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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### poetry

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

*synonym*: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

### frequent

*adj.* happening constantly

*synonym*: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

### poem

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

*synonym*: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

### frustrate

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym*: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

## **devour**

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

*synonym*: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

## **fiction**

*n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

*synonym*: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

## **butler**

*n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

*synonym*: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

## **octave**

*n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

*synonym*: eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

## **rim**

*n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object

*synonym*: boundary, lip, edge

(1) **rim** of the ear, (2) crater **rim**

The water level was even with the basin's **rim**.

## medial

*adj.* referencing or situated in the middle of something;  
pertaining to or located near the axis of the body

*synonym*: central, intermediate, midmost

(1) **medial** thigh, (2) **medial** approach

The **medial** side of the knee is prone to injury in certain sports like soccer and basketball.

## caesura

*n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation

*synonym*: pause, break, interruption

(1) **caesura** in poetry, (2) create a **caesura** effect

The song had a melodic **caesura** that added a sense of drama to the lyrics.

## enjambment

*n.* the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse

*synonym*: spillover, overflow

(1) **enjambment** poetry, (2) creative **enjambment**

The poet's seamless use of **enjambment** allowed one stanza to flow into the next with little interruption.

## critic

*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## technique

*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

*synonym*: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym*: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## distinguish

*v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

*synonym*: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

## deceased

*adj.* no longer alive; dead

*synonym*: dead, defunct, expired

(1) **deceased** loved one, (2) **deceased** relative

The **deceased** person's family was notified of their passing.

## celebrate

*v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

*synonym*: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

## poet

*n.* a person who writes poetry

*synonym*: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

## **frank**

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

*synonym*: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

## **bully**

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym*: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## **react**

*v.* to take action in response to something

*synonym*: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

## **memorize**

*v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

*synonym*: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

## **eve**

*n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

*synonym*: evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

## knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

*synonym*: weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

## breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym*: air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## tarry

v. to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar

*synonym*: delay, linger, loiter

(1) **tarry** road surface, (2) **tarry** over a decision

I decided to **tarry** a little longer at the beach and enjoy the sunset before heading home.

## disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

*synonym*: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

## quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

*synonym*: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

## endless

*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

*synonym*: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

## appeal

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

*synonym*: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

## furnish

*v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary

*synonym*: equip, provide, fit out

(1) **furnish** a suitable occasion, (2) **furnish** the information

The new homeowners decided to **furnish** the living room with new furniture.

## temporarily

*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

*synonym*: for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## rhyme

*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

*synonym*: verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

## anticipate

*v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

*synonym*: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

## hint

*n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

*synonym*: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

## exaggerate

*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

*synonym*: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

## plea

*n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

*synonym*: petition, appeal, entreaty

(1) **plea** bargaining, (2) emotional **plea**

The defendant entered a **plea** of not guilty during his trial.



## genie

- n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires

*synonym*: djinn, spirit, demon

(1) **genie** bottle, (2) **genie** lamp

No one believed in the **genie's** existence until he appeared in front of them.

## oleander

- n.* an evergreen Mediterranean shrub or small tree with white, pink, or red flowers and long pointed thick leaves cultivated as an ornamental and landscaping plant

(1) **oleander** leaf, (2) **oleander** bushes

This plant belongs to the **oleander** family.

## smack

- v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym*: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## guise

- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

*synonym*: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

## worn-out

- adj.* exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use

*synonym*: tired, exhausted, spent

(1) feeling **worn-out**, (2) **worn-out** machinery

The old carpet in the living room was so **worn-out** that it

needed to be replaced.

## masculine

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

*synonym*: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

## threat

*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

*synonym*: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

## insinuate

*v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly

*synonym*: hint, suggest, imply

(1) **insinuate** ideas, (2) **insinuate** doubt

He tried to **insinuate** that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.

## slang

*n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

*synonym*: lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

## anthology

*n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme

*synonym*: compilation, collection, selection

(1) **anthology** series, (2) short story **anthology**

A renowned literary critic edited the poetry **anthology**.

## **confuse**

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## **scandalous**

*adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

*synonym*: disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations  
The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

## **bible**

*n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

*synonym*: authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy  
Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

## **guilt**

*n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

*synonym*: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**  
Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

## **deceive**

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

*synonym*: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully  
The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

## sweep

*v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

*synonym*: clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance  
The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

## intention

*n.* something you want to do and are going to do

*synonym*: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**  
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

## domestic

*adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

*synonym*: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal  
GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

## abuse

*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

*synonym*: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**  
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

## attraction

*n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

*synonym*: allure, appeal, interest

(1) the big **attraction** of the event, (2) popular tourist **attraction**  
She felt an instant **attraction** toward him.

## threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym*: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

## fertility

*n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

*synonym*: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement

The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

## poison

*n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

*synonym*: toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

## poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym*: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

## acknowledged

*adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid

*synonym*: recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth

His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

## assume

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## sin

- n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

*synonym*: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

## tolerate

- v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

*synonym*: endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

## edgy

- adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

*synonym*: tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

## reverse

- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

*synonym*: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

- halt**
- v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating  
*synonym*: stop, cease, terminate  
(1) **halt** production, (2) **halt** progress  
The train came to a **halt** at the station.
- resist**
- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening  
*synonym*: fight, defy, revolt  
(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed  
I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.
- resistance**
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something  
*synonym*: opposition, antagonism, defiance  
(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin  
The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.
- grave**
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature  
*synonym*: tomb, crypt, sepulcher  
(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake  
Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.
- mortal**
- adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly  
*synonym*: deathly, perishable, non-eternal  
(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life  
All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.
- honesty**
- n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

*synonym*: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

## **alienated**

*adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

*synonym*: isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

## **draft**

*n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

*synonym*: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

## **brave**

*adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

*synonym*: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

## **bough**

*n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch

*synonym*: branch, limb, twig

(1) **bough** of a tree, (2) snowy **bough**

The squirrel scampered up the **bough** to reach the nuts on the tree.

## **gloomy**

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

*synonym*: melancholy, dismal, dreary



(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

## pale

*adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

*synonym*: *sallow, faint, ashen*

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

## helm

*n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

*synonym*: *steering, control, direction*

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

## spike

*n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

*synonym*: *end, spindle, point*

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

## spur

*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

*synonym*: *encouragement, motivation, stimulus*

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

## meditation

*n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

*synonym* : contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

## branch

*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

*synonym* : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

## dispel

*v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

*synonym* : chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

## dew

*n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight

*synonym* : condensation, vapor, fog

(1) a drop of **dew**, (2) morning **dew**

Moisture in the atmosphere condenses at night and forms **dew**.

## defeat

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

*synonym* : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## showy

*adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality

*synonym*: flashy, flamboyant, ostentatious

(1) **showy** clothes, (2) **showy** jewelry

She wore a **showy** dress to the awards ceremony to grab people's attention.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## courage

*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

*synonym*: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## stanza

*n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

*synonym*: verse, division, section

(1) poetic **stanza**, (2) opening **stanza**

The poem was divided into three **stanzas**, each with its

unique message and rhythm.

## refrain

*v.* to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

*synonym*: abstain, desist, forgo

(1) **refrain** from alcohol, (2) **refrain** from religious activity  
He **refrained** from commenting on the controversial topic.

## fort

*n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack

*synonym*: stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate

The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

## odd

*adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

*synonym*: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

## anxious

*adj.* worried and nervous

*synonym*: nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

## inquisitive

*adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

*synonym*: curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

## goofy

*adj.* silly or foolish

*synonym*: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

## preposterous

*adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

*synonym*: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

## durable

*adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable** materials.

## ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

## scot

*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

*synonym*: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

## needle

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

*synonym*: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

## sliver

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often

used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

*synonym*: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

## cradle

*n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

*synonym*: infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym*: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym*: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## handwriting

*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

*synonym*: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

## mortality

*n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

*synonym*: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym*: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## instant

*adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

*synonym*: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

## memorable

*adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

*synonym*: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

## earnest

*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

*synonym*: sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

## grasping

*adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

*synonym*: greedy, extorting, acquisitive

(1) **grasping** landlord, (2) **grasping** disposition

He was criticized for his **grasping** attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

## **silent**

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym*: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## **tomb**

*n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

*synonym*: grave, burial site, mausoleum

(1) bury in **tomb**, (2) the ancient **tomb**

The **tomb** of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.

## **haunt**

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym*: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## **chill**

*n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

*synonym*: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

## **vein**

*n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

*synonym*: artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw



blood.

