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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sordid

*adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

*synonym* : dirty, seedy, sleazy

(1) **sordid** business, (2) **sordid** past

The tabloid newspaper exposed the **sordid** details of the politician's scandalous affair.

### daydreaming

*n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

*synonym* : reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

### trickle

*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym* : dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

### akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym* : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences  
Her interests are **akin** to mine.

## invariably

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception  
*synonym*: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct  
She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

## profuse

*adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something  
*synonym*: abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies  
The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

## nautilus

*n.* a marine mollusk of the cephalopod family that possesses a coiled spiral shell divided into multiple chambers, often found in the Indo-Pacific region, with unique features such as tentacles, an external ornate shell, and a relatively unchanged evolutionary history  
*synonym*: cephalopod

(1) **nautilus** shell, (2) marine **nautilus**  
The chambered **nautilus** propels itself by expelling water from its mantle cavity, allowing it to move backward.

## octopus

*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)  
*synonym*: devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**  
He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

## detach

*v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage  
*synonym*: separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter  
She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

## pheromone

*n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species

*synonym* : scent, odor, aroma

(1) **pheromone** trail, (2) sexual **pheromone**

The perfume industry often uses synthetic **pheromones** to enhance their products' appeal.

## attache

*n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

*synonym* : diplomat, envoy, briefcase

(1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case

A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's embassy.

## tapir

*n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

(1) giant **tapir**, (2) **tapir** habitat

One of the **tapir's** main predators is the jaguar, which sometimes attacks and kills them.

## prehensile

*adj.* capable of grasping or holding onto objects using specially adapted limbs, tentacles, or appendages

*synonym* : flexible, adaptable, agile

(1) **prehensile** tongue, (2) **prehensile** grasp

The monkey used its **prehensile** tail to hang from the tree branch.

## dexterity

*n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

*synonym* : skillfulness, agility, expertise

(1) **dexterity** with the pen, (2) manual **dexterity**

The surgeon's **dexterity** was impressive during the delicate surgery.

## uterus

*n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

*synonym* : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

## meager

*adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

*synonym* : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

## barnacle

*n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object

*synonym* : cirripede, shellfish, crustacean

(1) **barnacle** growth, (2) **barnacle** removal

The bottom of the boat was covered in **barnacles**, slowing its speed in the water.

## gamete

*n.* a reproductive cell (sperm or egg) that is capable of fusing with another gamete during sexual reproduction to form a zygote (= the first cell formed when a sperm cell from a male fertilizes an egg cell from a female)

*synonym* : egg, reproductive cell, sperm

(1) **gamete** fusion, (2) fertile **gamete**

Scientists are studying **gamete** formation to understand genetic inheritance patterns better.

## congruent

*adj.* in agreement or harmony with something; having the same shape and size, often used in mathematics

*synonym* : matching, identical, corresponding

(1) **congruent** squares, (2) **congruent** in style

The algebraic equation had **congruent** sides, leading to a valid solution.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others  
*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## ingest

*v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

*synonym*: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## fertilization

*n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

*synonym*: impregnation, pollination, insemination

(1) **fertilization** process, (2) artificial **fertilization**

The **fertilization** of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.

## aptly

*adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

*synonym*: appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple

terms everyone could understand.

## **insemination**

*n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

*synonym*: fertilization, insemination, impregnation

(1) artificial **insemination**, (2) bovine **insemination**

The couple opted for donor **insemination** after struggling with infertility.

## **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.

## **stab**

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym*: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## **hemolymph**

*n.* the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates

*synonym*: blood, circulatory fluid, plasma

(1) **hemolymph** circulation, (2) **hemolymph** nodes

**Hemolymph** pressure is used by some arthropods, such as insects, to maintain their exoskeleton's shape and rigidity.

## **ovary**

*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## ballistic

*adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

*synonym*: furious, explosive, enraged

(1) **ballistic** missile, (2) **ballistic** vest

The boss went **ballistic** when he found out we missed the deadline.

## corkscrew

*n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

*synonym*: spiral, bottle opener, wine opener

(1) **corkscrew** bottle opener, (2) **corkscrew** staircase

The gymnast executed a breathtaking **corkscrew** flip, landing perfectly on the mat.

## flaccid

*adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force

*synonym*: limp, soft, drooping

(1) **flaccid** economy, (2) **flaccid** response

The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely **flaccid** when the doctor examined them.

