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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### curator

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

*synonym*: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

### Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym*: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

### throe

*n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

*synonym*: spasm, pang, throb

(1) the **throes** of a financial crisis, (2) **throes** of death

She writhed in the **throes** of pain during labor.

### repulsion

*n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects

*synonym*: dislike, disgust, repugnance

(1) **repulsion** force, (2) sense of **repulsion**

The sight of spiders fills me with **repulsion**.

### distaste

*n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

*synonym*: antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

### vulgar

*adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

*synonym*: crude, nasty, tasteless

(1) **vulgar** language, (2) **vulgar** content

She was offended by his **vulgar** gesture.

### nouveau

*adj.* new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend

*synonym*: new, modern, contemporary

(1) art **nouveau**, (2) **nouveau** cuisine

The **nouveau** riche were eager to flaunt their wealth.

### preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym*: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

### anathema

*n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

*synonym*: curse, bane, execration

(1) utter an **anathema**, (2) political **anathema**

The new policy is **anathema** to the employees.

### sprig

*n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached

*synonym*: twig, shoot, branchlet

(1) **sprig** of rosemary, (2) mint **sprig**

I picked a **sprig** of lavender from my garden to freshen up my room.

## flounce

*v.* to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions

*synonym*: flap, bounce, twirl

(1) **flounce** off in a huff, (2) **flounce** onto the floor

She **flounced** out of the room, slamming the door behind her.

## spangle

*v.* to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments

*synonym*: embellish, adorn, decorate

(1) **spangle** with stars, (2) gold **spangle** gown

The dress was **spangled** with sequins, making it perfect for a fancy party.

## niece

*n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

## womb

*n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

*synonym*: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

## barbecue

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

*synonym*: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

## **ballerina**

*n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

*synonym*: dancer, danseuse

(1) classical **ballerina**, (2) famous **ballerina**

The **ballerina's** graceful movements were a joy to watch.

## **sinister**

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

*synonym*: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

## **eyelash**

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

*synonym*: lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

## **tusk**

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

*synonym*: ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

## **majestic**

*adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

*synonym*: grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

## quintessence

*n.* the perfect example of a quality or class

*synonym*: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

## deplorable

*adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad

*synonym*: shameful, disgraceful, lamentable

(1) **deplorable** conditions, (2) **deplorable** behavior

The **deplorable** living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.

## aristocracy

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

*synonym*: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

## paroxysm

*n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion

*synonym*: convulsion, spasm, outburst

(1) violent **paroxysm**, (2) sudden **paroxysm**

He was laughing so hard that he had a **paroxysm** of coughs.

## fascination

*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

*synonym*: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

## sculptural

*adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

*synonym* : sculpted, carved, modeled

(1) **sculptural** masterpiece, (2) **sculptural** design

The **sculptural** details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

## **gilding**

*n.* the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes

*synonym* : ornamentation, gilt, gold leaf

(1) gold **gilding**, (2) elaborate **gilding**

The antique mirror was adorned with intricate **gilding**, adding a touch of elegance to the room.

## **kiln**

*n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

*synonym* : oven, furnace, hearth

(1) brick **kiln**, (2) electric **kiln**

The pottery was fired in the **kiln** for several hours to harden it.

## **candlelight**

*n.* light provided by a candle or candles

*synonym* : lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

## **uneven**

*adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

*synonym* : irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

## **glitter**

*v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

*synonym* : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

## firework

*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

*synonym*: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

## encapsulate

*v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

*synonym*: enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

## orient

*v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

*synonym*: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

## opioid

*n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

## escapist

*adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

*synonym*: fantastical, dreamy

(1) **escapist** literature, (2) **escapist** tendencies

The **escapist** film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.

## tyranny

*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

*synonym*: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

## deem

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## extraneous

*adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

*synonym*: irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated

(1) **extraneous** variables, (2) **extraneous** details

The **extraneous** information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

## ornament

*n.* a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

*synonym*: decoration, embellishment, adornment

(1) Christmas **ornament**, (2) glass **ornament**

The **ornament** on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.