## **stream**

*n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

*synonym*: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

## **conscience**

*n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

*synonym*: morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

## **calm**

*adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

*synonym*: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. under the gu__e of friendship | <i>n.</i> the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature  |
| 2. me____ze musical scores       | <i>v.</i> to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly   |
| 3. co____e the listener          | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand   |
| 4. br__e soldier                 | <i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity   |
| 5. ta__y over a decision         | <i>v.</i> to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar |
| 6. spider v__n                   | <i>n.</i> a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation  |
| 7. de____e to lie                | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression   |
| 8. en____s hours                 | <i>adj.</i> having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount  |

ANSWERS: 1. guise, 2. memorize, 3. confuse, 4. brave, 5. tarry, 6. vein, 7. deceive, 8. endless

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| 9. a working dr__t                      | <i>n.</i> a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form   |
| 10. Christmas E_e                       | <i>n.</i> (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths |
| 11. re____n from alcohol                | <i>v.</i> to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action  |
| 12. art cr___c                          | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.   |
| 13. to____te his disrespectful behavior | <i>v.</i> to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed   |
| 14. s__r a momentum of economic growth  | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something  |
| 15. a p__e complexion                   | <i>adj.</i> having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness   |
| 16. me___l thigh                        | <i>adj.</i> referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body   |
| 17. ha__t memories                      | <i>v.</i> to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent                                  |
| 18. h__t progress                       | <i>v.</i> to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating   |

ANSWERS: 9. draft, 10. eve, 11. refrain, 12. critic, 13. tolerate, 14. spur, 15. pale, 16. medial, 17. haunt, 18. halt

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| 19. s__r of the moment     | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something  |
| 20. bu__y the weak         | <i>n.</i> a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful  |
| 21. believe Bi__e prophecy | <i>n.</i> the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field  |
| 22. religious med_____on   | <i>n.</i> the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state   |
| 23. gr__e an image         | <i>n.</i> a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature |
| 24. br__e decision         | <i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity  |
| 25. Internet sl__g         | <i>n.</i> informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context  |

ANSWERS: 19. spur, 20. bully, 21. bible, 22. meditation, 23. grave, 24. brave, 25. slang

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| 26. al_____ed from my parents   | <i>adj.</i> feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging   |
| 27. write the first dr__t       | <i>n.</i> a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form  |
| 28. sl___r of metal             | <i>n.</i> a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something |
| 29. an in_____t reply           | <i>adj.</i> happening immediately, with no delay  |
| 30. inspire co_____e            | <i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous  |
| 31. fr_____nt use               | <i>adj.</i> happening constantly  |
| 32. de_____ed loved one         | <i>adj.</i> no longer alive; dead   |
| 33. h__t of trouble             | <i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something  |
| 34. end of the first qu_____r   | <i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion   |
| 35. dis_____sh these two things | <i>v.</i> to notice or understand the difference between two people or things   |
| 36. guilty con_____ce           | <i>n.</i> a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior   |

ANSWERS: 26. alienated, 27. draft, 28. sliver, 29. instant, 30. courage, 31. frequent, 32. deceased, 33. hint, 34. quarter, 35. distinguish, 36. conscience

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| 37. tem_____ly suspend the production     | <i>adv.</i> for a limited time only or not permanently  |
| 38. po___c justice                        | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way   |
| 39. economic th___t                       | <i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation  |
| 40. int_____ion education                 | <i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market |
| 41. dis_____sh man from the other animals | <i>v.</i> to notice or understand the difference between two people or things   |
| 42. household bu___r                      | <i>n.</i> a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties   |
| 43. fr_____te other team members          | <i>v.</i> to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something                  |
| 44. feeling of gu__t                      | <i>n.</i> the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong   |

ANSWERS: 37. temporarily, 38. poetic, 39. threat, 40. introduction, 41. distinguish, 42. butler, 43. frustrate, 44. guilt

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| 45. th____en national security | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone  |
| 46. po____n ivy                | <i>n.</i> a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly |
| 47. a qu____r mile             | <i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion  |
| 48. least me____le song        | <i>adj.</i> worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable   |
| 49. en____on the future        | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future   |
| 50. sca____us revelations      | <i>adj.</i> causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior   |
| 51. fr__k and open discussion  | <i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression  |
| 52. ol____er leaf              | <i>n.</i> an evergreen Mediterranean shrub or small tree with white, pink, or red flowers and long pointed thick leaves cultivated as an ornamental and landscaping plant  |
| 53. re____ze achievement       | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered   |

ANSWERS: 45. threaten, 46. poison, 47. quarter, 48. memorable, 49. envision, 50. scandalous, 51. frank, 52. oleander, 53. recognize

