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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### untangle

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

*synonym*: disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem

I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

### liminal

*adj.* relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds

*synonym*: transitional, intermediate, threshold

(1) **liminal** position, (2) **liminal** zone

The **liminal** space between childhood and adulthood can be difficult to navigate.

### dribble

v. to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players

*synonym*: trickle, drizzle, drop

(1) **dribble** the ball, (2) **dribble** from my mouth

The coffee from your cup is starting to **dribble** down your shirt.

## svelte

*adj.* having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design

*synonym* : slender, lean, slim

(1) **svelte** figure, (2) **svelte** silhouette

The fashion designer showcased her latest collection featuring **svelte** models in sleek outfits.

## pinnacle

*n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

*synonym* : summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

## melon

*n.* large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant

(1) ripe **melon**, (2) juicy **melon**

She sliced the honeydew **melon** into small pieces for the fruit salad.

## ivy

*n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

## overgrown

*adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled

*synonym* : leafy, lush, verdant

(1) an **overgrown** garden, (2) **overgrown** child

The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become **overgrown**.

## cantaloupe

*n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in

various culinary preparations

*synonym* : melon, muskmelon

(1) sliced **cantaloupe**, (2) sweet **cantaloupe**

I bought a ripe and juicy **cantaloupe** from the grocery store for a refreshing snack.

## trudge

*v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

*synonym* : plod, slog, hike

(1) **trudge** through mud, (2) **trudge** up the hill

The hiker **trudged** through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

## disbelief

*n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

*synonym* : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

## 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.

## semblance

*n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

*synonym* : appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym* : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## obsess

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

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

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

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

## wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

*synonym* : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

## headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym* : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## citrus

n. a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits

*synonym* : orange, lemon, lime

(1) **citrus** trees, (2) **citrus** scent

**Citrus** fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.

## scurvy

n. a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective)

deserving to be despised

*synonym* : scorbutus

(1) prevent **scurvy**, (2) a **scurvy** trick

Conditions like **scurvy** and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.

## springtime

*n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

*synonym* : spring, heyday, budtime

(1) **springtime** blooms, (2) **springtime** breeze

I love going for walks in the park during **springtime**.

## pastel

*n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring

*synonym* : chalk, crayon, color stick

(1) **pastel** drawing, (2) **pastel** palette

Her artwork features soft **pastel** colors and dreamy landscapes.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## boulevard

*n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

*synonym* : avenue, street, road

(1) tree-lined **boulevard**, (2) residential **boulevard**

The new shopping center is on a bustling **boulevard** in the city's heart.

**sect**

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

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

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

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

**medicinal**

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

**slush**

*n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

(1) ice **slush**, (2) illicit **slush** funds

The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and **slush**.

**mammoth**

*adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

*synonym* : huge, large

(1) woolly **mammoth**, (2) a **mammoth** ship

The minister decided to review its **mammoth** public works projects.

**barb**

*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

*synonym* : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

**repellent**

*adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or

### disgust

*synonym* : disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

### potpourri

*n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas

*synonym* : mixture, blend, assortment

(1) aromatic **potpourri**, (2) floral **potpourri**

The gift basket was filled with a delightful **potpourri** of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.

### toenail

*n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

*synonym* : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

### rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

### pyre

*n.* a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire

*synonym* : bonfire, cremation fire

(1) pile of **pyres**, (2) ceremonial **pyre**

The deceased warrior was honored with a funeral **pyre**.

- ax** *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials  
*synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk  
(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox  
He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- seam** *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil  
*synonym* : stitch, seam, joint  
(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder  
She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.
- storytelling** *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories  
*synonym* : narrating, relating, recounting  
(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**  
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- rafter** *n.* one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering  
*synonym* : beam, joist, timber  
(1) built-up **rafter**, (2) **rafter** support  
The construction workers strengthened the roof by adding extra **rafters** to support the weight.
- foreground** *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer  
(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy  
A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.
- envelop** *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase  
*synonym* : wrap, cover, surround  
(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug



The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

## fjord

*n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

*synonym* : inlet, estuary, bay

(1) spectacular **fjord**, (2) **fjord** tour

The beautiful **fjord** landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.

## digress

*v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

*synonym* : deviate, meander, stray

(1) **digress** into my personal opinions, (2) **digress** from the main subject

The professor always **digresses** when he gives a lecture.