## bourgeois

*n.* a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person



who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits

*synonym* : middle-class, capitalist, materialist

(1) **bourgeois** lifestyle, (2) **bourgeois** values

The **bourgeois** neighborhood was known for its upscale shops and trendy cafes.

## aristocratic

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

*synonym* : noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

## sequester

*v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

*synonym* : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,  
(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

## sabbatical

*n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

*synonym* : leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

## orthodontics

*n.* a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance

*synonym*: dental braces, teeth alignment, dental correction

(1) doggie **orthodontics**, (2) **orthodontics** specialist

After years of wearing braces, her **orthodontics** treatment was finally complete.

## redolent

*adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something

*synonym*: fragrant, aromatic, perfumed

(1) **redolent** aroma, (2) **redolent** memories

The garden was **redolent** with the fragrance of blooming roses.

## shard

*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

*synonym*: break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

## soar

*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

*synonym*: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym*: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## adorn

*v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

*synonym*: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and

frescoes.

## **elevate**

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## **breech**

*n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks

*synonym*: butt, hindquarters, posterior

(1) **breech** birth, (2) gun **breech**

The doctor was concerned about the baby's **breech** position and discussed potential delivery complications with the parents.

## **munchkin**

*n.* a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner

*synonym*: child, dwarf, imp

(1) **munchkin** costume, (2) adorable **munchkin**

The daycare center is specifically for **munchkin-sized** children.

## **dignify**

*v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

*synonym*: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

## flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. re_____on force              | <i>n.</i> a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects                                |
| 2. glass or_____nt              | <i>n.</i> a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry    |
| 3. enc_____te the essence       | <i>v.</i> to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form |
| 4. sense of re_____on           | <i>n.</i> a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects                                |
| 5. d__m wrong or inappropriate  | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way  |
| 6. play with her ni__e          | <i>n.</i> a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law  |
| 7. gl_____r against her skin    | <i>v.</i> to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines  |
| 8. ari_____tic titles           | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance     |
| 9. ad__n the table with flowers | <i>v.</i> to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful   |

ANSWERS: 1. repulsion, 2. ornament, 3. encapsulate, 4. repulsion, 5. deem, 6. niece, 7. glitter, 8. aristocratic, 9. adorn

10. brutal ty\_\_\_\_y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
11. rapt in fas\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
12. di\_\_\_\_y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
13. brick k\_\_n *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
14. es\_\_\_\_st literature *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
15. scu\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
16. mint sp\_\_g *n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
17. having a strong di\_\_\_\_te *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
18. no\_\_\_\_u cuisine *adj.* new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend

ANSWERS: 10. tyranny, 11. fascination, 12. dignify, 13. kiln, 14. escapist, 15. sculptural, 16. sprig, 17. distaste, 18. nouveau

19. sudden pa\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion
20. the qui\_\_\_\_\_nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
21. broken sh\_\_d *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
22. sh\_\_d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
23. popular di\_\_\_\_\_te for corruption *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
24. pr\_\_\_h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
25. Christmas or\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry
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27. the fas\_\_\_\_\_on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
28. the th\_\_es of a financial crisis *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

ANSWERS: 19. paroxysm, 20. quintessence, 21. shard, 22. shard, 23. distaste, 24. preach, 25. ornament, 26. dignify, 27. fascination, 28. throe

29. can\_\_\_\_\_ht vigil *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
30. ort\_\_\_\_\_ics specialist *n.* a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance
31. un\_\_\_n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
32. vu\_\_\_r content *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
33. political an\_\_\_\_\_ma *n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
34. dep\_\_\_\_\_le conditions *adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
35. s\_\_r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
36. se\_\_\_\_\_er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
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38. es\_\_\_\_\_st tendencies *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

ANSWERS: 29. candlelight, 30. orthodontics, 31. uneven, 32. vulgar, 33. anathema, 34. deplorable, 35. soar, 36. sequester, 37. Renaissance, 38. escapist



