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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- jest** *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark  
*synonym* : joke, laugh, prank  
(1) crack a **jest**, (2) a harmless **jest**  
His jokes and **jest**s always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.
- tease** *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing  
*synonym* : bully, annoy, provoke  
(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool  
This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.
- emperor** *n.* the male ruler of an empire  
*synonym* : ruler, king, dictator  
(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**  
The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.
- pun** *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## 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.

## viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym* : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## mockery

*n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

*synonym* : ridicule, derision, taunt

(1) **mockery** of the situation, (2) public **mockery**

The comedian's **mockery** of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.

## entertainer

*n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

*synonym* : performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**

The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

## neurological

*adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

*synonym* : nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder

affecting their motor skills.

## pluck

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym*: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## courtier

*n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

*synonym*: court attendant, noble, attendant

(1) the queen's **courtiers**, (2) flattering **courtier**

The **courtier's** job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

## boast

*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

*synonym*: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

## whistle

*v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

*synonym*: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

## clown

*n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

*synonym*: jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

## sway

*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

*synonym* : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

## magistrate

*n.* a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

*synonym* : judge, administrator, official

(1) chief **magistrate**, (2) **magistrate** court

The local **magistrate** is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.

## trample

*v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

*synonym* : tread, stomp, crush

(1) **trample** down his feelings, (2) **trample** on the rights

The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not **trample** them.

## farmland

*n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes

*synonym* : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

## spree

*n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior

*synonym* : binge, fling, spree

(1) shopping **spree**, (2) crime **spree**

She went on a travel **spree** and visited six countries in one month.

### **infuriate**

*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

*synonym*: enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

### **facetious**

*adj.* treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately

*synonym*: humorous, joking, witty

(1) make a **facetious** joke, (2) **facetious** tone

His **facetious** remark was not well-received in the serious business meeting.

### **peasant**

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym*: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

### **starve**

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

### **gallop**

*v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

*synonym*: canter, race, bound

(1) **gallop** a horse, (2) **gallop** off at top speed  
The horse **galloped** across the field at a fast pace.

## **pardon**

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

*synonym*: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

## **condemn**

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something  
*synonym*: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## **plead**

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

*synonym*: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

## **scot**

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

*synonym*: tax, charge, toll

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

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

## **worsen**

v. to become or make something worse

*synonym*: languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem

Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of

trade.

## contentious

*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

*synonym* : antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

## archbishop

*n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

*synonym* : bishop, prelate, metropolitan

(1) **archbishop's** palace, (2) interim **archbishop**

The **archbishop's** sermon was a powerful message of hope and encouragement.

## rev

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

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

## garner

*v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

*synonym* : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

*synonym* : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## riot

*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

*synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

## 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.

## humiliate

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym*: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

## banish

*v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

*synonym*: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

## pamphlet

*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

*synonym*: brochure, leaflet, booklet



(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English  
The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

## **circulate**

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

*synonym*: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## **ridicule**

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym*: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

## **sultan**

*n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

*synonym*: emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

## **unfaithful**

*adj.* not loyal to a spouse, partner, or commitment because of a sexual relationship with a person who is not your partner

*synonym*: untrue, disloyal, adulterous

(1) **unfaithful** spouse, (2) the temptation to be **unfaithful**

The woman was heartbroken when she found out that her husband had been **unfaithful**.

## majesty

*n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

*synonym*: grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

## riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym*: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

## skit

*n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

*synonym*: sketch, parody, routine

(1) comedy **skit**, (2) political **skit**

The comedy group performed a hilarious **skit** about life in quarantine.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1. ba___h doubt         | <i>v.</i> | to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently   |
| 2. fl_____sh worldwide  | <i>v.</i> | to grow or develop vigorously or successfully   |
| 3. crime sp__e          | <i>n.</i> | a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior               |
| 4. fertile fa_____nd    | <i>n.</i> | land used for farming or agricultural purposes  |
| 5. pa_____et in English | <i>n.</i> | a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject   |
| 6. mag_____te court     | <i>n.</i> | a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court                                    |
| 7. pl__k a gray hair    | <i>v.</i> | to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers   |
| 8. ga___r attention     | <i>v.</i> | to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention  |
| 9. exploited pe_____t   | <i>n.</i> | a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society |
| 10. in_____te employees | <i>v.</i> | to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation  |

