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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

### opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

### interrogate

*v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym* : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

### 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.

## neurological

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

*synonym* : nervous, neural, brain-related

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

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

## hardwired

*adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

*synonym* : innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

## clique

*n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful

*synonym* : clan, group, gang

(1) **clique** behavior, (2) form a **clique**

Members of the popular **clique** at school often exclude others from their group.

## disclaim

*v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

*synonym* : deny, reject, disavow

(1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

## sheltered

*adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life

*synonym* : protected, secure, guarded

(1) **sheltered** life, (2) **sheltered** housing

The birds found **sheltered** spots in the trees to avoid the rain.

## epicenter

*n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

*synonym* : ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

## bigotry

*n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

*synonym* : intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

**Bigotry** and discrimination have no place in our society.

## upbringing

*n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

*synonym* : childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

## weirdo

*n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

*synonym* : freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

## orthodox

*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

*synonym* : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought  
He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**  
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## shave

*v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

*synonym*: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

## charade

*n.* an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players

*synonym*: pretense, masquerade, facade

(1) **charade** game, (2) conduct **charades**

The politician's promises turned out to be nothing more than a **charade**.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym*: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## badger

*n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester

or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

*synonym* : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

## **crotch**

*n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

*synonym* : groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

## **sleepover**

*n.* a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers

*synonym* : slumber party, overnighter, pajama party

(1) **sleepover** party, (2) girls' **sleepover**

My daughter is having a **sleepover** with her friends tonight.

## **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.

## **transgender**

*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

*synonym* : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

## dysmorphia

*n.* abnormal development or malformations of anatomical structures in plants, animals, or humans; a mental health condition characterized by obsessive concern with one's appearance and a preoccupation with perceived flaws or defects that are not noticeable or are only slight and which often leads to anxiety, depression, and avoidance behaviors

(1) gender **dysmorphia**, (2) muscle **dysmorphia**

Body **dysmorphia** can be a severe mental health condition that requires professional help.

## stave

*n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

*synonym* : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

## puberty

*n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

*synonym* : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

## eyelash

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

*synonym* : lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

## tarnished

*adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

*synonym* : sullied, stained, blurred

(1) **tarnished** by scandal, (2) **tarnished** gold

She looked into the **tarnished** mirror and barely recognized her reflection.

### blatantly

*adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise

*synonym* : openly, candidly, overtly

(1) **blatantly** obvious, (2) **blatantly** unfair

She **blatantly** ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.

### disparate

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

*synonym* : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

### zigzag

*adj.* having short sharp turns or angles

*synonym* : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

### skimpy

*adj.* insufficient or inadequate in amount, size, or quality; revealing or covering only a small amount of skin or area of the body

*synonym* : meager, exiguous, scanty

(1) **skimpy** outfit, (2) **skimpy** bikini

She was uncomfortable in the **skimpy** dress that barely covered her.

### hesitant

*adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

*synonym* : indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action

She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

## tomboy

*n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing

*synonym* : ladette, hoyden

(1) **tomboy** outfit, (2) **tomboy** personality

The character in the book was a spunky **tomboy** who refused to conform to gender expectations.

## scrape

*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

*synonym* : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

## utopian

*adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

*synonym* : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym* : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## pundit

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym* : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## liken

*v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something



else in some way

*synonym* : compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

## facet

*n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

*synonym* : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

## indisputable

*adj.* not able to be denied or disputed; true

*synonym* : undeniable, incontestable, true

(1) **indisputable** genius, (2) **indisputable** fact

The evidence was **indisputable**, and the jury reached a quick verdict.

## consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym* : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

## whisker

*n.* any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge

*synonym* : hair, whisk, bristle

(1) **whisker** trimming, (2) box- **whisker** chart

The cat's **whiskers** twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.

## 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.

## limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym* : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

## wright

*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

*synonym* : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

## uphold

*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

*synonym* : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

## familiarity

*n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation

*synonym* : acquaintance, knowledge, intimacy

(1) casual **familiarity**, (2) sense of **familiarity**

The tourist's **familiarity** with the city's layout allowed them to navigate easily.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## procession

*n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose

*synonym* : parade, cavalcade, march

(1) **procession** of cars, (2) religious **procession**

The funeral **procession** slowly made its way to the cemetery.

