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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

**fry** *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil  
*synonym*: cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

**delicious** *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell  
*synonym*: appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

**slice** *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

*synonym*: piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

**heaven** *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym* : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

## **weird**

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

*synonym* : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## **straight**

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

*synonym* : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

## **solid**

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

*synonym* : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

## **steel**

*n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

*synonym* : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

## **liquid**

*n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

*synonym* : fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

## **fluid**

*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

*synonym* : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

## alcohol

*n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

*synonym*: booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**

There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption and cognitive decline.

## linear

*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

*synonym*: straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

## Newtonian

*adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

*synonym*: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

## fame

*n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

*synonym*: celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

## propose

*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

*synonym*: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## 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.

## mayonnaise

*n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches

(1) **mayonnaise** dressing, (2) homemade **mayonnaise**

My favorite sandwich is a BLT with extra **mayonnaise**.

## toothpaste

*n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

*synonym* : paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube

I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

## peanut

*n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source

*synonym* : nut, groundnut, earthenut

(1) **peanut** butter, (2) the seed of a **peanut**

Some people have severe allergies to **peanuts** and must avoid them completely.

## apparent

*adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly

*synonym* : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

## gear

*n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

*synonym* : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

## threshold

*n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

*synonym* : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym* : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## glassy

*adj.* resembling glass in appearance or texture; smooth, shiny, and hard

*synonym* : shiny, smooth, reflective

(1) **glassy** texture, (2) **glassy** appearance

The **glassy** surface of the lake reflected the colorful autumn leaves.

## pulverize

v. to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly

*synonym*: crush, smash, demolish

(1) **pulverize** rocks, (2) **pulverize** competition

The demolition crew had to **pulverize** the old building to make room for the new one.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## thrash

v. to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

*synonym*: beat, pummel, thrum

(1) **thrash** about with pain, (2) **thrash** out a deal

He **thrashed** in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.

## utterly

*adv.* completely or absolutely

*synonym*: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

## destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

*synonym*: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

## particle

*n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

*synonym* : atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

## vinegar

*n.* a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications

*synonym* : acetic acid, sour wine, acetum

(1) **vinegar** sauce, (2) apple cider **vinegar**

I added a splash of **vinegar** to the salad for some extra flavor.

## spice

*n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

*synonym* : seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

## evenly

*adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

*synonym* : constantly, smoothly, equally

(1) **evenly** colored, (2) almost **evenly** divided

This product can spread the cement **evenly**.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## distribute

*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym* : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

## bump

*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

*synonym* : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

## squish

*v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

*synonym* : crush, smash, squeeze

(1) **squish** the ellipse, (2) **squish** a tomato

He **squished** the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

## sphere

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym* : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

## ellipsis

*n.* the omission of a word or phrase from a sentence or text that is still grammatically complete, indicated by a set of three dots (...) or other markings

*synonym* : omission, dot-dot-dot, three dots

(1) **ellipsis** mark, (2) use an **ellipsis**

The poem's last line trailed off with an **ellipsis**, inviting readers to interpret the meaning for themselves.

## boom

*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

*synonym* : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

## scenario

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work



*synonym* : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym* : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## dissolve

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym* : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## lubricate

*v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface

*synonym* : grease, oil, make slippery

(1) **lubricate** the economy, (2) **lubricate** the hinges with oil

The mechanic **lubricated** the gears to prevent them from grinding.

## rearrange

*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

*synonym* : readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

## substance

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

*synonym* : essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem  
The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

## **oobleck**

*n.* a non-Newtonian fluid made of cornstarch and water, which behaves both like a liquid and a solid depending on the force exerted on it

*synonym* : slime, goo, gel

(1) **oobleck's** texture, (2) **oobleck** experiment

My children made **oobleck** slime during their playdate, keeping them entertained for hours.