## beep

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

*synonym* : bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

## crossword

*n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

(1) do a **crossword** puzzle, (2) good at **crossword** puzzles

He sat frowning over a **crossword** puzzle.

## merry

*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

*synonym* : jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

## **babysitter**

*n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

*synonym*: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a sc\_\_\_y trick  
*n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
2. b\_\_p out a warning  
*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
3. uneven s\_\_m  
*n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
4. r\_t with age  
*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
5. pa\_\_\_l drawing  
*n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring
6. ripe me\_\_n  
*n.* large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant
7. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
8. ov\_\_\_\_\_wn child  
*adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
9. illicit sl\_\_h funds  
*n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

ANSWERS: 1. scurvy, 2. beep, 3. seam, 4. rot, 5. pastel, 6. melon, 7. obsess, 8. overgrown, 9. slush

10. poison i\_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
11. aromatic po\_\_\_\_\_ri *n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
12. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
13. spr\_\_\_\_\_me blooms *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
14. for\_\_\_\_\_nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
15. li\_\_\_\_\_l position *adj.* relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds
16. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
17. lose se\_\_\_\_\_ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
18. the s\_\_m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

ANSWERS: 10. ivy, 11. potpourri, 12. medicinal, 13. springtime, 14. foreground, 15. liminal, 16. motto, 17. semblance, 18. seam

19. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
20. fj\_\_d tour *n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
21. sliced can\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations
22. ceremonial p\_\_e *n.* a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire
23. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
24. floral po\_\_\_\_\_ri *n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
25. sv\_\_\_e figure *adj.* having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design
26. spr\_\_\_\_\_me breeze *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

ANSWERS: 19. sect, 20. fjord, 21. cantaloupe, 22. pyre, 23. storytelling, 24. potpourri, 25. svelte, 26. springtime

27. re\_\_\_\_\_nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
28. tr\_\_\_e through mud *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
29. ra\_\_\_r support *n.* one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering
30. sv\_\_\_e silhouette *adj.* having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design
31. a ma\_\_\_\_\_h ship *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
32. ci\_\_\_s trees *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
33. reached the pi\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
34. dr\_\_\_\_\_e from my mouth *v.* to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players

ANSWERS: 27. repellent, 28. trudge, 29. rafter, 30. svelte, 31. mammoth, 32. citrus, 33. pinnacle, 34. dribble

35. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill      *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
36. ingrown to\_\_\_\_l      *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
37. se\_\_\_\_\_ce of truth      *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
38. prevent sc\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
39. re\_\_\_\_\_nt properties      *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
40. b\_\_p the horn      *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
41. aim a b\_\_b      *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
42. en\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug      *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 35. descend, 36. toenail, 37. semblance, 38. scurvy, 39. repellent, 40. beep, 41. barb, 42. envelop

43. me\_\_y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
44. de\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
45. un\_\_\_\_le a situation *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
46. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
47. di\_\_\_\_s from the main subject *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
48. an ov\_\_\_\_wn garden *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
49. woolly ma\_\_\_\_h *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
50. po\_\_\_\_c genius *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
51. dr\_\_\_\_e the ball *v.* to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players

ANSWERS: 43. merry, 44. descend, 45. untangle, 46. headquarter, 47. digress, 48. overgrown, 49. mammoth, 50. poetic, 51. dribble



52. good at cr\_\_\_\_\_rd puzzles *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
53. for\_\_\_\_\_nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
54. company mo\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
55. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
56. to\_\_\_\_\_l fungus *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
57. do a cr\_\_\_\_\_rd puzzle *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
58. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
59. tree-lined bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

ANSWERS: 52. crossword, 53. foreground, 54. motto, 55. sect, 56. toenail, 57. crossword, 58. medicinal, 59. boulevard

60. po\_\_\_c justice *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
61. architectural pi\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
62. di\_\_\_\_\_ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
63. ask in di\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
64. li\_\_\_\_\_l zone *adj.* relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds
65. un\_\_\_\_\_le a problem *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
66. experienced bab\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
67. administrative hea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
68. me\_\_y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

ANSWERS: 60. poetic, 61. pinnacle, 62. disbelief, 63. disbelief, 64. liminal, 65. untangle, 66. babysitter, 67. headquarter, 68. merry

