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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### imperceptible

*adj.* undetectable or indiscernible by the senses or by normal means of measurement; extremely subtle, faint, or gradual

*synonym*: hard to notice, indiscernible, subtle

(1) **imperceptible** movement, (2) **imperceptible** difference

The sound was **imperceptible** to the human ear, but the sensitive microphone could pick it up.

### instantaneous

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym*: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

### overstate

*v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

*synonym*: exaggerate, embellish, magnify

(1) **overstate** the issue, (2) **overstate** the importance

He tends to **overstate** his accomplishments to impress others.

### improvisation

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

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

## unleash

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

## firestorm

*n.* a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil

*synonym* : conflagration, inferno, blaze

(1) **firestorm** damage, (2) political **firestorm**

The company's announcement of mass layoffs triggered a **firestorm** of anger among the employees

## smartphone

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

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## verge

*n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

*synonym* : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

## centimeter

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall  
The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

## pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

*synonym*: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation  
This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

## wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym*: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**  
This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

*synonym*: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

## app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym*: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

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

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## grail

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

*synonym*: chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

## accomplice

*n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

*synonym*: confederate, partner, collaborator

(1) **accomplice** in crime, (2) secret **accomplice**

The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an **accomplice** in the murder.

## nonfiction

*n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences

*synonym*: fact, reality, truth

(1) **nonfiction** movie, (2) **nonfiction** account

This **nonfiction** book about the history of jazz is a must-read for music fans.

## clunky

*adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

*synonym*: clumsy, bulky, burdensome

(1) **clunky** phrasing, (2) **clunky** robot

Refined character portrayal makes up for **clunky** gameplay.

## carol

*n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

*synonym*: song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

## improbable

*adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

*synonym*: unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

## fearsome

*adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

*synonym*: terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

## worrisome

*adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

*synonym*: concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

## prolong

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

*synonym*: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

## broth

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

*synonym* : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

## reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym* : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym* : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## readout

n. a display of information or data, often in numerical or digital form, that provides a readout of measurements, quantities, or other aspects of a process or system

*synonym* : display, output, screen

(1) **readout** display, (2) temperature **readout**

The machine provided a digital **readout** of my heart rate and oxygen levels.

## upkeep

n. the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment

*synonym* : maintenance, care, preservation

(1) **upkeep** of a house, (2) equipment **upkeep**

Regular **upkeep** of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.

## lighthouse

*n.* a tower or other structure that is equipped with a powerful light designed to guide ships safely to harbor or warn them of impending danger

*synonym*: beacon, pharos, guiding light

(1) **lighthouse** beacon, (2) **lighthouse** keeper

Tourists gathered at the **lighthouse's** base to take photos and admire the view.

## discontinue

*v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

*synonym*: halt, end, cease

(1) **discontinue** a service, (2) **discontinue** a project

The company has decided to **discontinue** the production of its unpopular product line.

## reliant

*adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

*synonym*: dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## subversive

*adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or

beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

*synonym*: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

## spoofing

*n.* an act of deceiving or tricking someone by pretending to be someone or something else; (of technology and cybersecurity) the practice of masquerading as another entity or person, often to gain unauthorized access or deceive others

*synonym*: impersonation, imitation, deception

(1) email **spoofing**, (2) caller ID **spoofing**

The cybersecurity team detected a **spoofing** attack, where attackers disguised themselves as legitimate users.

## imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym*: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

## hijack

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

*synonym*: commandeer, seize, pirate

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

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

## counterfeit

*adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

*synonym*: fake, false, imitation

(1) **counterfeit** document, (2) **counterfeit** money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit**



products in their supply chain.

## encrypt

- v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym* : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

## authenticate

- v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

*synonym* : confirm, validate, verify

(1) **authenticate** documents, (2) **authenticate** software license

The security system requires users to **authenticate** their identity before gaining access.

## jumble

- v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

*synonym* : mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

## reassure

- v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym* : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## halo

*n.* a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse

*synonym*: aura, nimbus, glory

(1) **halo** effect, (2) **halo** around the moon

The painting of the saint had a golden **halo** surrounding her head, symbolizing her holiness.

## betray

*v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

*synonym*: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

## veer

*v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

*synonym*: swerve, diverge, shift

(1) **veer** toward danger, (2) **veer** to the left

The car **veered** off the road and crashed into a tree.

