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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym*: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

### zeitgeist

*n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

*synonym*: spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

### pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym*: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

### resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## compel

*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym* : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## electrocution

*n.* death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity

*synonym* : shock, high voltage, burning

(1) fatal **electrocution**, (2) **electrocution** victim

The construction worker was rushed to the hospital after suffering from **electrocution** on the job site.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym* : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## endlessly

*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

*synonym* : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

## pantheon

*n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

*synonym* : temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**  
The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

### oppressive

*adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way  
*synonym* : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

### oculist

*n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist

*synonym* : optician, eye doctor, ophthalmologist

(1) skilled **oculist**, (2) pediatric **oculist**

My grandmother visited the renowned **oculist** for her annual eye examination.

### unrestricted

*adj.* not limited or confined in any way

*synonym* : open, available, free

(1) **unrestricted** access, (2) have **unrestricted** options

Capitalism allows **unrestricted** property ownership for individuals.

### salesperson

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

*synonym* : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

### geodesic

*adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure

*synonym* : dome-shaped, spherical, curved

(1) **geodesic** arc, (2) **geodesic** distance

The **geodesic** dome structure is both visually striking and highly efficient.

## coincident

*adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

*synonym*: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

**Coincident** with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

## laborer

*n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

*synonym*: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

## brute

*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

*synonym*: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

## incidentally

*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

*synonym*: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

**Incidentally**, I know the answer to that question.

## coffer

*n.* a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features

*synonym*: treasury, strongbox, safe

(1) **coffer** lid, (2) bank **coffer**

The government is trying to replenish the **coffer** by increasing taxes.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym*: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## impart

*v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

*synonym*: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

## convect

*v.* to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion

*synonym*: move, circulate, transport

(1) **convect** fluid, (2) **convect** air

The storm clouds **convected** heat energy and caused a thunderstorm.

## palpable

*adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

*synonym*: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

## barb

*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

*synonym*: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

**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.

**ravage** v. to cause damage to something badly

*synonym* : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

**polymath** n. a person who has expertise or a broad skillset across a range of diverse subjects or areas of knowledge

*synonym* : renaissance man, genius, expert

(1) **polymath** scholar, (2) modern-day **polymath**

Leonardo da Vinci is considered a **polymath** for his expertise in various fields such as art, science, and engineering.

**storytelling** n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym* : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

**mastery** n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

*synonym* : proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

## visionary

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym*: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## summon

*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## insurmountable

*adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

*synonym*: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## tempt

*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

*synonym*: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## indefinitely

*adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

*synonym* : endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

## counterintuitive

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym* : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior  
The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## 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**.

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym* : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym* :



universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

*synonym*: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

## recapture

v. to take back control or possession of something

*synonym*: retake, reoccupy, regain

(1) **recapture** prisoner, (2) **recapture** territory

The company launched a campaign to **recapture** lost market share.

## pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

*synonym*: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## roadway

n. the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders

*synonym*: highway, street, thoroughfare

(1) busy **roadway**, (2) **roadway** asphalt

Cyclists are not allowed on the highway **roadway** for safety

reasons.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## seductive

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

*synonym*: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

## multidisciplinary

*adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach

*synonym*: integrative, interdisciplinary

(1) **multidisciplinary** project, (2) **multidisciplinary** analysis

He adopted a **multidisciplinary** research approach to unravel complex phenomena.

## spontaneously

*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

*synonym*: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## perseverance

*n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

*synonym* : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

## pry

*v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

*synonym* : probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs

He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## firsthand

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym* : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym* : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## unremarkable

*adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting

*synonym* : commonplace, unmemorable, mundane

(1) completely ordinary and **unremarkable**,

(2) **unremarkable** in looks

He was very busy at work but otherwise led an **unremarkable** life.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. this shift occurs spo\_\_\_\_\_sly      *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
2. dogged per\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
3. skilled oc\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
4. a sal\_\_\_\_\_on in a store      *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
5. a series of coi\_\_\_\_\_nt events      *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
6. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems      *v.* to connect similar things
7. aim a b\_\_b      *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
8. ov\_\_\_\_\_a shipments      *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
9. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
10. co\_\_\_\_\_t fluid      *v.* to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion

ANSWERS: 1. spontaneously, 2. perseverance, 3. oculist, 4. salesperson, 5. coincident, 6. interconnect, 7. barb, 8. oversea, 9. confuse, 10. convect

11. ge\_\_\_\_\_ic distance      *adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure
12. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling      *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
13. ro\_\_\_\_\_y asphalt      *n.* the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders
14. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains      *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
15. ra\_\_\_\_\_e the brain      *v.* to cause damage to something badly
16. mul\_\_\_\_\_ary project      *adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach
17. unwavering per\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
18. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us computing      *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
19. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve language      *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
20. co\_\_\_\_\_r lid      *n.* a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features

ANSWERS: 11. geodesic, 12. diminish, 13. roadway, 14. astonishing, 15. ravage, 16. multidisciplinary, 17. perseverance, 18. ubiquitous, 19. pervasive, 20. coffer

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28. po\_\_\_\_\_th scholar *n.* a person who has expertise or a broad skillset across a range of diverse subjects or areas of knowledge
29. im\_\_\_\_\_t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
30. have unr\_\_\_\_\_ted options *adj.* not limited or confined in any way
31. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 21. multidisciplinary, 22. electrocution, 23. nurture, 24. salesperson, 25. industrious, 26. electrocution, 27. convect, 28. polymath, 29. impart, 30. unrestricted, 31. visionary

32. su\_\_\_n a lawyer      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
33. skilled la\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
34. 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
35. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
36. cultural ze\_\_\_\_st      *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
37. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
38. se\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior      *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
39. pa\_\_\_\_le tumor      *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
40. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 32. summon, 33. laborer, 34. rev, 35. improvisation, 36. zeitgeist, 37. rethink, 38. seductive, 39. palpable, 40. industrious



41. re\_\_\_\_\_re territory *v.* to take back control or possession of something
42. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
43. strive for ma\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
44. bank co\_\_\_\_r *n.* a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features
45. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
46. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
47. busy ro\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders
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49. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
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ANSWERS: 41. recapture, 42. resilient, 43. mastery, 44. coffer, 45. profoundly, 46. profoundly, 47. roadway, 48. astonishing, 49. ubiquitous, 50. geodesic

51. b\_\_b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
52. worry en\_\_\_\_\_ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
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55. p\_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
56. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
57. po\_\_\_\_\_e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
58. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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62. ancient pa\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
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82. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
83. 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
84. di\_\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
85. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
86. co\_\_\_l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
87. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
88. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
89. su\_\_\_n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
90. the atmosphere was opp\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

ANSWERS: 80. endlessly, 81. storytelling, 82. resilient, 83. loot, 84. diminish, 85. insurmountable, 86. compel, 87. counterintuitive, 88. insurmountable, 89. summon, 90. oppressive

91. br\_\_e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
92. unr\_\_\_\_\_ted access *adj.* not limited or confined in any way
93. ra\_\_\_e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
94. pa\_\_\_\_\_on of products *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
95. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
96. for ov\_\_\_\_\_a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
97. pediatric oc\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
98. inc\_\_\_\_\_lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
99. opp\_\_\_\_\_ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
100. ind\_\_\_\_\_ely suspended *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
101. 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

ANSWERS: 91. brute, 92. unrestricted, 93. ravage, 94. pantheon, 95. rethink, 96. oversea, 97. oculist, 98. incidentally, 99. oppressive, 100. indefinitely, 101. loot

102. the pe\_\_\_\_\_ve odor of garlic      *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
103. postpone a meeting ind\_\_\_\_\_ely      *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
104. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd      *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
105. inc\_\_\_\_\_lly discovered      *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
106. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a vein      *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
107. p\_y into the affairs      *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
108. recover spo\_\_\_\_\_sly after five days      *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
109. completely ordinary and unr\_\_\_\_\_ble      *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting
110. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing      *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
111. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research      *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
112. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 102. pervasive, 103. indefinitely, 104. firsthand, 105. incidentally, 106. congest, 107. pry, 108. spontaneously, 109. unremarkable, 110. storytelling, 111. firsthand, 112. nurture