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| 54. non-fi____n bestseller  | <i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true                                |
| 55. collapsed v__n          | <i>n.</i> a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation |
| 56. p__a bargaining         | <i>n.</i> an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication   |
| 57. an isolated f__t        | <i>n.</i> a military structure designed to be defended from attack   |
| 58. s_n of omission         | <i>n.</i> the offense against a religious or moral law or against God  |
| 59. oc___e key              | <i>n.</i> a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale   |
| 60. in the gu__e of a woman | <i>n.</i> the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature                               |
| 61. in_____te doubt         | <i>v.</i> to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly  |
| 62. sh__y jewelry           | <i>adj.</i> attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality        |

ANSWERS: 54. fiction, 55. vein, 56. plea, 57. fort, 58. sin, 59. octave, 60. guise, 61. insinuate, 62. showy



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| 63. re____n from religious activity | <i>v.</i> to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action  |
| 64. a court p__t                    | <i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry   |
| 65. de____r my way                  | <i>v.</i> to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly   |
| 66. de____t a global power          | <i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt  |
| 67. med_____on training             | <i>n.</i> the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state |
| 68. a br____h pipe                  | <i>n.</i> a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization                         |
| 69. sca_____us behavior             | <i>adj.</i> causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior   |
| 70. hold your br____h               | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs  |
| 71. k__t a pair of socks            | <i>v.</i> to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine  |
| 72. pre_____ous price               | <i>adj.</i> absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense  |
| 73. th____en a healthy relationship | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone  |

ANSWERS: 63. refrain, 64. poet, 65. devour, 66. defeat, 67. meditation, 68. branch, 69. scandalous, 70. breath, 71. knit, 72. preposterous, 73. threaten

74. the problem of drug ab__e	<i>n.</i> the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
75. fu____h a suitable occasion	<i>v.</i> to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
76. draw out your ap___l	<i>n.</i> a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
77. sw__p a room with a glance	<i>v.</i> to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
78. a hut made tem_____ly	<i>adv.</i> for a limited time only or not permanently
79. si___t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
80. clear in_____on	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
81. write in rh__e	<i>n.</i> a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
82. to sp__e	<i>n.</i> a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
83. ho_____y policy	<i>n.</i> the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
84. bury in t__b	<i>n.</i> a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

ANSWERS: 74. abuse, 75. furnish, 76. appeal, 77. sweep, 78. temporarily, 79. silent, 80. intention, 81. rhyme, 82. spike, 83. honesty, 84. tomb

85. get in____t access	<i>adj.</i> happening immediately, with no delay
86. po_____us chemicals	<i>adj.</i> containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
87. po___c genius	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
88. han_____ng sample	<i>n.</i> the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
89. ant_____te your kind cooperation	<i>v.</i> to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
90. this mo___l life	<i>adj.</i> subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
91. in_____on behind his decision	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
92. stuff of science fi_____n	<i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
93. o_d behavior	<i>adj.</i> strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
94. helpful h__ts	<i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
95. inq_____ve researcher	<i>adj.</i> curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

ANSWERS: 85. instant, 86. poisonous, 87. poetic, 88. handwriting, 89. anticipate, 90. mortal, 91. intention, 92. fiction, 93. odd, 94. hint, 95. inquisitive

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| 96. exa_____te in degree           | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is   |
| 97. become al_____ed               | <i>adj.</i> feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging  |
| 98. fu_____h the information       | <i>v.</i> to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary  |
| 99. ta__y road surface             | <i>v.</i> to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar                              |
| 100. h__m of a ship                | <i>n.</i> the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat  |
| 101. a te_____ue in martial arts   | <i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill  |
| 102. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand  |
| 103. a mo___l combat               | <i>adj.</i> subject to death; unrelenting and deadly   |
| 104. to_____te ambiguity           | <i>v.</i> to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed   |
| 105. po___n bilateral relations    | <i>n.</i> a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly |

ANSWERS: 96. exaggerate, 97. alienated, 98. furnish, 99. tarry, 100. helm, 101. technique, 102. confuse, 103. mortal, 104. tolerate, 105. poison

106. creative enj_____nt	<i>n.</i> the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse
107. inner con_____ce	<i>n.</i> a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
108. r_v up the crowd	<i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
109. the te_____ue applied to construction	<i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
110. book of po___y	<i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature
111. soil fe_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
112. create me_____le experiences	<i>adj.</i> worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
113. gr__e mistake	<i>n.</i> a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 106. enjambment, 107. conscience, 108. rev, 109. technique, 110. poetry, 111. fertility, 112. memorable, 113. grave