69. pa\_\_\_l palette *n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring
70. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
71. tr\_\_\_e up the hill *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
72. minimalist wa\_\_\_\_\_be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
73. ob\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
74. need a trustworthy bab\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
75. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
76. b\_\_b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 69. pastel, 70. storytelling, 71. trudge, 72. wardrobe, 73. obsess, 74. babysitter, 75. rot, 76. barb

77. ice sl\_\_h *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
78. en\_\_\_\_p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
79. juicy me\_\_n *n.* large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant
80. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
81. built-up ra\_\_\_\_r *n.* one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering
82. ci\_\_\_\_s scent *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
83. walk-in wa\_\_\_\_be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
84. spectacular fj\_\_d *n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
85. sweet can\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations

ANSWERS: 77. slush, 78. envelop, 79. melon, 80. ax, 81. rafter, 82. citrus, 83. wardrobe, 84. fjord, 85. cantaloupe

86. i\_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
87. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
88. residential bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
89. pile of p\_\_es *n.* a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire
90. di\_\_\_\_\_s into my personal opinions *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 86. ivy, 87. ax, 88. boulevard, 89. pyre, 90. digress

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
2. His reaction was one of complete \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
3. 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
4. The company decided to move its \_\_\_\_\_ to New York City.  
*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
5. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.  
*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
6. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.  
*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
7. The deceased warrior was honored with a funeral \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire

ANSWERS: 1. toenail, 2. disbelief, 3. poetic, 4. headquarters, 5. merry, 6. motto, 7. pyre

8. The fashion designer showcased her latest collection featuring \_\_\_\_\_ models in sleek outfits.

*adj.* having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design

9. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

10. She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

11. He sat frowning over a \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle.

*n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

12. Her artwork features soft \_\_\_\_\_ colors and dreamy landscapes.

*n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring

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

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

14. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ the city, making it difficult to see.

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

15. I love going for walks in the park during \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

ANSWERS: 8. svelte, 9. descended, 10. seam, 11. crossword, 12. pastel, 13. obsessed, 14. enveloped, 15. springtime

16. Our regular \_\_\_\_\_ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.
- n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
17. The politician's words were full of \_\_\_\_\_ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
18. The construction workers strengthened the roof by adding extra \_\_\_\_\_ to support the weight.
- n.* one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering
19. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
20. The professor always \_\_\_\_\_ when he gives a lecture.
- v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
21. She sliced the honeydew \_\_\_\_\_ into small pieces for the fruit salad.
- n.* large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant
22. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this knot before using this rope piece.
- v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
23. The coffee from your cup is starting to \_\_\_\_\_ down your shirt.
- v.* to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players

ANSWERS: 16. babysitter, 17. barbs, 18. rafters, 19. rot, 20. digresses, 21. melon, 22. untangle, 23. dribble



24. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
25. The hiker \_\_\_\_\_ through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.
- v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
26. The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
27. The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
28. I bought a ripe and juicy \_\_\_\_\_ from the grocery store for a refreshing snack.
- n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations
29. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ of order at the chaotic protest.
- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
30. Climbing to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.
- n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

ANSWERS: 24. sect, 25. trudged, 26. slush, 27. overgrown, 28. cantaloupe, 29. semblance, 30. pinnacle

31. The timer \_\_\_\_\_ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.
- v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
32. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
33. \_\_\_\_\_ fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.
- n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
34. The beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.
- n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
35. The gift basket was filled with a delightful \_\_\_\_\_ of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.
- n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
36. The minister decided to review its \_\_\_\_\_ public works projects.
- adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
37. Her \_\_\_\_\_ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
- n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 31. beeped, 32. storytelling, 33. Citrus, 34. fjord, 35. potpourri, 36. mammoth, 37. wardrobe

38. The overgrown \_\_\_\_ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

*n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

39. He used an \_\_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ space between childhood and adulthood can be difficult to navigate.

*adj.* relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

42. The new shopping center is on a bustling \_\_\_\_\_ in the city's heart.

*n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

43. Conditions like \_\_\_\_\_ and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.

*n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised

44. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

ANSWERS: 38. ivy, 39. ax, 40. liminal, 41. medicinal, 42. boulevard, 43. scurvy, 44. repellent

45. A happy group of friends occupies the \_\_\_\_\_ of the picture.

*n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

ANSWERS: 45. foreground