ANSWERS: 1. banish, 2. flourish, 3. spree, 4. farmland, 5. pamphlet, 6. magistrate, 7. pluck, 8. garner, 9. peasant, 10. infuriate

11. ri\_\_\_e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
12. flattering co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
13. make a fa\_\_\_\_\_us joke *adj.* treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately
14. co\_\_\_\_\_n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
15. ba\_\_\_h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
16. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
17. a harmless j\_\_t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
18. hu\_\_\_\_\_te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 11. riddle, 12. courtier, 13. facetious, 14. condemn, 15. banish, 16. rev, 17. jest, 18. humiliate

19. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
20. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
21. in\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
22. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down his feelings *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
23. pl\_\_k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
24. unf\_\_\_\_\_ul spouse *adj.* not loyal to a spouse, partner, or commitment because of a sexual relationship with a person who is not your partner
25. pl\_\_d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
26. Ottoman su\_\_\_n *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
27. fa\_\_\_\_\_nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
28. r\_\_t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 19. pun, 20. viol, 21. incite, 22. trample, 23. pluck, 24. unfaithful, 25. plead, 26. sultan, 27. farmland, 28. riot

29. public ri\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
30. public mo\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
31. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
32. the queen's co\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
33. a cl\_\_n act *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
34. wo\_\_\_\_n a relation *v.* to become or make something worse
35. pl\_\_d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
36. shopping sp\_\_e *n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior

ANSWERS: 29. ridicule, 30. mockery, 31. rev, 32. courtier, 33. clown, 34. worsen, 35. plead, 36. spree

37. act as a cl\_\_n *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
38. tr\_\_\_\_e on the rights *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
39. co\_\_\_\_n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
40. r\_\_t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
41. bo\_\_t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
42. crack a j\_\_t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
43. the su\_\_\_\_n's throne *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
44. ci\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
45. arc\_\_\_\_op's palace *n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

ANSWERS: 37. clown, 38. trample, 39. condemn, 40. riot, 41. boast, 42. jest, 43. sultan, 44. circulate, 45. archbishop

46. wo\_\_\_n the food problem      *v.* to become or make something worse
47. comedy ent\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
48. st\_\_\_e to death      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
49. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh economically      *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
50. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class      *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
51. the temptation to be unf\_\_\_\_\_ul      *adj.* not loyal to a spouse, partner, or commitment because of a sexual relationship with a person who is not your partner
52. political s\_\_t      *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
53. supplicate for pa\_\_\_n      *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

ANSWERS: 46. worsen, 47. entertainer, 48. starve, 49. flourish, 50. peasant, 51. unfaithful, 52. skit, 53. pardon



54. in\_\_\_e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
55. morning ma\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
56. former em\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
57. propaganda pa\_\_\_\_\_et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
58. solve the ri\_\_\_e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
59. ga\_\_\_r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
60. wh\_\_\_\_\_e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
61. ga\_\_\_p a horse *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
62. interim arc\_\_\_\_\_op *n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

ANSWERS: 54. incite, 55. majesty, 56. emperor, 57. pamphlet, 58. riddle, 59. garner, 60. whistle, 61. gallop, 62. archbishop

63. con\_\_\_\_\_us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
64. comedy s\_\_t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
65. ri\_\_\_\_\_le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
66. ent\_\_\_\_\_er of the year *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
67. ga\_\_\_p off at top speed *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
68. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
69. fever with neu\_\_\_\_\_cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
70. s\_\_y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 63. contentious, 64. skit, 65. ridicule, 66. entertainer, 67. gallop, 68. starve, 69. neurological, 70. sway