## **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**.

## **rod**

*n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

*synonym* : stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

## **physics**

*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

## **perspective**

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## **complicated**

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym*: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

## **mixture**

*n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

*synonym*: blend, amalgam, concoction

(1) **mixture** of emotions, (2) perfect **mixture**

The paint was a **mixture** of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

## **balance**

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

*synonym*: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

## **ingredient**

*n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

*synonym*: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

## **presence**

*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

*synonym*: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

## **xanthan**

*n.* a polysaccharide produced by bacteria, used as a food thickener, stabilizer, or emulsifier in various products,

including sauces, dressings, and gluten-free foods

*synonym* : polysaccharide, gum, thickener

(1) **xanthan** stabilizer, (2) **xanthan** thickener

Many gluten-free products use **xanthan** gum as a substitute for the binding properties of gluten.

## **gum**

*n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

*synonym* : mucilage, glue, alveolar arch

(1) bubble **gum**, (2) chewing **gum**

I always like having a pack of **gum** to freshen my breath.

## **telltale**

*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

*synonym* : revealing, indicative, suggestive

(1) **telltale** evidence, (2) **telltale** heart

The **telltale** signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

## **gradual**

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## **languid**

*adj.* displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest

*synonym* : lazy, lackadaisical, slow

(1) **languid** summer afternoon, (2) **languid** movements

The **languid** pace of the rural town was a refreshing change from the bustling city life.

## **lid**

*n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

*synonym* : cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

## heavenly

*adj.* of or relating to heaven, the sky, or the divine; delightful, divine, or exquisite in nature or quality

*synonym*: divine, celestial, angelic

(1) a **heavenly** deity, (2) **heavenly** body

The sunset over the ocean was a **heavenly** sight to behold.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. diluted al_____l                      | <i>n.</i> a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.   |
| 2. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet | <i>n.</i> a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away                         |
| 3. pa_____le energy                      | <i>n.</i> a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance                               |
| 4. re_____e a prisoner                   | <i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement   |
| 5. nuclear ph_____s                      | <i>n.</i> the science of matter and energy and their interactions   |
| 6. the th_____ld between rooms           | <i>n.</i> the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation |
| 7. the evidence of the pr_____ce         | <i>n.</i> the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present   |
| 8. number of different sc_____ios        | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work                              |
| 9. heir ap_____nt                        | <i>adj.</i> able to see or understand easily or clearly   |
| 10. me__y laughter                       | <i>adj.</i> cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood                            |

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29. a sonic b\_\_m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 21. ellipsis, 22. Newtonian, 23. glassy, 24. heaven, 25. weird, 26. rot, 27. heavenly, 28. ellipsis, 29. boom



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ANSWERS: 30. relation, 31. fry, 32. heavenly, 33. peanut, 34. fluid, 35. substance, 36. linear, 37. linear, 38. evenly, 39. mayonnaise

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66. so\_\_d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
67. re\_\_\_\_\_ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
68. high pain th\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
69. chewing g\_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
70. pr\_\_\_\_e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
71. stop drinking al\_\_\_\_l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

ANSWERS: 61. fry, 62. release, 63. oobleck, 64. possibility, 65. slice, 66. solid, 67. rearrange, 68. threshold, 69. gum, 70. propose, 71. alcohol

72. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed     *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
73. officially di\_\_\_\_\_ved the marriage     *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
74. la\_\_\_\_\_d summer afternoon     *adj.* displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest
75. ut\_\_\_\_\_y ignorant     *adv.* completely or absolutely
76. may\_\_\_\_\_se dressing     *n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches
77. the ba\_\_\_\_\_e of power     *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
78. b\_\_m in sales     *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
79. st\_\_\_\_\_ht for two months     *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 72. complicated, 73. dissolve, 74. languid, 75. utterly, 76. mayonnaise, 77. balance, 78. boom, 79. straight