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.  
*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
2. The construction project has been delayed \_\_\_\_\_ due to the pandemic.  
*adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.  
*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
4. The construction worker was rushed to the hospital after suffering from \_\_\_\_\_ on the job site.  
*n.* death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity
5. The electrical cord \_\_\_\_\_ combusted.  
*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
6. He used a crowbar to \_\_\_\_ open the locked door.  
*v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
7. He received the title of the best \_\_\_\_\_ in all our branches worldwide.  
*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

ANSWERS: 1. seductive, 2. indefinitely, 3. brute, 4. electrocution, 5. spontaneously, 6. pry, 7. salesperson



8. The tension in the room was \_\_\_\_\_ as they waited for the results to come in.  
*adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
9. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
10. The challenge seemed \_\_\_\_\_ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.  
*adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
11. The storm clouds \_\_\_\_\_ heat energy and caused a thunderstorm.  
*v.* to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion
12. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
13. The procession of demonstrators was \_\_\_\_\_ continuing.  
*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
14. The roads to the airport were heavily \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ dome structure is both visually striking and highly efficient.  
*adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure

ANSWERS: 8. palpable, 9. impart, 10. insurmountable, 11. convected, 12. diminish, 13. endlessly, 14. congested, 15. geodesic

16. My grandmother visited the renowned \_\_\_\_\_ for her annual eye examination.  
*n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
17. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
18. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his \_\_\_\_\_ and determination led him to success.  
*n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.  
*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
20. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
21. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.  
*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
22. Sugar is \_\_\_\_\_ in food.  
*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
23. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 16. oculist, 17. storytelling, 18. perseverance, 19. counterintuitive, 20. nurture, 21. profoundly, 22. ubiquitous, 23. astonishing

24. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

25. Leonardo da Vinci is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ for his expertise in various fields such as art, science, and engineering.

*n.* a person who has expertise or a broad skillset across a range of diverse subjects or areas of knowledge

26. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

27. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

29. \_\_\_\_\_ I know the answer to that question.

*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

30. 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

31. The politician's words were full of \_\_\_\_\_ designed to hurt his opponent.

*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 24. confused, 25. polymath, 26. firsthand, 27. oversea, 28. visionary, 29. Incidentally, 30. rev, 31. barbs

32. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.  
*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
33. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.  
*v.* to connect similar things
34. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.  
*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
35. The company launched a campaign to \_\_\_\_\_ lost market share.  
*v.* to take back control or possession of something
36. The political situation has become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
37. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
38. A large fire \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.  
*v.* to cause damage to something badly
39. Though he was evil, he never \_\_\_\_\_ his friends into wrongdoing.  
*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.  
*n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

ANSWERS: 32. rethink, 33. interconnect, 34. summoning, 35. recapture, 36. oppressive, 37. improvisation, 38. ravaged, 39. tempted, 40. pantheon

41. He was very busy at work but otherwise led an \_\_\_\_\_ life.

*adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting

42. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

43. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

44. The country finally gained \_\_\_\_\_ over the whole land of its neighbors.

*n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

45. Suspicion and worry were \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds.

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

46. Capitalism allows \_\_\_\_\_ property ownership for individuals.

*adj.* not limited or confined in any way

47. We should do our best not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment.

*v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

48. The government is trying to replenish the \_\_\_\_\_ by increasing taxes.

*n.* a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features

ANSWERS: 41. unremarkable, 42. resilient, 43. smartphones, 44. mastery, 45. pervasive, 46. unrestricted, 47. pollute, 48. coffer

49. The political speech resonated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of national unity and cooperation.
- n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
50. Cyclists are not allowed on the highway \_\_\_\_\_ for safety reasons.
- n.* the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders
51. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
52. 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
53. The strict deadlines will \_\_\_\_\_ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
54. The construction site hired many \_\_\_\_\_ to help with the heavy lifting.
- n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
55. \_\_\_\_\_ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
- adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

ANSWERS: 49. zeitgeist, 50. roadway, 51. industrious, 52. looted, 53. compel, 54. laborers, 55. Coincident

56. He adopted a \_\_\_\_\_ research approach to unravel complex phenomena.

*adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach

ANSWERS: 56. multidisciplinary