71. con\_\_\_\_\_us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
72. mo\_\_\_\_\_y of the situation *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
73. chief mag\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court
74. pa\_\_\_\_\_n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
75. traditional S\_\_t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
76. te\_\_e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
77. pay annual s\_\_t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
78. te\_\_e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
79. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 71. contentious, 72. mockery, 73. magistrate, 74. pardon, 75. scot, 76. tease, 77. scot, 78. tease, 79. opportune

80. em\_\_\_\_r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
81. ma\_\_\_\_y of nature *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
82. wh\_\_\_\_e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
83. ci\_\_\_\_te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
84. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
85. neu\_\_\_\_cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
86. an op\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
87. bo\_\_t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
88. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
89. s\_\_y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 80. emperor, 81. majesty, 82. whistle, 83. circulate, 84. pun, 85. neurological, 86. opportune, 87. boast, 88. viol, 89. sway

90. fa\_\_\_\_\_us tone

*adj.* treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately

91. in\_\_\_\_\_te customers

*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

92. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 90. facetious, 91. infuriate, 92. humiliate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.  
*n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
2. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. The patient was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ disorder affecting their motor skills.  
*adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
5. His jokes and \_\_\_\_\_ always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.  
*n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ remains mysterious to us.  
*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 1. sultan's, 2. humiliated, 3. opportune, 4. neurological, 5. jests, 6. riddle, 7. viol

8. The comedy group performed a hilarious \_\_\_\_\_ about life in quarantine.
- n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
9. He used his charm and charisma to \_\_\_\_\_ support for his campaign.
- v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
10. The employee decided to \_\_\_\_\_ on the company's illegal activities.
- v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
11. The dancer is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who captivates her audience with graceful movements.
- n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
12. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
- v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.
- v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 8. skit, 9. garner, 10. whistle-blow, 11. entertainer, 12. rev, 13. sway, 14. pleaded

15. The woman was heartbroken when she found out that her husband had been \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not loyal to a spouse, partner, or commitment because of a sexual relationship with a person who is not your partner
16. She dressed up as a Halloween \_\_\_\_\_ with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.
- n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
17. This ad is intended to \_\_\_\_\_ a competing product.
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
19. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
20. The government was \_\_\_\_\_ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
21. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.
- n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

ANSWERS: 15. unfaithful, 16. clown, 17. tease, 18. ridicule, 19. flourished, 20. condemned, 21. mockery



22. The \_\_\_\_\_ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.  
*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
23. She went on a travel \_\_\_\_\_ and visited six countries in one month.  
*n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.  
*n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
25. His rude behavior \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
26. The horse \_\_\_\_\_ across the field at a fast pace.  
*v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ once lived in the vast palace.  
*n.* the male ruler of an empire
28. Unilateral import bans have \_\_\_\_\_ that country's terms of trade.  
*v.* to become or make something worse
29. The fan \_\_\_\_\_ the air in the room quickly.  
*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 22. scot-free, 23. spree, 24. courtier's, 25. infuriated, 26. galloped, 27. Emperor, 28. worsened, 29. circulates

30. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ issues in claiming a patent.  
*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
31. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.  
*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
32. The local \_\_\_\_\_ is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.  
*n.* a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ sermon was a powerful message of hope and encouragement.  
*n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region
34. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their \_\_\_\_\_ to increase food production.  
*n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
35. The politician's speech seemed designed to \_\_\_\_\_ anger and unrest among the crowd.  
*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
36. The political organization handed out \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about their cause.  
*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 30. contentious, 31. peasant, 32. magistrate, 33. archbishop's, 34. farmland, 35. incite, 36. pamphlets

37. The governor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
- v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;  
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
38. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers off the bush.
- v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
39. This town \_\_\_\_\_ a national park.
- v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
41. His \_\_\_\_\_ remark was not well-received in the serious business meeting.
- adj. treating serious matters with inappropriate humor; not meant to be taken seriously; characterized by flippant or frivolous intent; making jokes or jests inappropriately
42. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
43. The king's \_\_\_\_\_ was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.
- n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

ANSWERS: 37. pardon, 38. plucked, 39. boasts, 40. riots, 41. facetious, 42. starve, 43. majesty

44. The queen \_\_\_\_\_ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

*v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

45. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

46. The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

*v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 44. banished, 45. pun, 46. trample