114. self-int_____ion	<i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
115. gr_____ng disposition	<i>adj.</i> eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
116. publicly ack_____ged truth	<i>adj.</i> recognized or admitted as being true or valid
117. an endless st____m of cars	<i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
118. bu__y bystander	<i>n.</i> a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
119. sm__k on the lips	<i>v.</i> to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
120. popular tourist att_____on	<i>n.</i> a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
121. rh__e poem	<i>n.</i> a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
122. cr____e of civilization	<i>n.</i> a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

ANSWERS: 114. introduction, 115. grasping, 116. acknowledged, 117. stream, 118. bully, 119. smack, 120. attraction, 121. rhyme, 122. cradle

123. di___l baseless rumors	<i>v.</i> to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
124. ack_____ged beauty	<i>adj.</i> recognized or admitted as being true or valid
125. wo_____ut machinery	<i>adj.</i> exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use
126. the big att_____on of the event	<i>n.</i> a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
127. sw___p up dead leaves	<i>v.</i> to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
128. snowy bo___h	<i>n.</i> a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
129. di___l a painful feeling	<i>v.</i> to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
130. de_____ed relative	<i>adj.</i> no longer alive; dead
131. k___t my eyebrows	<i>v.</i> to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
132. steer the h___m	<i>n.</i> the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
133. re___t against his way of thinking	<i>v.</i> to take action in response to something
134. di_____se the protesters	<i>v.</i> to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 123. dispel, 124. acknowledged, 125. worn-out, 126. attraction, 127. sweep, 128. bough, 129. dispel, 130. deceased, 131. knit, 132. helm, 133. react, 134. disperse

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| 135. e__y haircut                        | <i>adj.</i> being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality                 |
| 136. de___t body odor                    | <i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt  |
| 137. ma_____ne beauty                    | <i>adj.</i> having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men  |
| 138. a passage from the Bi__e            | <i>n.</i> the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field                  |
| 139. f__t gate                           | <i>n.</i> a military structure designed to be defended from attack   |
| 140. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss | <i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |
| 141. re__t at a high temperature         | <i>v.</i> to take action in response to something  |
| 142. an_____s about his health           | <i>adj.</i> worried and nervous  |
| 143. re_____ze talent                    | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered             |
| 144. traditional S__t attire             | <i>n.</i> a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant   |

ANSWERS: 135. edgy, 136. defeat, 137. masculine, 138. bible, 139. fort, 140. assume, 141. react, 142. anxious, 143. recognize, 144. scot



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| 145. gr____ng landlord        | <i>adj.</i> eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary   |
| 146. enj_____nt poetry        | <i>n.</i> the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse                          |
| 147. bu____r service          | <i>n.</i> a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties  |
| 148. gl____y expression       | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy   |
| 149. create a ca_____a effect | <i>n.</i> a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation            |
| 150. opening st____a          | <i>n.</i> a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme |
| 151. criminal gu__t           | <i>n.</i> the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong                                  |
| 152. re____t temptation       | <i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening   |

ANSWERS: 145. grasping, 146. enjambment, 147. butler, 148. gloomy, 149. caesura, 150. stanza, 151. guilt, 152. resist

153. mo_____ty due to cancer	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being subject to death
154. forgive a s_n	<i>n.</i> the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
155. fe_____ty above replacement	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
156. du_____e materials	<i>adj.</i> capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
157. p__m to the dead	<i>n.</i> a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
158. severe cr____c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
159. ne____e prick	<i>n.</i> a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
160. st__k a key in a lock	<i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
161. ge__e lamp	<i>n.</i> in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires

ANSWERS: 153. mortality, 154. sin, 155. fertility, 156. durable, 157. poem, 158. critic, 159. needle, 160. stick, 161. genie

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| 162. fr_____te the advancement        | <i>v.</i> to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something                 |
| 163. environmental th____t            | <i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation |
| 164. pre-mo____n agricultural society | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times  |
| 165. ca_____a in poetry               | <i>n.</i> a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation  |
| 166. h__t production                  | <i>v.</i> to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating   |
| 167. c__m manner                      | <i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves  |
| 168. try hard to me_____ze the lines  | <i>v.</i> to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly  |
| 169. a do_____ic animal               | <i>adj.</i> relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international   |
| 170. ant_____te a black future        | <i>v.</i> to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance  |
| 171. re_____e the order               | <i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear  |

ANSWERS: 162. frustrate, 163. threat, 164. modern, 165. caesura, 166. halt, 167. calm, 168. memorize, 169. domestic, 170. anticipate, 171. reverse

