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## Session 1: Word List

### pare

*v.* to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements

*synonym*: trim, shave, reduce

(1) **pare** an apple, (2) **pare** back wasteful spending

I must **pare** down my wardrobe and donate some of my clothes to charity.

### outskirt

*n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

*synonym*: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

### unrelenting

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

*synonym*: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

## fundamentalist

*n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

*synonym*: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

## assassin

*n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

*synonym*: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

## provoke

*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym*: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

## denounce

*v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

*synonym*: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

## eject

*v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

*synonym*: discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing

complex tasks.

## extremism

*n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

*synonym* : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

## fatwa

*n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues

*synonym* : edict, ruling, decree

(1) **fatwa** decree, (2) religious **fatwa**

The religious leader issued a **fatwa** condemning the violent actions.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## untold

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

*synonym* : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## 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.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## entitle

*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym* : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym* : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## jihad

*n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

*synonym*: struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

## unarmed

*adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

*synonym*: defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

## defy

*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym*: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## militant

*n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

*synonym*: combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

## condone

*v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

*synonym*: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action  
The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

### staunch

*adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute  
*synonym*: strong, loyal, firm

(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent  
She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

### perpetrator

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception  
*synonym*: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**  
The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

### Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language  
I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

### sociologist

*n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**  
**Sociologist** studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

### politic

*adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

*synonym*: wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**  
She was **politic** in her behavior.

### monolith

*n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

*synonym* : monument, megalith, slab

(1) metal **monolith**, (2) towering **monolith**

The art exhibit featured a massive **monolith** sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

## interrelated

*adj.* closely connected or related to each other

*synonym* : connected, related, interdependent

(1) the **interrelated** nature of the problems, (2) **interrelated** factors

The different parts of the system are **interrelated** and rely on each other to function correctly.

## nongovernmental

*adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government

*synonym* : private, non-public, non-state

(1) **nongovernmental** aid worker, (2) **nongovernmental** agency

The **nongovernmental** organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

## brotherhood

*n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

*synonym* : fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

## adherent

*n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

*synonym* : follower, supporter, believer

(1) an **adherent** of the ideology, (2) non- **adherent** cell

He was a devout **adherent** of the religion.

## purport

*v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

*synonym* : claim, allege, assert

(1) **purport** to answer the question, (2) the main **purport** of his speech

The document **purports** to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.

## iceberg

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

*synonym* : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

## purveyor

*n.* a person or company that provides goods or services

*synonym* : steward, supplier

(1) a local **purveyor**, (2) a **purveyor** to the army

This company is the world's largest **purveyor** of caviar.

## curtail

*v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

*synonym* : restrict, limit, cut back

(1) **curtail** spending, (2) **curtail** freedom

Due to budget constraints, the company had to **curtail** its marketing campaign for the new product.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## stalwart

*n.* a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or



principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate

*synonym* : supporter, loyalist, champion

(1) **stalwart** member, (2) loyal **stalwart**

She relied on her **stalwart** friend for support during tough times.

## culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

*synonym* : end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

## exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

*synonym* : breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

## weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym* : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## 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.

## applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

*synonym* : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

## bodyguard

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

*synonym* : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym* : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## bravado

*n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

*synonym* : boldness, swagger, arrogance

(1) lose my **bravado**, (2) heroic **bravado**

The show of **bravado** by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.

## atrocious

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

*synonym* : evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

## nephew

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

## mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## 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.

## disaffection

- n. a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system

*synonym* : alienation, estrangement, dissatisfaction

(1) public **disaffection**, (2) **disaffection** among workers

The government's policies have caused widespread **disaffection** among the citizens.

## ostracize

- v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

*synonym* : exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

## imam

- n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

*synonym* : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

## infidel

- n. a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

*synonym* : unbeliever, pagan, gentile

(1) the war against the **infidel**, (2) convert **infidel**

The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called **infidel** invaders from the north.

## exposition

*n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

*synonym* : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

## extremist

*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

*synonym* : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

## checkpoint

*n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

## optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym* : positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## fathomable

*adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

*synonym* : understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. convert in _____l           | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith |
| 2. co_____e the behavior       | <i>v.</i> to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of  |
| 3. p__e back wasteful spending | <i>v.</i> to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements  |
| 4. de_____ce a statement       | <i>v.</i> to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone  |
| 5. pr_____e a reaction         | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect  |
| 6. rational exp_____on         | <i>n.</i> a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display   |
| 7. avoid ste_____pe            | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense   |

ANSWERS: 1. infidel, 2. condone, 3. pare, 4. denounce, 5. provoke, 6. exposition, 7. stereotype

