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## Session 1: Word List

- ken** *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know  
*synonym* : knowledge, understanding, familiarity  
(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person  
He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.
- crossfade** *v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other  
*synonym* : fade out, blend, mix  
(1) **crossfade** music, (2) **crossfade** between scenes  
The DJ skillfully **crossfaded** between two songs, creating a seamless transition on the dance floor.
- synthesizer** *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds  
*synonym* : sampler, sequencer, module  
(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**  
The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds

for the music.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## craze

*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

*synonym*: mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

## ballad

*n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

*synonym*: folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

## remix

*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

*synonym*: recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

## 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.

## ingenuity

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym*: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

## masochist

*n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded

(1) **masochist** tendencies, (2) **masochist** behavior

Some people are **masochists** who enjoy experiencing pain.

## visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

*synonym*: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## 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.

**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.

**vibe** *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood  
*synonym* : atmosphere, aura, feeling  
(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**  
The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

**chide** *v.* to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions  
*synonym* : scold, reprimand, admonish  
(1) **chide** with reproach, (2) **chide** gently  
She **chided** her child for not completing the homework on time.

**bully** *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful  
*synonym* : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor  
(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak  
The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

**nutshell** *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something  
*synonym* :

summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

## sampler

*n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

(1) **sampler** album, (2) electronic **sampler**

The artist made a **sampler** of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.

## snare

*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

*synonym*: trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

## beastie

*n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

*synonym*: critter, creature, animal

(1) cute little **beastie**, (2) monster **beastie**

Scientists discovered a new species of **beastie** in the rainforest.

## loot

*v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

*synonym*: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

## inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym*: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## slick

*adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

*synonym*: smooth, polished, shiny

(1) a **slick** operation, (2) **slick** design

The politician gave a **slick** speech, but it was full of empty promises.

## predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

*synonym*: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

## abbey

*n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns

*synonym*: monastery, convent

(1) ruined **abbey**, (2) **abbey** church

The venerable **abbey** was founded in the 12th century.

## catchy

*adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

*synonym*: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

## throwback

*n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

*synonym*: relic, reversion, remainder

(1) **throwback** memories, (2) musical **throwback**

The **throwback** jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

## auditorium

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

*synonym* : hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

## wan

*adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

*synonym* : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

## snoop

*v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property

*synonym* : spy, pry, eavesdrop

(1) **snoop** around the house, (2) **snoop** for information

The nosy neighbor liked to **snoop** around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.

## biggie

*n.* something important or significant

*synonym* : important, significant, crucial

(1) a media **biggie**, (2) **biggie** in the market

Winning the lottery is a **biggie** for most people.

## reinterpretation

*n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

*synonym* : re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

## hypnotize

*v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

*synonym* : grip, enchant, anesthetize

(1) **hypnotize** a subject, (2) **hypnotize** them against negative minds

The local sorcerer insists that he can **hypnotize** him into a deep trance.

## **pastiche**

*n.* a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works

*synonym*: patchwork, collage, imitation

(1) a **pastiche** of techniques from different regions,  
(2) literary **pastiche**

The artist's work was a **pastiche** of various art styles and influences.

## **groan**

*v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

*synonym*: moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

## **bowie**

*n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point

*synonym*: knife, dagger, blade

(1) **bowie** knife, (2) hunting **bowie**

The unique curve of the **bowie** blade makes it exceptionally versatile for various tasks in the wilderness.

## **connote**

*v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

*synonym*: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

## **hijack**

*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

*synonym*: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

## **nostalgia**

*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

*synonym*: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

## **fuss**

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

*synonym*: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

## **firebrand**

*n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior

*synonym*: provocateur, agitator, rabble-rouser

(1) political **firebrand**, (2) charismatic **firebrand**

The **firebrand** journalist fearlessly exposed corruption in the government.

## **rehabilitate**

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym*: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## **bland**

*adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

*synonym* : boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

## **etch**

*v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

*synonym* : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

## **timeless**

*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

*synonym* : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

## **ineligible**

*adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration

*synonym* : disqualified, unqualified, barred

(1) **ineligible** candidate, (2) **ineligible** for promotion

He was **ineligible** for the scholarship because he did not meet the academic requirements.