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| 172. ea____t conversation   | <i>adj.</i> characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment   |
| 173. ce_____te Christmas    | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity   |
| 174. sm__k his knee         | <i>v.</i> to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke   |
| 175. p__e pink              | <i>adj.</i> having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness  |
| 176. du_____e peace         | <i>adj.</i> capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed  |
| 177. the st___m of time     | <i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.  |
| 178. inq_____ve mind        | <i>adj.</i> curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy                  |
| 179. sl__g phrases          | <i>n.</i> informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context |
| 180. en_____s possibilities | <i>adj.</i> having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount  |

ANSWERS: 172. earnest, 173. celebrate, 174. smack, 175. pale, 176. durable, 177. stream, 178. inquisitive, 179. slang, 180. endless

181. e\_e of the party      *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
182. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object      *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
183. ge\_\_e bottle      *n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
184. sh\_\_y clothes      *adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality
185. with a go\_\_y expression      *adj.* silly or foolish
186. crater r\_m      *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
187. wear ma\_\_\_\_\_ne attire      *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
188. morning d\_w      *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
189. exa\_\_\_\_\_te story      *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 181. eve, 182. mysterious, 183. genie, 184. showy, 185. goofy, 186. rim, 187. masculine, 188. dew, 189. exaggerate



198. re___t being kissed	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
199. r_m of the ear	<i>n.</i> the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
200. en____on the project's success	<i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
201. do____ic airline	<i>adj.</i> relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
202. an ap___l for help	<i>n.</i> a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
203. short story an____gy	<i>n.</i> a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
204. a narrative p__m	<i>n.</i> a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
205. br___h of wind	<i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
206. e__y fashion	<i>adj.</i> being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
207. victim of sexual ab__e	<i>n.</i> the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 198. resist, 199. rim, 200. envision, 201. domestic, 202. appeal, 203. anthology, 204. poem, 205. breath, 206. edgy, 207. abuse

208. give si___t consent	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
209. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
210. ep_____al materials	<i>adj.</i> lasting or used for only a short time
211. as___e an important role	<i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
212. mys_____us stranger	<i>adj.</i> difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
213. ep_____al joys	<i>adj.</i> lasting or used for only a short time
214. an_____gy series	<i>n.</i> a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
215. sl___r of wood	<i>n.</i> a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
216. gl___y mood	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
217. mo___n poetry	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
218. fr_____nt absence	<i>adj.</i> happening constantly

ANSWERS: 208. silent, 209. frank, 210. ephemeral, 211. assume, 212. mysterious, 213. ephemeral, 214. anthology, 215. sliver, 216. gloomy, 217. modern, 218. frequent



219. res_____ce movement	<i>n.</i> the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
220. poetic st___a	<i>n.</i> a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
221. control my em_____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
222. ho_____y box	<i>n.</i> the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
223. ware a go__y hat	<i>adj.</i> silly or foolish
224. pay annual s__t	<i>n.</i> a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
225. di_____se false information	<i>v.</i> to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
226. pre_____ous claim	<i>adj.</i> absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
227. to prevent blood sugar sp__es	<i>n.</i> a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
228. po_____us plants	<i>adj.</i> containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

ANSWERS: 219. resistance, 220. stanza, 221. emotion, 222. honesty, 223. goofy, 224. scot, 225. disperse, 226. preposterous, 227. spike, 228. poisonous

229. de____e skillfully	<i>v.</i>	to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
230. modern po____y	<i>n.</i>	poems in general as a genre of literature
231. feel a slight ch__l	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
232. in____te ideas	<i>v.</i>	to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
233. br____h office	<i>n.</i>	a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
234. han____ng identification	<i>n.</i>	the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
235. de____r a meal	<i>v.</i>	to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
236. ce____te his election	<i>v.</i>	to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
237. mental co____e	<i>n.</i>	the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
238. emotional p__a	<i>n.</i>	an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 229. deceive, 230. poetry, 231. chill, 232. insinuate, 233. branch, 234. handwriting, 235. devour, 236. celebrate, 237. courage, 238. plea

239. a p__t of sorts	<i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry
240. from the cr___e to the grave	<i>n.</i> a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
241. a drop of d_w	<i>n.</i> the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
242. sewing ne___e	<i>n.</i> a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
243. bo__h of a tree	<i>n.</i> a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
244. the ancient t__b	<i>n.</i> a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
245. c__m sea	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
246. in an o_d way	<i>adj.</i> strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
247. me___l approach	<i>adj.</i> referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body
248. low-r_v engine	<i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
249. lower infant mo_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being subject to death