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|--------------------------|---|
| 8. religious fa__a       | <i>n.</i> a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues |
| 9. spiritual i__m        | <i>n.</i> a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community   |
| 10. radical ex_____st    | <i>n.</i> a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views   |
| 11. fun_____ist church   | <i>n.</i> a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline  |
| 12. cu_____te in failure | <i>v.</i> to reach a peak or climax   |
| 13. company mo__o        | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal   |
| 14. op_____st by nature  | <i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future  |
| 15. non-ad_____nt cell   | <i>n.</i> a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something  |
| 16. i__m of mosque       | <i>n.</i> a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community   |
| 17. cu_____l spending    | <i>v.</i> to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end   |

ANSWERS: 8. fatwa, 9. imam, 10. extremist, 11. fundamentalist, 12. culminate, 13. motto, 14. optimist, 15. adherent, 16. imam, 17. curtail

18. per\_\_\_\_\_or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
19. fa\_\_a decree *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
20. an international exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
21. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
22. VIP bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
23. en\_\_\_\_\_e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
24. domed mo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
25. un\_\_\_\_\_d robbery *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
26. un\_\_\_\_\_d combat *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

ANSWERS: 18. perpetrator, 19. fatwa, 20. exposition, 21. overlook, 22. bodyguard, 23. entitle, 24. mosque, 25. unarmed, 26. unarmed



27. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
28. 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
29. round of ap\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
30. st\_\_\_\_\_h conviction *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
31. w\_\_p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
32. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
33. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
34. political fun\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
35. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
36. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
37. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 27. auditorium, 28. sway, 29. applause, 30. staunch, 31. weep, 32. overlook, 33. optimist, 34. fundamentalist, 35. ancestor, 36. ancestor, 37. terrify

38. an ad\_\_\_\_\_nt of the ideology *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
39. an un\_\_\_\_\_d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
40. st\_\_\_\_\_rt member *n.* a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate
41. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
42. a po\_\_\_\_\_c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
43. violent ex\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
44. os\_\_\_\_\_ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
45. commit at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
46. co\_\_\_\_\_e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
47. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 38. adherent, 39. untold, 40. stalwart, 41. defy, 42. politic, 43. extremism, 44. ostracize, 45. atrocity, 46. condone, 47. provoke

48. the sacred mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
49. the main pu\_\_\_\_t of his speech *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
50. political ex\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
51. un\_\_\_d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
52. pu\_\_\_\_t to answer the question *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
53. spirit of bro\_\_\_\_\_od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
54. st\_\_\_\_h opponent *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
55. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
56. religious soc\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

ANSWERS: 48. mosque, 49. purport, 50. extremism, 51. untold, 52. purport, 53. brotherhood, 54. staunch, 55. stereotype, 56. sociologist



67. elite bo\_\_\_\_\_rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
68. mi\_\_\_\_\_nt nations *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
69. a local pu\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person or company that provides goods or services
70. hit an ic\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
71. would-be as\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
72. fall victim to an as\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
73. exploited pe\_\_\_\_\_t *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
74. fat\_\_\_\_\_le solution *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
75. the int\_\_\_\_\_ted nature of the problems *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
76. earn ap\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
77. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pursuit *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

ANSWERS: 67. bodyguard, 68. militant, 69. purveyor, 70. iceberg, 71. assassin, 72. assassin, 73. peasant, 74. fathomable, 75. interrelated, 76. applause, 77. unrelenting

78. p\_\_e an apple *v.* to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements
79. towering mo\_\_\_\_th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
80. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
81. human in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
82. dis\_\_\_\_ion among workers *n.* a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
83. heal the body po\_\_\_\_c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
84. ex\_\_\_\_st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
85. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
86. ji\_\_d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

ANSWERS: 78. pare, 79. monolith, 80. defy, 81. intellect, 82. disaffection, 83. politic, 84. extremist, 85. atrocity, 86. jihad

87. bro\_\_\_\_\_od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
88. ej\_\_t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
89. non\_\_\_\_\_tal aid worker *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
90. nonviolent ji\_\_d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
91. public dis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
92. de\_\_\_\_\_ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
93. 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
94. loyal st\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate
95. Ar\_\_\_\_c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 87. brotherhood, 88. eject, 89. nongovernmental, 90. jihad, 91. disaffection, 92. denounce, 93. peasant, 94. stalwart, 95. Arabic

96. cu\_\_\_\_l freedom                    *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
97. ej\_\_t huge amounts of pollutant                    *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
98. a mi\_\_\_\_nt reformer                    *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
99. os\_\_\_\_\_ze individual                    *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
100. military che\_\_\_\_\_nt                    *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
101. ic\_\_\_\_\_g melting                    *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
102. lose my br\_\_\_\_\_o                    *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
103. fat\_\_\_\_\_le explanation                    *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
104. Ar\_\_\_c language                    *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
105. French soc\_\_\_\_\_st                    *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

ANSWERS: 96. curtail, 97. eject, 98. militant, 99. ostracize, 100. checkpoint, 101. iceberg, 102. bravado, 103. fathomable, 104. Arabic, 105. sociologist