## **devalue**

*v.* to reduce the value or worth of something

*synonym* : diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. cr\_\_\_\_\_de music  
*v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other
2. 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
3. sa\_\_\_\_\_r album  
*n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
4. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss topic  
*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
5. vi\_\_\_\_\_al organ  
*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
6. monster be\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

ANSWERS: 1. crossfade, 2. pardon, 3. sampler, 4. timeless, 5. visceral, 6. beastie

7. a media bi\_\_\_e *n.* something important or significant
8. ine\_\_\_\_\_le for promotion *adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration
9. sl\_\_k design *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
10. co\_\_\_\_\_e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
11. war l\_\_t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
12. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
13. sn\_\_p around the house *v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
14. in\_\_\_t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
15. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

ANSWERS: 7. biggie, 8. ineligible, 9. slick, 10. connote, 11. loot, 12. rehabilitate, 13. snoop, 14. inject, 15. timeless



26. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate wildlife      v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
27. bu\_\_y the weak      n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
28. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience      v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
29. ch\_\_e gently      v. to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions
30. k\_n of the person      n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
31. l\_\_t the ship      v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
32. cute little be\_\_\_\_\_e      n. a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
33. re\_\_x a couple of tracks      v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

ANSWERS: 26. rehabilitate, 27. bully, 28. electrify, 29. chide, 30. ken, 31. loot, 32. beastie, 33. remix

34. ch\_\_e with reproach      *v.* to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions
35. nu\_\_\_\_\_ll version      *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
36. gr\_\_n in pain      *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
37. a warm no\_\_\_\_\_ia      *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
38. 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
39. ab\_\_y church      *n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
40. bo\_\_e knife      *n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point
41. bi\_\_\_e in the market      *n.* something important or significant
42. w\_n light      *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
43. fall into a sn\_\_e      *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

ANSWERS: 34. chide, 35. nutshell, 36. groan, 37. nostalgia, 38. electrify, 39. abbey, 40. bowie, 41. biggie, 42. wan, 43. snare

44. rei\_\_\_\_\_ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
45. literary pa\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works
46. a sl\_\_k operation *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
47. a ca\_\_\_y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
48. a w\_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
49. re\_\_x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
50. pr\_\_\_\_\_e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
51. move into a nu\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
52. get into a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
53. bu\_\_y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 44. reinterpretation, 45. pastiche, 46. slick, 47. catchy, 48. wan, 49. remix, 50. predate, 51. nutshell, 52. fuss, 53. bully

54. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
55. syn\_\_\_\_\_er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
56. Irish ba\_\_\_\_d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
57. pr\_\_\_\_\_e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
58. music syn\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
59. de\_\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
60. vi\_\_\_\_\_al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
61. charismatic fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior

ANSWERS: 54. discotheque, 55. synthesizer, 56. ballad, 57. predate, 58. synthesizer, 59. devote, 60. visceral, 61. firebrand

62. ine\_\_\_\_\_le candidate *adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration
63. co\_\_\_\_\_e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
64. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
65. chill v\_\_e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
66. ma\_\_\_\_\_st tendencies *n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
67. rei\_\_\_\_\_ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
68. make a bl\_\_d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
69. 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
70. de\_\_\_\_\_e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
71. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 62. ineligible, 63. connote, 64. auditorium, 65. vibe, 66. masochist, 67. reinterpretation, 68. bland, 69. pun, 70. devalue, 71. discotheque

72. sn\_\_e drum *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
73. traditional ba\_\_\_d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
74. e\_\_h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
75. within my k\_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
76. bl\_\_d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
77. cr\_\_\_\_\_de between scenes *v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other
78. cr\_\_e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
79. political fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior

ANSWERS: 72. snare, 73. ballad, 74. etch, 75. ken, 76. bland, 77. crossfade, 78. craze, 79. firebrand

80. 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
81. ma\_\_\_\_\_st behavior *n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
82. musical th\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
83. the infinite in\_\_\_\_\_ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
84. hunting bo\_\_e *n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point
85. ca\_\_\_y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
86. e\_\_h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
87. th\_\_\_\_\_ck memories *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
88. gr\_\_n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
89. make a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