ANSWERS: 239. poet, 240. cradle, 241. dew, 242. needle, 243. bough, 244. tomb, 245. calm, 246. odd, 247. medial, 248. rev, 249. mortality

250. re\_\_\_\_e the trend                      *v.*    to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
251. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_n                *n.*    a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
252. the ch\_\_l of autumn                    *n.*    a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 250. reverse, 251. emotion, 252. chill

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for \_\_\_\_\_ of authority.  
*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
2. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.  
*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
3. This plant belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ family.  
*n.* an evergreen Mediterranean shrub or small tree with white, pink, or red flowers and long pointed thick leaves cultivated as an ornamental and landscaping plant
4. The plant's leaves contain a deadly \_\_\_\_\_ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.  
*n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
5. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?  
*v.* to take action in response to something
6. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.  
*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
7. The defendant entered a \_\_\_\_\_ of not guilty during his trial.  
*n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 1. abuse, 2. assumes, 3. oleander, 4. poison, 5. react, 6. smacked, 7. plea

8. The recent \_\_\_\_\_ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
- n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
9. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
10. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.
- v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
12. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
13. The nurse inserted the needle into the \_\_\_\_\_ in his arm to draw blood.
- n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
14. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
15. He cast \_\_\_\_\_ glances behind her.
- adj.* worried and nervous

ANSWERS: 8. spike, 9. technique, 10. insinuate, 11. devoured, 12. recognize, 13. vein, 14. sweep, 15. anxious

16. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn  
*v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
17. The stone \_\_\_\_\_ was built to protect the city from invading forces.  
*n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
18. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.  
*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
19. The new employee felt \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.  
*adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
20. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ of a problem.  
*n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
21. He looked out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ stream of people.  
*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
22. His passionate speech makes a \_\_\_\_\_ impression.  
*adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
23. Our CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ are always transparent and straightforward.  
*n.* something you want to do and are going to do

ANSWERS: 16. tolerate, 17. fort, 18. bully, 19. alienated, 20. hint, 21. endless, 22. memorable, 23. intentions

24. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ face as he recalled this morning's events.

*adj.* silly or foolish

25. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

*n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

27. The unemployment rate in the first \_\_\_\_\_ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

*n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

28. Before authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

*v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

29. I chose to \_\_\_\_\_ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

*v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

30. This disease has a high \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

31. His grandfather was an \_\_\_\_\_ man.

*adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

ANSWERS: 24. goofy, 25. rev, 26. eve, 27. quarter, 28. dispersed, 29. resist, 30. mortality, 31. odd



32. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much \_\_\_\_\_ from the public.  
*n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the note was barely legible.  
*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
34. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
35. The train came to a \_\_\_\_\_ at the station.  
*v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
36. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
37. A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.  
*n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
38. The media exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ affair between the politician and his assistant.  
*adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
39. His swear words cast a \_\_\_\_\_ on the party.  
*n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 32. resistance, 33. handwriting, 34. stick, 35. halt, 36. modern, 37. slang, 38. scandalous, 39. chill

40. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

41. The new homeowners decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the living room with new furniture.

*v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary

42. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to stand up for what you believe is right.

*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

43. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scene from a movie.

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

44. We \_\_\_\_\_ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

*v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

45. Shame and \_\_\_\_\_ have significant social influences.

*n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

46. Lawyers need to \_\_\_\_\_ even the most minor provisions of the law.

*v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

47. I always feel \_\_\_\_\_ when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

*adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

ANSWERS: 40. envision, 41. furnish, 42. courage, 43. poetic, 44. anticipate, 45. guilt, 46. memorize, 47. edgy

48. The ship's captain took the \_\_\_\_\_ and charted a course through the stormy waters.

- n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

49. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly \_\_\_\_\_ and at peace.

- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

50. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ side of the knee is prone to injury in certain sports like soccer and basketball.

- adj.* referencing or situated in the middle of something; pertaining to or located near the axis of the body

52. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

- adj.* without any or little sound

53. The singer's range was impressive, covering three \_\_\_\_\_ with ease.

- n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

55. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 48. helm, 49. calm, 50. breath, 51. medial, 52. silent, 53. octaves, 54. introduction, 55. celebrated

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

57. All humans are \_\_\_\_\_ and will eventually die.

*adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ child asked endless questions about the world around her.

*adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

59. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his \_\_\_\_\_ even if it meant losing the job.