106. en\_\_\_\_\_e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
107. non\_\_\_\_\_tal agency *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
108. culprit per\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
109. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
110. nieces and ne\_\_\_\_ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
111. a pu\_\_\_\_\_or to the army *n.* a person or company that provides goods or services
112. ex\_\_\_\_e a big sigh *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
113. the ou\_\_\_\_\_rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
114. ex\_\_\_\_e cigarette smoke *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
115. the war against the in\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

ANSWERS: 106. entitle, 107. nongovernmental, 108. perpetrator, 109. doe, 110. nephew, 111. purveyor, 112. exhale, 113. outskirts, 114. exhale, 115. infidel

116. on the western ou\_\_\_\_rts                    *n.*    the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
117. heroic br\_\_\_\_o                                *n.*    a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
118. int\_\_\_\_ted factors                         *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
119. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic                   *n.*    a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
120. open-air aud\_\_\_\_um                         *n.*    a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
121. w\_\_p bitter tears                             *v.*    to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
122. unr\_\_\_\_ng pressure                         *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

ANSWERS: 116. outskirts, 117. bravado, 118. interrelated, 119. motto, 120. auditorium, 121. weep, 122. unrelenting

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The event will \_\_\_\_\_ in a grand fireworks display.  
*v.* to reach a peak or climax
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.  
*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
3. She is a confident \_\_\_\_\_ who always looks on the bright side.  
*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
4. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
5. His peers \_\_\_\_\_ him for his controversial beliefs.  
*v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ burst from the audience.  
*n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
7. This company is the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_ of caviar.  
*n.* a person or company that provides goods or services
8. The show of \_\_\_\_\_ by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.  
*n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

ANSWERS: 1. culminate, 2. atrocity, 3. optimist, 4. terrify, 5. ostracized, 6. applause, 7. purveyor, 8. bravado

9. The different parts of the system are \_\_\_\_\_ and rely on each other to function correctly.  
*adj.* closely connected or related to each other
10. The ship encountered a series of \_\_\_\_\_ and had to change its course.  
*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.  
*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
12. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.  
*n.* a son of your brother or sister
13. In some Muslim countries, the \_\_\_\_\_ position is appointed by the government.  
*n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
14. 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
15. I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_ calligraphy as part of my art class.  
*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
16. The police have not yet caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.  
*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 9. interrelated, 10. icebergs, 11. extremist, 12. nephew, 13. imam's, 14. auditorium, 15. Arabic, 16. perpetrator

17. The religious leader issued a \_\_\_\_\_ condemning the violent actions.
- n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
18. The rise of far-right \_\_\_\_\_ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
19. She relied on her \_\_\_\_\_ friend for support during tough times.
- n.* a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate
20. The celebrity hired a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from the paparazzi.
- n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
21. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
22. He is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
- n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 17. fatwa, 18. extremism, 19. stalwart, 20. bodyguard, 21. entitled, 22. fundamentalist, 23. brotherhood

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
25. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
26. The art exhibit featured a massive \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.
- n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
27. 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
28. The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called \_\_\_\_\_ invaders from the north.
- n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.
- adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government

ANSWERS: 24. exposition, 25. stereotypes, 26. monolith, 27. peasant, 28. infidel, 29. nongovernmental

30. Due to budget constraints, the company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its marketing campaign for the new product.

- v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

31. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

- v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

32. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

- adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

33. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.

- v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

34. The parents refused to \_\_\_\_\_ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

- v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

- adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

36. The government's policies have caused widespread \_\_\_\_\_ among the citizens.

- n. a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system

ANSWERS: 30. curtail, 31. overlook, 32. staunch, 33. provoked, 34. condone, 35. unarmed, 36. disaffection

37. He \_\_\_\_\_ the actions of the corrupt official.  
*v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
38. The document \_\_\_\_\_ to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.  
*v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
39. Our immune system can \_\_\_\_\_ disease germs from the body.  
*v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.  
*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
41. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.  
*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.  
*n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
43. I must \_\_\_\_\_ down my wardrobe and donate some of my clothes to charity.  
*v.* to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements
44. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 37. denounced, 38. purports, 39. eject, 40. untold, 41. weep, 42. militant, 43. pare, 44. ancestor



45. \_\_\_\_\_ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.  
*n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
46. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.  
*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
47. She hired an \_\_\_\_\_ to kill her opponent.  
*n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
48. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.  
*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
50. 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
51. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in her behavior.  
*adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.  
*n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

ANSWERS: 45. Sociologist, 46. motto, 47. assassin, 48. doe, 49. troop, 50. sway, 51. politic, 52. outskirt

53. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

54. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

55. The scientific theories presented in the book were \_\_\_\_\_ even to non-experts.

- adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

56. The airport security \_\_\_\_\_ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

- n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

57. He was a devout \_\_\_\_\_ of the religion.

- n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

58. He took a deep breath and slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

59. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

ANSWERS: 53. defy, 54. Mosque, 55. fathomable, 56. checkpoint, 57. adherent, 58. exhale, 59. jihad

60. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat made it difficult to sleep.

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

ANSWERS: 60. intellect, 61. unrelenting