## perpetuate

*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

*synonym* : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## heterosexual

*adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

*synonym* : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

## sweetheart

*n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

*synonym*: darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

## republican

*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

*synonym*: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

## polarization

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym*: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

## billboard

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

*synonym*: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

## multiplicity

*n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold

*synonym*: abundance, variety, diversity

(1) functional **multiplicity**, (2) **multiplicity** of languages

The **multiplicity** of colors in the sunset was truly

breathhtaking.

## disown

v. to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something

*synonym*: renounce, disinherit, reject

(1) **disown** an adoption, (2) **disown** a responsibility

He was so disappointed in his son's actions that he decided to **disown** him completely.

## firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

## greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. cl___e behavior          | <i>n.</i> a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful   |
| 2. ey____h brush            | <i>n.</i> any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes   |
| 3. wh____r trimming         | <i>n.</i> any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge |
| 4. up___d tradition         | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.  |
| 5. li____ss potential       | <i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite  |
| 6. ep____er magnitude       | <i>n.</i> the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake   |
| 7. het____ual marriage      | <i>adj.</i> attracted to individuals of the opposite sex   |
| 8. pain in the ge____l area | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs  |
| 9. forest fir____er         | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to extinguish fires  |
| 10. bi____rd advertising    | <i>n.</i> a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads                                 |

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12. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble genius      *adj.* not able to be denied or disputed; true
13. form a cl\_\_\_e      *n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful
14. muscle dys\_\_\_\_\_ia      *n.* abnormal development or malformations of anatomical structures in plants, animals, or humans; a mental health condition characterized by obsessive concern with one's appearance and a preoccupation with perceived flaws or defects that are not noticeable or are only slight and which often leads to anxiety, depression, and avoidance behaviors
15. sc\_\_\_e meat off a bone      *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
16. gender dys\_\_\_\_\_ia      *n.* abnormal development or malformations of anatomical structures in plants, animals, or humans; a mental health condition characterized by obsessive concern with one's appearance and a preoccupation with perceived flaws or defects that are not noticeable or are only slight and which often leads to anxiety, depression, and avoidance behaviors

ANSWERS: 11. nuanced, 12. indisputable, 13. clique, 14. dysmorphia, 15. scrape, 16. dysmorphia

17. up\_\_\_d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
18. con\_\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
19. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
20. to\_\_\_y personality *n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing
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24. ba\_\_\_r territory *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

ANSWERS: 17. uphold, 18. consciously, 19. empathy, 20. tomboy, 21. exposition, 22. billboard, 23. utopian, 24. badger



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26. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
27. a car-wr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
28. religious pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
29. or\_\_\_\_\_ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
30. un\_\_\_\_d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
31. ch\_\_\_\_\_e game *n.* an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players
32. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
33. ha\_\_\_\_\_ed connection *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

ANSWERS: 25. neurological, 26. explode, 27. wright, 28. procession, 29. orthodox, 30. unfold, 31. charade, 32. empathy, 33. hardwired

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35. a total we\_\_\_\_o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
36. sl\_\_\_\_\_er party *n.* a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers
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38. ethnic bi\_\_\_\_y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
39. treated as a we\_\_\_\_o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
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41. a zi\_\_\_\_g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
42. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed gold *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
43. act con\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
44. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
45. cr\_\_\_\_h portion *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

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50. sh\_\_e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
51. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
52. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
53. li\_\_n to a bird *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
54. tra\_\_\_\_\_er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 46. instinct, 47. genital, 48. charade, 49. neurological, 50. shave, 51. Christ, 52. doe, 53. liken, 54. transgender

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64. st\_\_e off a conspiracy *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

ANSWERS: 55. disparate, 56. greet, 57. multiplicity, 58. wright, 59. explode, 60. epicenter, 61. humming, 62. stave, 63. shave, 64. stave

65. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
66. casual fam\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation
67. sh\_\_\_\_\_ed housing *adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life
68. Rep\_\_\_\_\_an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
69. per\_\_\_\_\_te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
70. at the height of pu\_\_\_\_\_y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
71. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
72. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 65. opportune, 66. familiarity, 67. sheltered, 68. republican, 69. perpetuate, 70. puberty, 71. polarization, 72. greet

73. sk\_\_\_y bikini *adj.* insufficient or inadequate in amount, size, or quality; revealing or covering only a small amount of skin or area of the body
74. rep\_\_\_\_\_an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
75. ha\_\_\_\_\_ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
76. important fa\_\_t *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
77. 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
78. sense of fam\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation
79. di\_\_\_\_\_im his rights *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

ANSWERS: 73. skimpy, 74. republican, 75. hardwired, 76. facet, 77. exposition, 78. familiarity, 79. disclaim

80. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of cars *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
81. the onset of pu\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
82. swe\_\_\_\_\_rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
83. li\_\_n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
84. fa\_\_t to a question *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
85. conservative pu\_\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
86. swe\_\_\_\_\_rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
87. family upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

ANSWERS: 80. procession, 81. puberty, 82. sweetheart, 83. liken, 84. facet, 85. pundit, 86. sweetheart, 87. upbringing

88. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
89. he\_\_\_\_\_nt to take action *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
90. bl\_\_\_\_\_ly obvious *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
91. ba\_\_\_\_r him with questions *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
92. to\_\_\_\_y outfit *n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing
93. di\_\_\_\_n a responsibility *v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something
94. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 88. polarization, 89. hesitant, 90. blatantly, 91. badger, 92. tomboy, 93. disown, 94. instinct



95. int\_\_\_\_\_te an enemy soldier      *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
96. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed by scandal      *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
97. box-wh\_\_\_\_\_r chart      *n.* any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
98. decided to be a fir\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
99. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
100. het\_\_\_\_\_ual relationship      *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
101. nu\_\_\_\_\_d view      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
102. self-righteous bi\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
103. tra\_\_\_\_\_er rights      *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
104. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble fact      *adj.* not able to be denied or disputed; true
105. ut\_\_\_\_\_n society      *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

ANSWERS: 95. interrogate, 96. tarnished, 97. whisker, 98. firefighter, 99. doe, 100. heterosexual, 101. nuanced, 102. bigotry, 103. transgender, 104. indisputable, 105. utopian

106. di\_\_\_n an adoption *v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something
107. girls' sl\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers
108. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
109. for a li\_\_\_\_\_ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
110. he\_\_\_\_\_nt response *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
111. zi\_\_\_\_\_g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
112. sh\_\_\_\_\_ed life *adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life
113. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
114. functional mul\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold

ANSWERS: 106. disown, 107. sleepover, 108. opportune, 109. limitless, 110. hesitant, 111. zigzag, 112. sheltered, 113. Christ, 114. multiplicity

115. cr\_\_\_h of trousers *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
116. Catholic upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
117. sc\_\_\_e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
118. an or\_\_\_\_ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
119. sports pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
120. di\_\_\_\_im ownership *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
121. sk\_\_\_y outfit *adj.* insufficient or inadequate in amount, size, or quality; revealing or covering only a small amount of skin or area of the body
122. un\_\_\_d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 115. crotch, 116. upbringing, 117. scrape, 118. orthodox, 119. pundit, 120. disclaim, 121. skimpy, 122. unfold

123. per\_\_\_\_\_te chronic pain

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

124. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 123. perpetuate, 124. interrogate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ criticizes her in the publicity.  
*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.  
*adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
3. She was \_\_\_\_\_ to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.  
*adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
4. Body \_\_\_\_\_ can be a severe mental health condition that requires professional help.  
*n.* abnormal development or malformations of anatomical structures in plants, animals, or humans; a mental health condition characterized by obsessive concern with one's appearance and a preoccupation with perceived flaws or defects that are not noticeable or are only slight and which often leads to anxiety, depression, and avoidance behaviors
5. The sommelier can distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ variance in the flavor of the wine.  
*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
6. She looked into the \_\_\_\_\_ mirror and barely recognized her reflection.  
*adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. consciously, 2. genital, 3. hesitant, 4. dysmorphia, 5. nuanced, 6. tarnished, 7. exposition