ANSWERS: 80. pun, 81. masochist, 82. throwback, 83. ingenuity, 84. bowie, 85. catchy, 86. etch, 87. throwback, 88. groan, 89. fuss

90. party v\_\_e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
91. in\_\_t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
92. electronic sa\_\_\_\_r *n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
93. hy\_\_\_\_\_ze them against negative minds *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
94. no\_\_\_\_\_ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
95. fitness cr\_\_e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
96. abound in in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 90. vibe, 91. inject, 92. sampler, 93. hypnotize, 94. nostalgia, 95. craze, 96. ingenuity

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist's \_\_\_\_\_ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.  
*n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
  
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.  
*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
  
3. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me \_\_\_\_\_ with dread.  
*v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
  
4. The idea of virtual worlds \_\_\_\_\_ computers.  
*v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
  
5. The singer's \_\_\_\_\_ brought the audience to tears.  
*n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
  
6. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.  
*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
  
7. The music festival had a great \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.  
*n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

ANSWERS: 1. reinterpretation, 2. remixed, 3. groan, 4. predates, 5. ballad, 6. ingenuity, 7. vibe,

8. The artist's work was a \_\_\_\_\_ of various art styles and influences.
- n.* a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works
9. He used a sharp tool to \_\_\_\_\_ his initials onto the metal.
- v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
10. The bandits \_\_\_\_\_ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
11. Some people are \_\_\_\_\_ who enjoy experiencing pain.
- n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
12. The unique curve of the \_\_\_\_\_ blade makes it exceptionally versatile for various tasks in the wilderness.
- n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
- n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
14. The DJ skillfully \_\_\_\_\_ between two songs, creating a seamless transition on the dance floor.
- v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other

ANSWERS: 8. pastiche, 9. etch, 10. looted, 11. masochists, 12. bowie, 13. auditorium, 14. crossfaded

15. The word 'home' \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
16. Winning the lottery is a \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.
- n. something important or significant
17. The venerable \_\_\_\_\_ was founded in the 12th century.
- n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
18. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.
- n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
19. She \_\_\_\_\_ her child for not completing the homework on time.
- v. to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions
20. The nosy neighbor liked to \_\_\_\_\_ around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.
- v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
21. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
22. The local sorcerer insists that he can \_\_\_\_\_ him into a deep trance.
- v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

ANSWERS: 15. connotes, 16. biggie, 17. abbey, 18. discotheque, 19. chided, 20. snoop, 21. devoted, 22. hypnotize

23. Her negative comments about the project only \_\_\_\_\_ the team's efforts.  
*v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
24. The politician gave a \_\_\_\_\_ speech, but it was full of empty promises.  
*adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
25. The thief was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ set by the police.  
*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
26. We experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.  
*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
27. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.  
*v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
28. 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
29. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.  
*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 23. devalued, 24. slick, 25. snare, 26. craze, 27. inject, 28. pardon, 29. rehabilitate

30. His \_\_\_ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

*adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

31. Scientists discovered a new species of \_\_\_\_\_ in the rainforest.

*n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

32. The ice cream truck's sound brought back \_\_\_\_\_ for my childhood.

*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

33. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship because he did not meet the academic requirements.

*adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration

34. He had a good \_\_\_ of the city and could easily find his way around.

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

35. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

36. 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

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

*n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

ANSWERS: 30. wan, 31. beastie, 32. nostalgia, 33. ineligible, 34. ken, 35. visceral, 36. electrify, 37. throwback

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ journalist fearlessly exposed corruption in the government.
- n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior
39. The artist made a \_\_\_\_\_ of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.
- n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
40. This track starts with a \_\_\_\_\_ guitar riff.
- adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
41. The electronic \_\_\_\_\_ created a range of unique sounds for the music.
- n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
42. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
43. 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

ANSWERS: 38. firebrand, 39. sampler, 40. catchy, 41. synthesizer, 42. bully, 43. pun

44. Can you explain your argument in a \_\_\_\_\_
- n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
45. He made a desperate effort to \_\_\_\_\_ an airliner.
- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
46. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.
- n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
47. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect to his most remarkable work.
- adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
48. The dinner was rather \_\_\_\_\_ and in need of some seasoning.
- adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

ANSWERS: 44. nutshell?, 45. hijack, 46. fuss, 47. timeless, 48. bland