## suitor

*n.* a man who seeks the favor, hand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants to take control of another company

*synonym*: wooer, admirer, beau

(1) potential **suitors**, (2) ward off a **suitor**

The princess had many **suitors** who sought her hand in

marriage.

## appendage

*n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

*synonym*: extension, limb, attachment

(1) spiny **appendage**, (2) mechanical **appendage**

The spider's **appendage** allowed it to climb up the wall easily.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym*: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## genital

*adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

*synonym*: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

## elicit

*v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

## maxilla

*n.* (of anatomy) the upper jawbone in vertebrates, typically forming part of the skull and containing the upper teeth; the bone that supports the upper teeth and forms the roof of the mouth in humans and other mammals



*synonym* : upper jaw, jawbone

(1) **maxilla** surgery, (2) fractured **maxilla**

The archaeologists found a well-preserved **maxilla** bone belonging to an ancient human ancestor.

## outgrowth

*n.* a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances

*synonym* : emergence, development, expansion

(1) natural **outgrowth**, (2) abnormal bony **outgrowth**

The new housing development was an **outgrowth** of the city's plan to revitalize the area.

## epidermis

*n.* the outermost layer of skin, composed of flat, scale-like cells that provide a protective barrier against external substances and help regulate body temperature

*synonym* : skin, cuticle, derma

(1) **epidermis** layer, (2) **epidermis** cells

Excessive exposure to UV radiation harms the **epidermis** and increases the risk of skin cancer.

## filament

*n.* a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb

*synonym* : fiber, thread, filament

(1) **filament** lamp, (2) carbon **filament**

The **filament** in the light bulb burned out, and now it's not working.

## mustache

*n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

*synonym* : whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

## prod

*v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

*synonym* : poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** him into action, (2) **prod** him with a stick  
She used a stick to **prod** the fire and make it burn brighter.

## lovingly

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

*synonym*: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

## magnum

*n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber

*synonym*: large, big, grand

(1) three-inch **magnum**, (2) **magnum** masterpiece

The **magnum** bottle of wine was the perfect size for a small gathering of friends.

## coercion

*n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

*synonym*: pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

## forceful

*adj.* having or showing great strength or energy

*synonym*: powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

## titillation

*n.* the act of exciting or stimulating someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or excitement

*synonym*: excitement, arousal, stimulation

(1) **titillation** of curiosity, (2) erotic **titillation**

The movie provided cheap **titillation** with its graphic sex scenes and violence.

## phylum

*n.* a major group or category of animals or plants characterized by shared physical, developmental, and evolutionary characteristics

*synonym*: division, group, classification

(1) animal **phylum**, (2) plant **phylum**

Arthropoda is the largest **phylum** in the animal kingdom, comprising insects, spiders, and crustaceans.

## invertebrate

*n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks

*synonym*: animal, mollusk, worm

(1) **invertebrate** species, (2) study of **invertebrates**

Many species of marine **invertebrates**, such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.

## avian

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds

*synonym*: bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

## primate

*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

*synonym*: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

## hyena

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

*synonym*: jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

## morphology

*n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

*synonym*: structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

## matriarchy

*n.* a social system in which women hold the primary power and authority, typically in a family or clan setting

*synonym*: matriarchate, matrifocal, matricentric

(1) **matriarchy** society, (2) **matriarchy** system

According to some cultural historians, ancient Egypt was a **matriarchy** for a brief period of time.

## dictate

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

*synonym*: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
  
2. ba\_\_\_\_\_le growth *n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
  
3. mor\_\_\_\_\_gy of a language *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
  
4. mat\_\_\_\_\_hy society *n.* a social system in which women hold the primary power and authority, typically in a family or clan setting
  
5. co\_\_\_\_\_ew bottle opener *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
  
6. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
  
7. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 1. barb, 2. barnacle, 3. morphology, 4. matriarchy, 5. corkscrew, 6. trickle, 7. stab

8. spotted hy\_\_a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
9. ov\_\_y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
10. in\_\_\_t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
11. inv\_\_\_\_\_ate species *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
12. plant ph\_\_\_m *n.* a major group or category of animals or plants characterized by shared physical, developmental, and evolutionary characteristics
13. sexual pr\_\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
14. fl\_\_\_\_\_d response *adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
15. co\_\_\_\_\_nt in style *adj.* in agreement or harmony with something; having the same shape and size, often used in mathematics
16. ma\_\_\_m masterpiece *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber

ANSWERS: 8. hyena, 9. ovary, 10. ingest, 11. invertebrate, 12. phylum, 13. predator, 14. flaccid, 15. congruent, 16. magnum

17. co\_\_\_\_\_on through force      *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
18. s\_\_b in the chest      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
19. pr\_\_\_\_\_e species      *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
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21. artificial fer\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
22. study of inv\_\_\_\_\_ates      *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
23. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus      *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
24. sexual ph\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
25. he\_\_\_\_\_ph circulation      *n.* the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates

ANSWERS: 17. coercion, 18. stab, 19. primate, 20. ballistic, 21. fertilization, 22. invertebrate, 23. infect, 24. pheromone, 25. hemolymph

26. fer\_\_\_\_\_ion process *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
27. av\_\_n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
28. lo\_\_\_\_ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
29. el\_\_\_t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
30. el\_\_\_t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
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32. big mu\_\_\_\_he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
33. bovine ins\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
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35. pre\_\_\_\_\_le tongue *adj.* capable of grasping or holding onto objects using specially adapted limbs, tentacles, or appendages
36. manual de\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

ANSWERS: 26. fertilization, 27. avian, 28. lovingly, 29. elicit, 30. elicit, 31. hyena, 32. mustache, 33. insemination, 34. hemolymph, 35. prehensile, 36. dexterity



37. ma\_\_\_\_a surgery *n.* (of anatomy) the upper jawbone in vertebrates, typically forming part of the skull and containing the upper teeth; the bone that supports the upper teeth and forms the roof of the mouth in humans and other mammals
38. di\_\_\_\_e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
39. p\_\_d him into action *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
40. tit\_\_\_\_\_on of curiosity *n.* the act of exciting or stimulating someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or excitement
41. me\_\_\_\_r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
42. animal ph\_\_\_\_m *n.* a major group or category of animals or plants characterized by shared physical, developmental, and evolutionary characteristics
43. p\_\_d him with a stick *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
44. ta\_\_r habitat *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

ANSWERS: 37. maxilla, 38. dictate, 39. prod, 40. titillation, 41. meager, 42. phylum, 43. prod, 44. tapir

45. co\_\_\_\_\_nt squares *adj.* in agreement or harmony with something; having the same shape and size, often used in mathematics
46. potential su\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a man who seeks the favor, hand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants to take control of another company
47. cellular mor\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
48. de\_\_\_\_h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
49. a commercial at\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
50. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
51. physical co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
52. me\_\_\_\_r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
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ANSWERS: 45. congruent, 46. suitor, 47. morphology, 48. detach, 49. attache, 50. inherit, 51. coercion, 52. meager, 53. ingest

54. a\_\_n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
55. spiny ap\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
56. de\_\_\_h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
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61. carbon fi\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb
62. a\_\_n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

ANSWERS: 54. akin, 55. appendage, 56. detach, 57. outgrowth, 58. gamete, 59. dictate, 60. ovary, 61. filament, 62. akin

63. av\_\_n habitat *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
64. stimulate day\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
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66. pr\_\_\_\_\_e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
67. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
68. ward off a su\_\_\_r *n.* a man who seeks the favor, hand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants to take control of another company
69. ep\_\_\_\_\_is cells *n.* the outermost layer of skin, composed of flat, scale-like cells that provide a protective barrier against external substances and help regulate body temperature
70. pr\_\_\_\_\_e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
71. abnormal bony ou\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances

ANSWERS: 63. avian, 64. daydreaming, 65. gamete, 66. profuse, 67. trait, 68. suitor, 69. epidermis, 70. profuse, 71. outgrowth

72. erotic tit\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of exciting or stimulating someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or excitement
73. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
74. so\_\_\_\_d business *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
75. fo\_\_\_\_\_ul argument *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
76. marine na\_\_\_\_\_us *n.* a marine mollusk of the cephalopod family that possesses a coiled spiral shell divided into multiple chambers, often found in the Indo-Pacific region, with unique features such as tentacles, an external ornate shell, and a relatively unchanged evolutionary history
77. artificial ins\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
78. three-inch ma\_\_\_\_m *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber
79. mechanical ap\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

