130. mourning, 131. exterminate, 132. widen, 133. catchy, 134. greedy, 135. infiltrate, 136. jurisprudence, 137. instinct, 138. strife, 139. tyrannical

140. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
141. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the team *v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
142. a tyr\_\_\_\_\_al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
143. enl\_\_\_\_\_ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
144. pre\_\_\_\_\_us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
145. the tra\_\_\_\_\_ty of the environment *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
146. pl\_\_\_\_\_r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
147. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
148. exploited pe\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
149. of\_\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 140. blacksmith, 141. invigorate, 142. tyrannical, 143. enlightenment, 144. precarious, 145. tranquility, 146. plunder, 147. invigorate, 148. peasant, 149. offend

150. el\_\_\_\_t mindset *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
151. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
152. dr\_\_\_\_ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
153. en\_\_\_l legal consequences *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
154. re\_\_\_\_d to our advantage *v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive
155. ou\_\_\_\_\_er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
156. he\_\_\_\_c beliefs *n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
157. jur\_\_\_\_\_nce system *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

ANSWERS: 150. elitist, 151. sentimental, 152. dreadful, 153. entail, 154. redound, 155. outsider, 156. heretic, 157. jurisprudence

158. a leg\_\_\_\_\_or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
159. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
160. re\_\_\_\_\_d to the team's victory *v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive
161. spiritual enl\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
162. r\_\_\_p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
163. ab\_\_\_\_\_h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
164. en\_\_\_l risks *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
165. dr\_\_\_\_\_ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
166. of\_\_\_d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
167. sup\_\_\_\_\_us information *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
168. excite the ne\_\_\_ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 158. legislator, 159. accuse, 160. rebound, 161. enlightenment, 162. reap, 163. abolish, 164. entail, 165. dreadful, 166. offend, 167. superfluous, 168. neuron

169. propaganda pa\_\_\_\_et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
170. wr\_\_\_\_h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
171. automated ho\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
172. co\_\_\_\_\_e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
173. def\_\_\_\_\_le fort *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
174. ab\_\_\_\_\_h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
175. br\_\_e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
176. er\_\_t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
177. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
178. con\_\_\_\_\_ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 169. pamphlet, 170. wrench, 171. hotline, 172. concede, 173. defensible, 174. abolish, 175. bribe, 176. erupt, 177. well-being, 178. contraception

179. ap\_\_\_l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
180. sc\_\_\_p on time *v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize
181. political fun\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
182. pa\_\_\_\_\_et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
183. gre\_\_\_\_\_us animals *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
184. ba\_\_\_\_\_ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
185. al\_\_\_e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
186. a dire ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
187. p\_\_y muscles *adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
188. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
189. hormonal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 179. appall, 180. scrimp, 181. fundamentalist, 182. pamphlet, 183. gregarious, 184. barbaric, 185. allege, 186. calamity, 187. puny, 188. comprehend, 189. contraception

190. di\_\_\_\_e cloud                      *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
191. tech w\_\_k                              *n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
192. book w\_\_k                              *n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
193. pl\_\_b the depths                      *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully
194. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development                      *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 190. diffuse, 191. wonk, 192. wonk, 193. plumb, 194. grandchild

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lawyer argued that his client's actions were \_\_\_\_\_ given the circumstances.  
*adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.  
*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
3. The weightlifter could easily lift the \_\_\_\_\_ dumbbell with one hand.  
*adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
4. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.  
*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
5. She wore black clothing as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ for her grandmother.  
*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
6. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ significant damage on the town.  
*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
7. The political \_\_\_\_\_ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.  
*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

ANSWERS: 1. defensible, 2. blacksmith, 3. puny, 4. exterminated, 5. mourning, 6. inflicted, 7. pundit



8. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
9. The flood was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to the small town causing extensive damage.  
*n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
10. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ in economic growth.  
*n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
11. The CEO decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the new project to ensure its success.  
*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
12. The company's practice of using cheap materials to cut costs will \_\_\_\_\_ the quality of the final product.  
*v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something
13. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
14. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.  
*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
15. The news of the massacre \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
16. He \_\_\_\_\_ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.  
*v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 8. ancestor, 9. misfortune, 10. resurgence, 11. spearhead, 12. despoil, 13. grandchild, 14. outweigh, 15. appalled, 16. reaped

17. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
18. Corporate executives and \_\_\_\_\_ are still overwhelmingly men.  
*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
19. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ and save every penny to afford my dream vacation.  
*v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize
20. The company found itself in a legal \_\_\_\_\_ unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.  
*n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
21. The job offer \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of responsibility and hard work.  
*v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
22. The volunteer organization is full of \_\_\_\_\_ people who donate their time to help others.  
*adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
23. She found \_\_\_\_\_ by meditating in the garden.  
*n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
24. Our body transfers information along each \_\_\_\_\_ using an electrical impulse.  
*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 17. offended, 18. legislators, 19. scrimp, 20. quagmire, 21. entails, 22. kind-hearted, 23. tranquility, 24. neuron

25. 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
26. I \_\_\_\_\_ with your struggles and am here to support you through them.
- v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
27. This track starts with a \_\_\_\_\_ guitar riff.
- adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
28. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
29. The lawyer's understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ helped her win the case.
- n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
30. 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
31. The contractor had to \_\_\_\_\_ the new building before erecting the walls.
- v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully
32. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 25. instinct, 26. sympathize, 27. catchy, 28. modernity, 29. jurisprudence, 30. irrational, 31. plumb, 32. peasant,

33. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
34. Despite his impressive academic achievements, some people thought he was \_\_\_\_\_ and lacked practical experience.  
*adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position
35. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
36. The argument was \_\_\_\_\_ and the judge dismissed it.  
*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
37. The spy was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's headquarters undetected.  
*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
38. Some people believe that human is \_\_\_\_\_ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.  
*v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
39. The country has been wracked by political \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.  
*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.  
*adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

ANSWERS: 33. sect, 34. overeducated, 35. Empathy, 36. indefensible, 37. infiltrate, 38. endowed, 39. strife, 40. loquacious

41. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

42. His dedication to his work \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.

*v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive

43. He tries to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

*v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

44. He \_\_\_\_\_ his investigation into a medical clinic.

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

45. The recipe called for a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of salt and made the dish too salty.

*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required

46. His \_\_\_\_\_ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

*adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

47. \_\_\_\_\_ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

*adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

48. The prosecution \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

ANSWERS: 41. precarious, 42. redounds, 43. bribe, 44. widened, 45. superfluous, 46. elitist, 47. Tyrannical, 48. alleged

49. The pirates could \_\_\_\_\_ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

- v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

50. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.

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

51. I couldn't sleep because my roommate \_\_\_\_\_ loudly every night.

- v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

52. The ruling was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by many people in the community.

- adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

53. The political \_\_\_\_\_ analyzed every detail of the debate.

- n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

54. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ defeat after losing the game.

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

55. The military \_\_\_\_\_ troops to the border.

- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

56. The patient needs a \_\_\_\_\_ transplant operation.

- n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 49. plunder, 50. sentimental, 51. snored, 52. unjust, 53. wonk, 54. concede, 55. mobilized, 56. lifesaving

57. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.

- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

58. The archaeologists used GPS \_\_\_\_\_ to accurately map the ancient ruins.

- n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

59. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an \_\_\_\_\_ at times.

- n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ soldier refused to leave his post despite the danger.

- adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges

61. The political organization handed out \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about their cause.

- n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

62. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.

- adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

63. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ person, always making friends with everyone she met.

- adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

ANSWERS: 57. steer, 58. triangulation, 59. outsider, 60. steadfast, 61. pamphlets, 62. greedy, 63. gregarious

64. Exercising in the morning helps to \_\_\_\_\_ my mind and body.
- v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
65. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight for civil rights.
- n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
66. The lion used its sharp claws to \_\_\_\_\_ large prey like zebras and antelopes.
- v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
67. Recurrent financial \_\_\_\_\_ hampered his subsequent career.
- n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
68. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made it difficult for others to trust him.
- adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable
69. The religious leaders wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the heretic for his teachings.
- v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
70. The earthquake was a major \_\_\_\_\_ that left many homeless.
- n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
71. He is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 64. invigorate, 65. nonviolence, 66. disembowel, 67. woes, 68. inconstant, 69. crucify, 70. calamity, 71. fundamentalist



72. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ complex math problems.

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

73. His \_\_\_\_\_ mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

*n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

74. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

*n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

75. The \_\_\_\_\_ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

*adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

76. The older man's \_\_\_\_\_ voice suggested he was not feeling well.

*adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact

77. The philosopher was accused of being a \_\_\_\_\_ for his controversial ideas.

*n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

78. Direct lighting is preferable to \_\_\_\_\_ lighting when reading.

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

79. The conditions of the prison were \_\_\_\_\_ and inhumane.

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

ANSWERS: 72. comprehend, 73. melancholy, 74. mischief, 75. barbaric, 76. feeble, 77. heretic, 78. diffuse, 79. dreadful

80. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

- v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

81. Battles between whites and blacks \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

- v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

82. There was much \_\_\_\_\_ among the fans when their team won the championship.

- n. the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight

83. Water was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ into the basement after the heavy rain.

- v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

84. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

85. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.

- n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

86. A deep sigh was \_\_\_\_\_ from his chest.

- v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

87. The emergency \_\_\_\_\_ is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

- n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

ANSWERS: 80. prolong, 81. erupted, 82. rejoicing, 83. trickle, 84. accused, 85. well-being, 86. wrenched, 87. hotline

88. He finally brought his \_\_\_\_\_ to perfection.  
*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
89. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
90. The school's policy on religious \_\_\_\_\_ meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.  
*n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
91. Condoms are a common method of \_\_\_\_\_ that both men and women can use.  
*n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
92. Modern medicine was largely \_\_\_\_\_ against the disease.  
*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
93. Death gets more than its share of attention from \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an expert or student who studies theology
94. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.  
*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
95. The government voted to \_\_\_\_\_ the outdated law.  
*v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to

ANSWERS: 88. enlightenment, 89. creditor, 90. toleration, 91. contraception, 92. impotent, 93. theologians, 94. frivolous, 95. abolish

96. He always tried to act with \_\_\_\_\_ treating others with respect and kindness.
- n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
97. The fan \_\_\_\_\_ the air in the room quickly.
- v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 96. decency, 97. circulates