80. too\_\_\_\_\_te hygiene product *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
81. the l\_d of a box *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
82. th\_\_\_h about with pain *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
83. laws of ph\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
84. compound the ing\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
85. dis\_\_\_\_\_te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
86. lu\_\_\_\_\_te the hinges with oil *v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface
87. th\_\_\_h out a deal *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
88. sq\_\_\_h the ellipse *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
89. sp\_\_e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
90. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 80. toothpaste, 81. lid, 82. thrash, 83. physics, 84. ingredient, 85. distribute, 86. lubricate, 87. thrash, 88. squish, 89. spice, 90. eventually

91. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
92. de\_\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
93. charged pa\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
94. perfect mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
95. la\_\_\_\_\_d movements *adj.* displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest
96. ut\_\_\_\_\_y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
97. de\_\_\_\_\_us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
98. a g\_\_r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
99. di\_\_\_\_\_ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
100. magnetic st\_\_l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 91. random, 92. destroy, 93. particle, 94. mixture, 95. languid, 96. utterly, 97. delicious, 98. gear, 99. dissolve, 100. steel

101. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
102. too\_\_\_\_\_te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
103. te\_\_\_\_\_le heart *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
104. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
105. business sp\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
106. sports g\_\_r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
107. Ne\_\_\_\_\_an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
108. almost ev\_\_\_y divided *adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way
109. su\_\_\_\_\_ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
110. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

ANSWERS: 101. perspective, 102. toothpaste, 103. telltale, 104. smashing, 105. sphere, 106. gear, 107. Newtonian, 108. evenly, 109. substance, 110. solid



111. a gr\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
112. me\_\_y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
113. lu\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface
114. st\_\_l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
115. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
116. pu\_\_\_\_\_ze competition *v.* to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly
117. a sm\_\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
118. r\_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
119. b\_\_p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
120. ascend to he\_\_\_\_n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 111. gradual, 112. merry, 113. lubricate, 114. steel, 115. eventually, 116. pulverize, 117. smashing, 118. rod, 119. bump, 120. heaven

121. hazardous li\_\_\_d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
122. re\_\_\_\_\_ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
123. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
124. the seed of a pe\_\_\_t *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
125. sp\_\_\_e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
126. te\_\_\_\_\_le evidence *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
127. xa\_\_\_\_\_n thickener *n.* a polysaccharide produced by bacteria, used as a food thickener, stabilizer, or emulsifier in various products, including sauces, dressings, and gluten-free foods
128. oo\_\_\_\_\_k experiment *n.* a non-Newtonian fluid made of cornstarch and water, which behaves both like a liquid and a solid depending on the force exerted on it
129. apple cider vi\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications

ANSWERS: 121. liquid, 122. rearrange, 123. gradual, 124. peanut, 125. spice, 126. telltale, 127. xanthan, 128. oobleck, 129. vinegar

130. re\_\_\_\_on of inclusion

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 130. relation

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He used a fishing \_\_\_\_ to catch the biggest fish of the day.  
*n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
  
2. My children made \_\_\_\_\_ slime during their playdate, keeping them entertained for hours.  
*n.* a non-Newtonian fluid made of cornstarch and water, which behaves both like a liquid and a solid depending on the force exerted on it
  
3. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.  
*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
  
4. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.  
*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
  
5. People tend to make \_\_\_\_\_ predictions.  
*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
  
6. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
  
7. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.  
*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 1. rod, 2. oobleck, 3. perspective, 4. random, 5. linear, 6. boom, 7. destroyed

8. The sunset over the ocean was a \_\_\_\_\_ sight to behold.  
*adj.* of or relating to heaven, the sky, or the divine; delightful, divine, or exquisite in nature or quality
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ pace of the rural town was a refreshing change from the bustling city life.  
*adj.* displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest
10. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
11. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.  
*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
12. The president prepared several possible \_\_\_\_\_ for an enemy attack.  
*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
13. He was sick for five \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
14. The poem's last line trailed off with an \_\_\_\_\_ inviting readers to interpret the meaning for themselves.  
*n.* the omission of a word or phrase from a sentence or text that is still grammatically complete, indicated by a set of three dots (...) or other markings
15. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 8. heavenly, 9. languid, 10. release, 11. smashing, 12. scenarios, 13. straight, 14. ellipsis, 15. eventually

16. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

17. The sponge takes up the \_\_\_\_\_ well.

- n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

18. There is a clear association between \_\_\_\_\_ consumption and cognitive decline.

- n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.

- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

20. I always like having a pack of \_\_\_\_ to freshen my breath.

- n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

21. She checked her \_\_\_\_\_ before embarking on the hike.

- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

22. Good \_\_\_\_\_ is better than a good face.

- n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

ANSWERS: 16. heaven, 17. liquid, 18. alcohol, 19. solid-state, 20. gum, 21. gear, 22. fame

23. 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

24. He \_\_\_\_\_ the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

*v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

25. I always use mint-flavored \_\_\_\_\_ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

*n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

26. This product can spread the cement \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

27. The children complained because one \_\_\_\_\_ of cake was slightly larger than the other.

*n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

28. Some people have severe allergies to \_\_\_\_\_ and must avoid them completely.

*n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

30. He studied the \_\_\_\_\_ of radiation.

*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 23. merry, 24. squished, 25. toothpaste, 26. evenly, 27. slice, 28. peanuts, 29. telltale, 30. physics

31. The demolition crew had to \_\_\_\_\_ the old building to make room for the new one.
- v.* to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly
32. The paint was a \_\_\_\_\_ of different pigments to achieve the desired color.
- n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
33. She accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ into him in the crowded room.
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
34. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
35. She's on the \_\_\_\_\_ of adulthood.
- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
36. Greed is the primary \_\_\_\_\_ in the making of criminals.
- n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
37. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
38. I added a splash of \_\_\_\_\_ to the salad for some extra flavor.
- n.* a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications

ANSWERS: 31. pulverize, 32. mixture, 33. bumped, 34. relations, 35. threshold, 36. ingredient, 37. rot, 38. vinegar



39. The political party \_\_\_\_\_ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
40. She was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ buildup in her lungs.
- n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
41. He added a pinch of \_\_\_\_\_ to the stew to flavor it.
- n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
42. The mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ the gears to prevent them from grinding.
- v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface
43. This star is \_\_\_\_\_ to the naked eye.
- adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
44. She devoted herself to \_\_\_\_\_ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.
- v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
45. This bridge is the third largest \_\_\_\_\_ bridge in the world.
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
46. We are \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to any form of terrorism.
- adv.* completely or absolutely

ANSWERS: 39. dissolved, 40. fluid, 41. spice, 42. lubricated, 43. apparent, 44. frying, 45. steel, 46. utterly

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.  
*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
48. He opened the \_\_\_\_ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.  
*n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
49. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.  
*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
50. The motion of planets can be described using \_\_\_\_\_ mechanics.  
*adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
51. The path to a solid online \_\_\_\_\_ necessitates a high technical ability.  
*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
52. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.  
*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument was well-presented.  
*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
54. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.  
*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
55. My favorite sandwich is a BLT with extra \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches

ANSWERS: 47. possibility, 48. lid, 49. weird, 50. Newtonian, 51. presence, 52. distributed, 53. substance, 54. propose, 55. mayonnaise

56. Try to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and off.

- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

57. Many gluten-free products use \_\_\_\_\_ gum as a substitute for the binding properties of gluten.

- n.* a polysaccharide produced by bacteria, used as a food thickener, stabilizer, or emulsifier in various products, including sauces, dressings, and gluten-free foods

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ surface of the lake reflected the colorful autumn leaves.

- adj.* resembling glass in appearance or texture; smooth, shiny, and hard

59. He \_\_\_\_\_ in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.

- v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

60. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

61. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.

- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

63. Please \_\_\_\_\_ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

- v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

ANSWERS: 56. balance, 57. xanthan, 58. glassy, 59. thrashed, 60. complicated, 61. gradual, 62. sphere, 63. rearrange

64. We can calculate the position of the \_\_\_\_\_ statistically.

*n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

65. We could grill the meat in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.

*adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

ANSWERS: 64. particles, 65. delicious