ANSWERS: 72. titillation, 73. drastic, 74. sordid, 75. forceful, 76. nautilus, 77. insemination, 78. magnum, 79. appendage

80. ep\_\_\_\_\_is layer *n.* the outermost layer of skin, composed of flat, scale-like cells that provide a protective barrier against external substances and help regulate body temperature
81. black at\_\_\_\_\_e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
82. tr\_\_\_\_\_e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
83. mat\_\_\_\_\_hy system *n.* a social system in which women hold the primary power and authority, typically in a family or clan setting
84. take fo\_\_\_\_\_ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
85. ap\_\_y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
86. in\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
87. co\_\_\_\_\_ew staircase *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
88. ba\_\_\_\_\_ic missile *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

ANSWERS: 80. epidermis, 81. attache, 82. trickle, 83. matriarchy, 84. forceful, 85. aptly, 86. infect, 87. corkscrew, 88. ballistic

89. a gray mu\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
90. giant ta\_\_r *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia
91. ap\_\_y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
92. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
93. fl\_\_\_\_\_d economy *adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
94. ge\_\_\_\_\_l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
95. the mental process of day\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
96. fi\_\_\_\_\_nt lamp *n.* a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb
97. pain in the ge\_\_\_\_\_l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
98. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
99. ba\_\_\_\_\_le removal *n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object

ANSWERS: 89. mustache, 90. tapir, 91. aptly, 92. invariably, 93. flaccid, 94. genital, 95. daydreaming, 96. filament, 97. genital, 98. inherit, 99. barnacle

100. venomous oc\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
101. so\_\_\_\_d past *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
102. giant oc\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
103. na\_\_\_\_us shell *n.* a marine mollusk of the cephalopod family that possesses a coiled spiral shell divided into multiple chambers, often found in the Indo-Pacific region, with unique features such as tentacles, an external ornate shell, and a relatively unchanged evolutionary history
104. bleeding from ut\_\_\_\_s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
105. dr\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
106. pre\_\_\_\_le grasp *adj.* capable of grasping or holding onto objects using specially adapted limbs, tentacles, or appendages
107. ut\_\_\_\_s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
108. fractured ma\_\_\_\_a *n.* (of anatomy) the upper jawbone in vertebrates, typically forming part of the skull and containing the upper teeth; the bone that supports the upper teeth and forms the roof of the mouth in humans and other mammals

ANSWERS: 100. octopus, 101. sordid, 102. octopus, 103. nautilus, 104. uterus, 105. drastic, 106. prehensile, 107. uterus, 108. maxilla





## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The global community is undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ changes at present.  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.  
*n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
3. She looked at him \_\_\_\_\_ and knew he was the one for her.  
*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
4. The monkey used its \_\_\_\_\_ tail to hang from the tree branch.  
*adj.* capable of grasping or holding onto objects using specially adapted limbs, tentacles, or appendages
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ arrived at the office early each day.  
*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
6. Water was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ into the basement after the heavy rain.  
*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
7. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
8. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 1. drastic, 2. fertilization, 3. lovingly, 4. prehensile, 5. invariably, 6. trickle, 7. predator's, 8. inherited

9. The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely \_\_\_\_\_ when the doctor examined them.  
*adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
10. Her interests are \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.  
*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
11. The new housing development was an \_\_\_\_\_ of the city's plan to revitalize the area.  
*n.* a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances
12. The tabloid newspaper exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ details of the politician's scandalous affair.  
*adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
13. The movie provided cheap \_\_\_\_\_ with its graphic sex scenes and violence.  
*n.* the act of exciting or stimulating someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or excitement
14. Arthropoda is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in the animal kingdom, comprising insects, spiders, and crustaceans.  
*n.* a major group or category of animals or plants characterized by shared physical, developmental, and evolutionary characteristics
15. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.  
*n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 9. flaccid, 10. akin, 11. outgrowth, 12. sordid, 13. titillation, 14. phylum, 15. traits

16. The government used \_\_\_\_\_ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.
- n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.
- adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
18. Scientists are studying \_\_\_\_\_ formation to understand genetic inheritance patterns better.
- n.* a reproductive cell (sperm or egg) that is capable of fusing with another gamete during sexual reproduction to form a zygote (= the first cell formed when a sperm cell from a male fertilizes an egg cell from a female)
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.
- n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
20. I often waste a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
21. He experienced nausea after eating live \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

