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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### architecture

*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

*synonym*: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

### communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

### opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

### native

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or

place

*synonym*: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

**accord**

*n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

*synonym*: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

**poorest**

*adj.* having the least wealth or resources

*synonym*: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

**electrify**

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

**scholarship**

*n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

*synonym*: grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

**suppose**

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym*: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership  
In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## architect

*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

*synonym*: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord  
The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

## fundraise

*v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

*synonym*: appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter  
The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

## cigarette

*n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

*synonym*: smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

## sponsor

*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

*synonym*: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group  
Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

## clay

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

*synonym* : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

## shock

*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

*synonym* : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

## innovation

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

*synonym* : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

## mud

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

*synonym* : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

## convince

*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

*synonym* : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or

objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## 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.

## polish

*n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

*synonym* : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

## photoshop

*v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

*synonym* : edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

## compress

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

*synonym*: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

## structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

*synonym*: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

## 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.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## concrete

*adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

*synonym*: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

## ceiling

*n.* a room's top interior surface

*synonym*: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

## comfort

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

*synonym*: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

## degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## ventilation

*n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building

*synonym*: air circulation, aeration, airing

(1) **ventilation** system, (2) hyper- **ventilation** syndrome

The **ventilation** system in the building needed to be replaced.

## extension

*n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

*synonym*: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym*: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## prototype

*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

*synonym*: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

## vault

*n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

*synonym*: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

## donkey

*n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

*synonym*: horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

## 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.

## cast

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

*synonym*: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.



## mortar

*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

*synonym* : howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

## recipe

*n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

*synonym* : instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

## fragile

*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged

*synonym* : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

## confound

*v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

*synonym* : confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

## flood

*n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

*synonym* : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

## sand

*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other

applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym* : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## gravel

*n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material

*synonym* : pebbles, stones, rocks

(1) **gravel** road, (2) **gravel** pit

We spread **gravel** over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.

## award

*n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

*synonym* : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

## compound

*n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

*synonym* : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

## penny

*n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

*synonym* : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym* : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness  
The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## impressive

*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill  
*synonym*: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

## contribute

*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people  
*synonym*: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,  
(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

## improve

*v.* to make or become better  
*synonym*: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

## inspiring

*adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something  
*synonym*: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

## beaucoup

*adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much

*synonym*: very much, a lot, many

(1) **beaucoup** compliments, (2) **beaucoup** of experience

With her successful tech start-up, she is now earning **beaucoup** bucks.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. college sch_____ip           | <i>n.</i> a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements   |
| 2. an imp_____ve array of facts | <i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill   |
| 3. va__t door                   | <i>n.</i> a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly |
| 4. ce_____g board               | <i>n.</i> a room's top interior surface  |
| 5. male do____y                 | <i>n.</i> a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person                                  |
| 6. el_____fy the audience       | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something   |
| 7. participation aw__d          | <i>n.</i> a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement  |
| 8. co_____ce an opponent        | <i>v.</i> to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true   |
| 9. co_____ss the chest          | <i>v.</i> to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space  |

ANSWERS: 1. scholarship, 2. impressive, 3. vault, 4. ceiling, 5. donkey, 6. electrify, 7. award, 8. convince, 9. compress

10. fl\_\_d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
11. gr\_\_\_l pit *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
12. ac\_\_\_d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
13. co\_\_\_\_\_t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
14. mo\_\_\_r joints *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
15. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
16. ar\_\_\_\_\_ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
17. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *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
18. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 10. flood, 11. gravel, 12. accord, 13. comfort, 14. mortar, 15. communal, 16. architect, 17. introduction, 18. privilege

19. ph\_\_\_\_\_op a picture *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
20. s\_\_d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
21. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
22. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score *v.* to make or become better
23. inn\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
24. con\_\_\_\_\_te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
25. sh\_\_k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
26. early pr\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
27. sy\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
28. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 19. photoshop, 20. sand, 21. impressive, 22. improve, 23. innovation, 24. contribute, 25. shock, 26. prototype, 27. symbol, 28. privilege

29. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts      *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
30. va\_\_t from five to fifty percent      *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
31. fu\_\_\_\_\_se for a new shelter      *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
32. po\_\_\_\_\_t area      *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
33. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
34. not no\_\_\_\_\_ly drink much      *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
35. 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
36. apply mo\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
37. a mild ci\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

ANSWERS: 29. technique, 30. vault, 31. fundraiser, 32. poorest, 33. electrify, 34. normally, 35. steel, 36. mortar, 37. cigarette

38. c\_\_y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
39. a fl\_\_d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
40. m\_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
41. c\_\_t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
42. a co\_\_\_\_te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
43. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
44. do\_\_\_y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
45. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
46. pe\_\_y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

ANSWERS: 38. clay, 39. flood, 40. mud, 41. cast, 42. concrete, 43. cast, 44. donkey, 45. degree, 46. penny



47. complete a pr\_\_\_\_\_pe product      *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
48. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion      *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
49. telephone ex\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
50. co\_\_\_\_\_te examples      *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
51. time ex\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
52. words of co\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
53. na\_\_\_e to Africa      *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 47. prototype, 48. introduction, 49. extension, 50. concrete, 51. extension, 52. comfort, 53. native

54. aquatic co\_\_\_\_nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
55. po\_\_\_\_t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
56. the te\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
57. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
58. classic arc\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
59. pr\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
60. co\_\_\_\_nd right and wrong *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
61. co\_\_\_\_ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
62. sp\_\_\_\_r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
63. su\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 54. compound, 55. poorest, 56. technique, 57. communal, 58. architecture, 59. process, 60. confound, 61. compress, 62. sponsor, 63. suppose

64. aw\_\_d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
65. co\_\_\_\_\_nd the problem *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
66. landscape ar\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
67. bachelor's de\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
68. soft c\_\_y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
69. con\_\_\_\_\_te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
70. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
71. be\_\_\_\_\_up of experience *adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much
72. fr\_\_\_\_\_e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
73. ven\_\_\_\_\_on system *n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building
74. arc\_\_\_\_\_ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 64. award, 65. confound, 66. architect, 67. degree, 68. clay, 69. contribute, 70. suppose, 71. beaucoup, 72. fragile, 73. ventilation, 74. architecture

75. a sch\_\_\_\_\_ip association      *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
76. hyper-ven\_\_\_\_\_on syndrome      *n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building
77. cutting-edge inn\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
78. ce\_\_\_\_\_g light      *n.* a room's top interior surface
79. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a contest      *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
80. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
81. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
82. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage      *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
83. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 75. scholarship, 76. ventilation, 77. innovation, 78. ceiling, 79. sponsor, 80. opportune, 81. process, 82. engineer, 83. tradition

84. re\_\_\_e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
85. surface po\_\_\_h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
86. m\_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
87. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
88. co\_\_\_\_\_ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
89. 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
90. na\_\_\_e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
91. awe-in\_\_\_\_\_ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
92. a ci\_\_\_\_\_te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
93. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 84. recipe, 85. polish, 86. mud, 87. structure, 88. convince, 89. steel, 90. native, 91. inspiring, 92. cigarette, 93. tradition

94. politically fr\_\_\_\_e nation      *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
95. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain      *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
96. s\_\_d dunes      *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
97. po\_\_\_\_h finishing      *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
98. be\_\_\_\_\_up compliments      *adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much
99. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
100. save a pe\_\_y      *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
101. death from sh\_\_k      *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
102. harmful co\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 94. fragile, 95. structure, 96. sand, 97. polish, 98. beaucoup, 99. normally, 100. penny, 101. shock, 102. compound

103. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process *v.* to make or become better
104. fu\_\_\_\_\_se a charity fund *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
105. sy\_\_\_\_l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
106. ph\_\_\_\_\_op the background of the image *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
107. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
108. binational ac\_\_\_\_d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
109. re\_\_\_\_e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
110. in\_\_\_\_\_ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
111. gr\_\_\_\_l road *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
112. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 103. improve, 104. fundraise, 105. symbol, 106. photoshop, 107. engineer, 108. accord, 109. recipe, 110. inspiring, 111. gravel, 112. opportune

ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.  
*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
  
2. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.  
*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
  
3. They are building an \_\_\_\_\_ to the house to add more bedrooms.  
*n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
  
4. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
  
5. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.  
*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
  
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.  
*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
  
7. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.  
*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 1. symbol, 2. technique, 3. extension, 4. electrify, 5. privilege, 6. compressed, 7. comfort

8. The school is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase new books for the library.  
*v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ system in the building needed to be replaced.  
*n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building
10. She received a full \_\_\_\_\_ to study abroad.  
*n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
11. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.  
*adv.* usually; under normal conditions
13. The vase was made of \_\_\_\_\_ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.  
*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
14. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.  
*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
15. These heavy rains caused flash \_\_\_\_\_ on several islands.  
*n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 8. fundraise, 9. ventilation, 10. scholarship, 11. opportune, 12. normally, 13. fragile, 14. cast, 15. floods

16. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.  
*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
17. I used a special \_\_\_\_\_ to make my car's paint shine.  
*n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
18. He lit a \_\_\_\_\_ and leaned against the wall.  
*n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
19. The organization finally signed a peace \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;  
(verb) allow to have
20. The little boy rode the \_\_\_\_\_ at the county fair.  
*n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
21. The flying car is presently in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage.  
*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
22. There was a crack in the \_\_\_\_\_ that I found.  
*n.* a room's top interior surface
23. The president asked for a more \_\_\_\_\_ plan.  
*adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 16. degree, 17. polish, 18. cigarette, 19. accord, 20. donkey, 21. prototype, 22. ceiling, 23. concrete

24. The unexpected events \_\_\_\_\_ the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.
- v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
25. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
26. He won the \_\_\_\_\_ for best actor at the film festival.
- n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
27. I found a lucky \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground while walking to work this morning.
- n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
28. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
29. We spread \_\_\_\_\_ over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.
- n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
30. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 24. confounded, 25. Communal, 26. award, 27. penny, 28. tradition, 29.

gravel, 30. structure, 31. process

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
33. The photographer \_\_\_\_\_ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.
- v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
34. 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
35. The government \_\_\_\_\_ contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.
- n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
36. 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
37. The sculptor carefully molded the \_\_\_\_\_ into the desired shape.
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
38. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 32. engineer, 33. photoshopped, 34. introduction, 35. vault, 36. steel, 37. clay, 38. compound

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.  
*adj.* having the least wealth or resources
40. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.  
*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
41. With her successful tech start-up, she is now earning \_\_\_\_\_ bucks.  
*adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much
42. The vegetarian burger was an \_\_\_\_\_ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.  
*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
43. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.  
*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
44. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.  
*v.* to make or become better
45. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ numerous disabled athletes.  
*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
46. The \_\_\_\_ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.  
*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

ANSWERS: 39. poorest, 40. contribute, 41. beaucoup, 42. innovation, 43. shock, 44. improve, 45. sponsors, 46. mud

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.  
*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
48. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.  
*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
49. The building \_\_\_\_\_ tried to build the house above the tree.  
*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
50. An \_\_\_\_\_ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.  
*adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
51. The city is known for its impressive \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful old buildings.  
*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
52. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?  
*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
53. I am considering what I should do to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.  
*n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 47. sand, 48. impressive, 49. architect, 50. inspiring, 51. architecture, 52. suppose, 53. convince, 54. recipe



55. The vegetation here is almost wholly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

56. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

ANSWERS: 55. native, 56. mortar