*n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

60. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

61. Full involvement means \_\_\_\_\_ and prompt responses.

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

63. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 56. gloomy, 57. mortal, 58. inquisitive, 59. conscience, 60. threatening, 61. frank, 62. scot-free, 63. confused

64. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a little longer at the beach and enjoy the sunset before heading home.
- v.* to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar
65. The personal \_\_\_\_\_ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
66. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.
- n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
67. The grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
- v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
68. The threat of losing his job was the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to work harder.
- n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
69. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass \_\_\_\_\_ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 64. tarry, 65. butler, 66. tomb, 67. knit, 68. spur, 69. graves

70. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of \_\_\_\_\_ varies greatly.

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

71. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an \_\_\_\_\_ directly.

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

72. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

73. Our company's products are made of highly \_\_\_\_\_ materials.

*adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

74. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the performer long after the show ended.

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

75. His pleasant face turned cold in an \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

76. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 70. poetry, 71. appeal, 72. temporarily, 73. durable, 74. haunt, 75. instant, 76. frustrate

77. His \_\_\_\_\_ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.  
*adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
78. He \_\_\_\_\_ from commenting on the controversial topic.  
*v.* to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action
79. The poem had a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ scheme throughout.  
*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
80. The poet's seamless use of \_\_\_\_\_ allowed one stanza to flow into the next with little interruption.  
*n.* the continuation of a sentence or clause without a pause at the end of a line of poetry, often resulting in a flowing or run-on effect in verse
81. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
82. The song had a melodic \_\_\_\_\_ that added a sense of drama to the lyrics.  
*n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation
83. Moisture in the atmosphere condenses at night and forms \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
84. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

ANSWERS: 77. acknowledged, 78. refrained, 79. rhyme, 80. enjambment, 81. critics, 82. caesura, 83. dew, 84. sins

85. The magician's illusions were designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
86. This program aims to \_\_\_\_\_ certain misconceptions about the disease.
- v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
87. Some species of \_\_\_\_\_ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
- adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
88. This study \_\_\_\_\_ four different ways to run a business.
- v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
89. Jet \_\_\_\_\_ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
90. His heartaches are less \_\_\_\_\_ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
91. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 85. deceive, 86. dispel, 87. poisonous snakes, 88. distinguished, 89. streams, 90. frequent, 91. branch, 92. threat



93. The restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ a ban on smoking.

- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

94. The water level was even with the basin's \_\_\_\_.

- n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object

95. A renowned literary critic edited the poetry \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme

96. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

97. During debates in the legislature, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law caused a lot of controversies.

- n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

98. No one believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ existence until he appeared in front of them.

- n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires

99. The \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

- adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

100. Her allure lies in her \_\_\_\_\_ rather than feminine beauty.

- adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 93. reversed, 94. rim, 95. anthology, 96. mysterious, 97. draft, 98. genie's, 99. brave, 100. masculine

101. She \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

102. The idea that aliens built the pyramids is \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

103. The acupuncturist inserted \_\_\_\_\_ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

104. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the awards ceremony to grab people's attention.

*adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality

105. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

106. The \_\_\_\_\_ person's family was notified of their passing.

*adj.* no longer alive; dead

107. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

108. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

ANSWERS: 101. exaggerated, 102. preposterous, 103. needles, 104. showy, 105. emotions, 106. deceased, 107. poem, 108. bible

109. The baby peacefully slept in her \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.
- n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
110. The squirrel scampered up the \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the nuts on the tree.
- n.* a branch of a tree, especially a large or main branch
111. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
112. A culture of \_\_\_\_\_ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
- n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
113. The old carpet in the living room was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it needed to be replaced.
- adj.* exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use
114. GDP stands for gross \_\_\_\_\_ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
115. She is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
116. I had to be careful not to step on a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass on the floor.
- n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 109. cradle, 110. bough, 111. defeat, 112. honesty, 113. worn-out, 114. domestic, 115. poet, 116. sliver

117. They operated an illegal business under the \_\_\_\_\_ of an employment agency.

- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

118. Truth is stranger than \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

119. She turned \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard the news.

- adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

120. She felt an instant \_\_\_\_\_ toward him.

- n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

121. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

122. He spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

- adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

123. He was criticized for his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

- adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

124. The poem was divided into three \_\_\_\_\_ each with its unique message and rhythm.

- n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

ANSWERS: 117. guise, 118. fiction, 119. pale, 120. attraction, 121. ephemeral, 122.

earnest, 123. grasping, 124. stanzas,

125. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

126. The \_\_\_\_\_ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 125. fertility, 126. meditation