8. I can always rely on my \_\_\_\_\_ to lift my mood when feeling down.  
*n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
9. She kicked him hard in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of colors in the sunset was truly breathtaking.  
*n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
11. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ vision of a world without war.  
*adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
12. They used iron \_\_\_\_\_ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.  
*n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.  
*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
15. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

ANSWERS: 8. sweetheart, 9. crotch, 10. multiplicity, 11. utopian, 12. staves, 13. Empathy, 14. greeted, 15. limitless

16. The evidence was \_\_\_\_\_ and the jury reached a quick verdict.  
*adj.* not able to be denied or disputed; true
17. The organization worked to bring together \_\_\_\_\_ groups in the community.  
*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
18. The political \_\_\_\_\_ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.  
*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.  
*n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
20. His strict \_\_\_\_\_ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.  
*n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
21. The funeral \_\_\_\_\_ slowly made its way to the cemetery.  
*n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
22. She was a skilled \_\_\_\_\_ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.  
*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
23. The judge may \_\_\_\_\_ the decision of the lower court.  
*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. indisputable, 17. disparate, 18. pundit, 19. epicenter, 20. upbringing, 21. procession, 22. wright, 23. uphold

24. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

25. We had to go through a \_\_\_\_\_ course.

- adj.* having short sharp turns or angles

26. He identified as \_\_\_\_\_ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

- adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

27. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

28. The tourist's \_\_\_\_\_ with the city's layout allowed them to navigate easily.

- n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

30. The instinct to protect one's offspring is \_\_\_\_\_ into many animal species.

- adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

31. Many \_\_\_\_\_ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

- adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 24. Christmas, 25. zigzag, 26. heterosexual, 27. opportune, 28. familiarity, 29. polarization, 30. hardwired, 31. transgender



32. The \_\_\_\_\_ thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.
- n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
33. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
- n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
35. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
36. 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
37. The different \_\_\_\_\_ of his personality make him a complex individual.
- n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
38. He was so disappointed in his son's actions that he decided to \_\_\_\_\_ him completely.
- v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something

ANSWERS: 32. badger's, 33. exploded, 34. firefighter, 35. instinct, 36. doe, 37. facets, 38. disown

39. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
40. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.
- v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
41. The character in the book was a spunky \_\_\_\_\_ who refused to conform to gender expectations.
- n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing
42. That supermarket tried to \_\_\_\_\_ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
43. He \_\_\_\_\_ the mud off his boots before entering the house.
- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
44. An \_\_\_\_\_ curler is a girl's best friend.
- n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
45. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
46. \_\_\_\_\_ and discrimination have no place in our society.
- n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

ANSWERS: 39. puberty, 40. liken, 41. tomboy, 42. shave, 43. scraped, 44. eyelash, 45. interrogate, 46. Bigotry

47. The CEO was once a \_\_\_\_\_ wandering barefoot around the university.  
*n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
48. The new \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.  
*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
49. My daughter is having a \_\_\_\_\_ with her friends tonight.  
*n.* a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers
50. She was uncomfortable in the \_\_\_\_\_ dress that barely covered her.  
*adj.* insufficient or inadequate in amount, size, or quality; revealing or covering only a small amount of skin or area of the body
51. That work \_\_\_\_\_ his fame.  
*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
52. The politician's promises turned out to be nothing more than a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players
53. She \_\_\_\_\_ ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.  
*adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
54. The patient was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ disorder affecting their motor skills.  
*adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

ANSWERS: 47. weirdo, 48. billboard, 49. sleepover, 50. skimpy, 51. perpetuates, 52. charade, 53. blatantly, 54. neurological

55. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

57. Members of the popular \_\_\_\_\_ at school often exclude others from their group.

- n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful

58. The cat's \_\_\_\_\_ twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.

- n.* any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge

59. He challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ views on business.

- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

60. The company had to state to \_\_\_\_\_ any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

- v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

61. Many \_\_\_\_\_ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

- n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 55. unfolded, 56. humming, 57. clique, 58. whiskers, 59. orthodox, 60. disclaim, 61. republican

62. The birds found \_\_\_\_\_ spots in the trees to avoid the rain.

*adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life

ANSWERS: 62. sheltered