39. re\_\_\_\_nt memories *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
40. electric k\_\_n *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
41. ad\_\_n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
42. ey\_\_\_\_h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
43. d\_\_m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
44. art no\_\_\_\_u *adj.* new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend
45. adorable mu\_\_\_\_in *n.* a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner
46. or\_\_\_t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
47. op\_\_\_\_d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
48. gun br\_\_\_h *n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks

ANSWERS: 39. redolent, 40. kiln, 41. adorn, 42. eyelash, 43. deem, 44. nouveau, 45. munchkin, 46. orient, 47. opioid, 48. breech

49. qui\_\_\_\_\_nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
50. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
51. in si\_\_\_\_\_er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
52. bo\_\_\_\_\_is values *n.* a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits
53. elaborate gi\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes
54. a ma\_\_\_\_\_ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
55. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
56. el\_\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
57. scu\_\_\_\_\_al masterpiece *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
58. fi\_\_\_\_\_rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

ANSWERS: 49. quintessence, 50. flourish, 51. sinister, 52. bourgeois, 53. gilding, 54. majestic, 55. imaginative, 56. elevate, 57. sculptural, 58. firework

59. th\_\_es of death *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
60. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
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64. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
65. tumor of w\_\_b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
66. vu\_\_\_\_r language *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
67. fl\_\_\_\_\_e onto the floor *v.* to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions
68. si\_\_\_\_\_er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

ANSWERS: 59. throe, 60. imaginative, 61. glitter, 62. ballerina, 63. anathema, 64. flourish, 65. womb, 66. vulgar, 67. flounce, 68. sinister

69. sab\_\_\_\_\_al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
70. sp\_\_\_\_\_e with stars *v.* to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments
71. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
72. el\_\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
73. re\_\_\_\_\_nt aroma *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
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75. interim cu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
76. t\_\_k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 69. sabbatical, 70. spangle, 71. barbecue, 72. elevate, 73. redolent, 74. Renaissance, 75. curator, 76. tusk

77. un\_\_\_n numbers *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
78. not bat an ey\_\_\_\_h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
79. ty\_\_\_\_y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
80. the blue-blooded ari\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
81. the exotic flavor of the Or\_\_\_t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
82. can\_\_\_\_ht dinner *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
83. enc\_\_\_\_te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
84. gold sp\_\_\_\_e gown *v.* to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments
85. mu\_\_\_\_in costume *n.* a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner

ANSWERS: 77. uneven, 78. eyelash, 79. tyranny, 80. aristocracy, 81. orient, 82. candlelight, 83. encapsulate, 84. spangle, 85. munchkin

86. bo\_\_\_\_\_is lifestyle *n.* a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits
87. famous ba\_\_\_\_\_na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
88. ext\_\_\_\_\_us details *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
89. sp\_\_g of rosemary *n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
90. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
91. an op\_\_\_d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
92. se\_\_\_\_\_er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
93. violent pa\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion

ANSWERS: 86. bourgeois, 87. ballerina, 88. extraneous, 89. sprig, 90. barbecue, 91. opioid, 92. sequester, 93. paroxysm

94. cu\_\_\_\_r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
95. gold gi\_\_\_\_g *n.* the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes
96. a ma\_\_\_\_ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
97. grand fi\_\_\_\_rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
98. sab\_\_\_\_al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
99. s\_\_r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
100. br\_\_\_\_h birth *n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks
101. member of the ari\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
102. pr\_\_\_\_h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
103. w\_\_b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

ANSWERS: 94. curator, 95. gilding, 96. majestic, 97. firework, 98. sabbatical, 99. soar, 100. breech, 101. aristocracy, 102. preach, 103. womb

104. t\_\_k of an elephant  
*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
105. ari\_\_\_\_tic government  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
106. fl\_\_\_\_e off in a huff  
*v.* to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions
107. a bouncing ni\_\_e  
*n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
108. ext\_\_\_\_us variables  
*adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
109. dep\_\_\_\_le behavior  
*adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
110. doggie ort\_\_\_\_ics  
*n.* a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance

ANSWERS: 104. tusk, 105. aristocratic, 106. flounce, 107. niece, 108. extraneous, 109. deplorable, 110. orthodontics



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The sight of spiders fills me with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects
  
2. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
  
3. The museum \_\_\_\_\_ conserved the ancient manuscripts.  
*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
  
4. The road was \_\_\_\_\_ causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.  
*adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
  
5. After years of wearing braces, her \_\_\_\_\_ treatment was finally complete.  
*n.* a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance
  
6. I picked a \_\_\_\_\_ of lavender from my garden to freshen up my room.  
*n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
  
7. The movie can \_\_\_\_\_ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.  
*v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

ANSWERS: 1. repulsion, 2. flourished, 3. curator, 4. uneven, 5. orthodontics, 6. sprig, 7. encapsulate

8. The pottery was fired in the \_\_\_\_\_ for several hours to harden it.
- n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.
- n.* a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry
10. The daycare center is specifically for \_\_\_\_\_ children.
- n.* a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountain range was a sight to behold.
- adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
12. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.
- n.* a group of persons with high social status
13. The dress was \_\_\_\_\_ with sequins, making it perfect for a fancy party.
- v.* to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments
14. She was offended by his \_\_\_\_\_ gesture.
- adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

ANSWERS: 8. kiln, 9. ornament, 10. munchkin-sized, 11. majestic, 12. aristocracy, 13. spangled, 14. vulgar

15. Treatment for \_\_\_\_\_ dependence may be a long-term process.
- n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
16. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
17. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood was known for its upscale shops and trendy cafes.
- n.* a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits
19. He approved their requests to \_\_\_\_\_ the jury.
- v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
20. The architect \_\_\_\_\_ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
- v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
21. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were \_\_\_\_\_ unsafe.
- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.
- adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad

ANSWERS: 15. opioid, 16. womb, 17. elevates, 18. bourgeois, 19. sequester, 20. adorned, 21. deemed, 22. deplorable

23. I looked at the painting in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

*adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

25. The new policy is \_\_\_\_\_ to the employees.

*n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

26. Her dress \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

*v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

27. The children were excited to see the \_\_\_\_\_ show.

*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

28. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

*n.* the perfect example of a quality or class

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

ANSWERS: 23. fascination, 24. extraneous, 25. anathema, 26. glittered, 27. firework, 28. renaissance, 29. quintessence, 30. aristocratic

31. The artist used a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.  
*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ details on the building's facade were simply stunning.  
*adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ graceful movements were a joy to watch.  
*n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ riche were eager to flaunt their wealth.  
*adj.* new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend
35. The country was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ that oppressed its citizens.  
*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
36. She writhed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of pain during labor.  
*n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.  
*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
38. She grimaced in \_\_\_\_\_ when someone said the insulting words.  
*n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 31. shard, 32. sculptural, 33. ballerina's, 34. nouveau, 35. tyranny, 36. throes, 37. barbecue, 38. distaste

39. The doctor was concerned about the baby's \_\_\_\_\_ position and discussed potential delivery complications with the parents.
- n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks
40. The room was dimly lit by soft \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* light provided by a candle or candles
41. The garden was \_\_\_\_\_ with the fragrance of blooming roses.
- adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
42. After ten years of teaching, she took a \_\_\_\_\_ to travel the world.
- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
43. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
- v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
44. The antique mirror was adorned with intricate \_\_\_\_\_ adding a touch of elegance to the room.
- n.* the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes
45. She took a moment to \_\_\_\_\_ herself in the unfamiliar city.
- v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

ANSWERS: 39. breech, 40. candlelight, 41. redolent, 42. sabbatical, 43. soared, 44. gilding, 45. orient

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.

*adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

47. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling.

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

48. The pastor \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of forgiveness.

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

49. She \_\_\_\_\_ out of the room, slamming the door behind her.

*v.* to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions

50. He was laughing so hard that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ of coughs.

*n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion

51. My \_\_\_\_\_ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

*n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

52. An \_\_\_\_\_ curler is a girl's best friend.

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

53. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 46. escapist, 47. sinister, 48. preached, 49. flounced, 50. paroxysm, 51. niece, 52. eyelash, 53. tusks



54. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
- v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
55. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 54. dignify, 55. imaginative