ANSWERS: 16. coercion, 17. aptly, 18. gamete, 19. morphology, 20. daydreaming, 21. octopus

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the light bulb burned out, and now it's not working.
- n.* a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb
23. People who compulsively \_\_\_\_\_ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
24. She used a stick to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire and make it burn brighter.
- v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
25. Many scientists study \_\_\_\_\_ behavior and intelligence.
- n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
26. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ has become an icon.
- n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
27. The algebraic equation had \_\_\_\_\_ sides, leading to a valid solution.
- adj.* in agreement or harmony with something; having the same shape and size, often used in mathematics
28. The archaeologists found a well-preserved \_\_\_\_\_ bone belonging to an ancient human ancestor.
- n.* (of anatomy) the upper jawbone in vertebrates, typically forming part of the skull and containing the upper teeth; the bone that supports the upper teeth and forms the roof of the mouth in humans and other mammals

ANSWERS: 22. filament, 23. ingest, 24. prod, 25. primate, 26. mustache, 27. congruent, 28. maxilla

29. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
30. The spider's \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to climb up the wall easily.
- n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
31. The allies \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of surrender to the country.
- v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
32. Many species of marine \_\_\_\_\_ such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.
- n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
33. The chambered \_\_\_\_\_ propels itself by expelling water from its mantle cavity, allowing it to move backward.
- n.* a marine mollusk of the cephalopod family that possesses a coiled spiral shell divided into multiple chambers, often found in the Indo-Pacific region, with unique features such as tentacles, an external ornate shell, and a relatively unchanged evolutionary history
34. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ a response from them yet?
- v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
35. A prime minister talked with a military \_\_\_\_\_ of the country's embassy.
- n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

ANSWERS: 29. infect, 30. appendage, 31. dictated, 32. invertebrates, 33. nautilus, 34. elicited, 35. attache

36. She spoke with a \_\_\_\_\_ tone and made her point clear.

*adj.* having or showing great strength or energy

37. The surgeon's \_\_\_\_\_ was impressive during the delicate surgery.

*n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

38. According to some cultural historians, ancient Egypt was a \_\_\_\_\_ for a brief period of time.

*n.* a social system in which women hold the primary power and authority, typically in a family or clan setting

39. The princess had many \_\_\_\_\_ who sought her hand in marriage.

*n.* a man who seeks the favor, hand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants to take control of another company

40. The gymnast executed a breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_ flip, landing perfectly on the mat.

*n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ bottle of wine was the perfect size for a small gathering of friends.

*n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber

42. They found \_\_\_\_\_ cancer in an early stage.

*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 36. forceful, 37. dexterity, 38. matriarchy, 39. suitors, 40. corkscrew, 41. magnum, 42. ovary

43. 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
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.  
*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
45. The couple opted for donor \_\_\_\_\_ after struggling with infertility.  
*n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
46. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.  
*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
47. The boss went \_\_\_\_\_ when he found out we missed the deadline.  
*adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
48. The expert on \_\_\_\_\_ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
49. Excessive exposure to UV radiation harms the \_\_\_\_\_ and increases the risk of skin cancer.  
*n.* the outermost layer of skin, composed of flat, scale-like cells that provide a protective barrier against external substances and help regulate body temperature

ANSWERS: 43. barbs, 44. hyena's, 45. insemination, 46. stabbed, 47. ballistic, 48. avian, 49. epidermis



50. The \_\_\_\_\_ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

*adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

51. The flu caused a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of sweating and fever.

*adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

52. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

53. The perfume industry often uses synthetic \_\_\_\_\_ to enhance their products' appeal.

*n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species

54. The refugee family had to survive on a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of food and water daily.

*adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

55. \_\_\_\_\_ pressure is used by some arthropods, such as insects, to maintain their exoskeleton's shape and rigidity.

*n.* the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates

56. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ main predators is the jaguar, which sometimes attacks and kills them.

*n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

57. She \_\_\_\_\_ the trailer from the truck before driving away.

*v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

ANSWERS: 50. genital, 51. profuse, 52. uterus, 53. pheromones, 54. meager, 55. Hemolymph, 56. tapir's, 57. detached

58. The bottom of the boat was covered in \_\_\_\_\_ slowing its speed in the water.

- n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object

ANSWERS: 58. barnacles,