## scarcely

*adv.* hardly or almost not; only just

*synonym*: barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public

We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

## havoc

*n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

*synonym*: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

## redeem

*v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a

condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

*synonym* : rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## lure

*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym* : tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym* : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## loom

*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

*synonym* : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

## reconcile

*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

*synonym* : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute  
Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

## popcorn

*n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

*synonym*: popped corn, puffed corn, corn kernels

(1) a **popcorn** vendor, (2) **popcorn** kernels

We popped some **popcorn** and settled in to watch a movie.

## reorder

*v.* to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again

*synonym*: rearrange, reschedule, redo

(1) **reorder** priorities, (2) **reorder** steps

The manager decided to **reorder** the products on the shelf to improve sales.

## peril

*n.* serious and great danger or risk

*synonym*: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_\_m a government bond  
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*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
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*adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
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*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
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ANSWERS: 1. redeem, 2. innovate, 3. clunky, 4. improvisation, 5. veer, 6. peril, 7. pretension, 8. verge

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12. hi\_\_\_\_k a helicopter      *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
13. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer      *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
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16. sing a ca\_\_l      *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
17. aut\_\_\_\_\_ate software license      *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
18. re\_\_\_\_r priorities      *v.* to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again

ANSWERS: 9. augment, 10. betray, 11. unleash, 12. hijack, 13. smartphone, 14. halo, 15. reliant, 16. carol, 17. authenticate, 18. reorder

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ANSWERS: 19. spoofing, 20. nonfiction, 21. pinpoint, 22. readout, 23. innovate, 24. reassure, 25. reconcile, 26. centimeter, 27. jumble

28. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
29. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
30. sub\_\_\_\_\_ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
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32. au\_\_\_\_\_t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
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ANSWERS: 28. ubiquitous, 29. drown, 30. subversive, 31. inconvenient, 32. augment, 33. smartphone, 34. subversive, 35. reorder



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42. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue a project *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
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44. wo\_\_\_\_\_me development *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
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ANSWERS: 36. reclaim, 37. app, 38. imperceptible, 39. havoc, 40. carol, 41. disastrous, 42. discontinue, 43. improbable, 44. worrisome, 45. readout

46. im\_\_\_\_\_e painting styles      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
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48. re\_\_\_\_\_m a competitive position      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
49. absolutely dis\_\_\_\_\_us effect      *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
50. heavily re\_\_\_\_\_t on oil      *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
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53. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous message      *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
54. fe\_\_\_\_\_me reputation      *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
55. fi\_\_\_\_\_rm damage      *n.* a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil
56. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue a service      *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

ANSWERS: 46. imitate, 47. overstate, 48. reclaim, 49. disastrous, 50. reliant, 51. inconvenient, 52. veer, 53. instantaneous, 54. fearsome, 55. firestorm, 56. discontinue

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ANSWERS: 66. wrinkle, 67. authenticate, 68. scarcely, 69. broth, 70. reassure, 71. prolong, 72. upkeep, 73. ubiquitous, 74. fascinate, 75. lure, 76. havoc

77. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public      *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
78. ve\_\_e of bankruptcy      *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
79. en\_\_\_\_\_t message      *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
80. cannot log in to the a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
81. en\_\_\_\_\_t data      *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
82. h\_\_o around the moon      *n.* a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse
83. a po\_\_\_\_\_n vendor      *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

ANSWERS: 77. fascinate, 78. verge, 79. encrypt, 80. app, 81. encrypt, 82. halo, 83. popcorn

84. lig\_\_\_\_\_se beacon *n.* a tower or other structure that is equipped with a powerful light designed to guide ships safely to harbor or warn them of impending danger
85. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
86. non\_\_\_\_\_on movie *n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences
87. ju\_\_\_e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
88. re\_\_\_m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
89. measures to pr\_\_\_\_\_g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
90. environmental pe\_\_l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
91. ultimate gr\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

ANSWERS: 84. lighthouse, 85. drown, 86. nonfiction, 87. jumble, 88. redeem, 89. prolong, 90. peril, 91. grail

92. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
93. secret acc\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
94. cou\_\_\_\_\_it money      *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
95. political fi\_\_\_\_\_rm      *n.* a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil
96. un\_\_\_\_\_h a hound      *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
97. chicken br\_\_h      *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
98. pi\_\_\_\_\_nt the problem      *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
99. sc\_\_\_\_\_ly any interest in public      *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
100. fe\_\_\_\_\_me creature      *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
101. l\_\_e prey      *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
102. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

ANSWERS: 92. imitate, 93. accomplice, 94. counterfeit, 95. firestorm, 96. unleash, 97. broth, 98. pinpoint, 99. scarcely, 100. fearsome, 101. lure, 102. wrinkle

103. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
104. cou\_\_\_\_\_it document *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
105. lig\_\_\_\_\_se keeper *n.* a tower or other structure that is equipped with a powerful light designed to guide ships safely to harbor or warn them of impending danger
106. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
107. wo\_\_\_\_\_me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
108. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
109. thirty cen\_\_\_\_\_ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
110. po\_\_\_\_\_n kernels *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
111. holy gr\_\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

ANSWERS: 103. improvisation, 104. counterfeit, 105. lighthouse, 106. reconcile, 107. worrisome, 108. instantaneous, 109. centimeter, 110. popcorn, 111. grail



112. be\_\_\_y confidence                      *v.*    to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
113. up\_\_\_p of a house                      *n.*    the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
114. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority              *n.*    the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 112. betray, 113. upkeep, 114. pretension

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.
  - v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
  
2. The room was only one \_\_\_\_\_ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
  - n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
  
3. The storm wreaked \_\_\_\_\_ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
  - n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
  
4. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
  - v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
  
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
  - n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
  
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
  - v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
  
7. The painting of the saint had a golden \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding her head, symbolizing her holiness.
  - n. a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse

ANSWERS: 1. reconcile, 2. centimeter, 3. havoc, 4. redeem, 5. pretensions, 6. imitated, 7. halo

8. The sound was \_\_\_\_\_ to the human ear, but the sensitive microphone could pick it up.  
*adj.* undetectable or indiscernible by the senses or by normal means of measurement; extremely subtle, faint, or gradual
9. The search for the \_\_\_\_\_ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.  
*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
10. The children \_\_\_\_\_ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.  
*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
11. The company has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the production of its unpopular product line.  
*v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
12. He made a desperate effort to \_\_\_\_\_ an airliner.  
*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
13. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.  
*adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
14. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.  
*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 8. imperceptible, 9. grail, 10. jumbled, 11. discontinue, 12. hijack, 13. improbable, 14. app's

15. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

- v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

16. Economic factors and monetary policy \_\_\_\_\_ inflation.

- v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

17. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.

- v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

18. The emission of hazardous substances has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecology of a region.

- adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

19. We \_\_\_\_\_ ever used AEDs.

- adv. hardly or almost not; only just

20. The security system requires users to \_\_\_\_\_ their identity before gaining access.

- v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

21. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.

- v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

22. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.

- v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 15. prolong, 16. augmented, 17. reassure, 18. disastrous, 19. scarcely, 20. authenticate, 21. innovate, 22. encrypt

23. The manager decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the products on the shelf to improve sales.  
*v.* to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again
24. Sugar is \_\_\_\_\_ in food.  
*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
25. Refined character portrayal makes up for \_\_\_\_\_ gameplay.  
*adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
26. The issue of divorce \_\_\_\_\_ large in his mind.  
*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
27. The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an \_\_\_\_\_ in the murder.  
*n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
28. Regular \_\_\_\_\_ of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.  
*n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
29. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.  
*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
30. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* serious and great danger or risk

ANSWERS: 23. reorder, 24. ubiquitous, 25. clunky, 26. loomed, 27. accomplice, 28. upkeep, 29. wrinkle-proof, 30. peril

31. The dragon's \_\_\_\_\_ roar echoed through the valley.

*adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

*adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

33. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

34. The new software provides \_\_\_\_\_ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

35. The cybersecurity team detected a \_\_\_\_\_ attack, where attackers disguised themselves as legitimate users.

*n.* an act of deceiving or tricking someone by pretending to be someone or something else; (of technology and cybersecurity) the practice of masquerading as another entity or person, often to gain unauthorized access or deceive others

36. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

37. The general was still reluctant to \_\_\_\_\_ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

38. The company is heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on its overseas operations for revenue.

*adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

ANSWERS: 31. fearsome, 32. worrisome, 33. inconvenient, 34. instantaneous, 35. spoofing, 36. reclaim, 37. unleash, 38. reliant

39. The car \_\_\_\_\_ off the road and crashed into a tree.

- v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

40. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.

- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

41. I always add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

42. This \_\_\_\_\_ book about the history of jazz is a must-read for music fans.

- n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences

43. The company hired a team of experts to identify \_\_\_\_\_ products in their supply chain.

- adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

44. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

45. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

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

46. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.

- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

ANSWERS: 39. veered, 40. drown, 41. broth, 42. nonfiction, 43. counterfeit, 44. fascinated, 45. improvisation, 46. lure

47. He stood on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a major discovery.

- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

48. This radar quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the position of the enemy.

- v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

49. Tourists gathered at the \_\_\_\_\_ base to take photos and admire the view.

- n.* a tower or other structure that is equipped with a powerful light designed to guide ships safely to harbor or warn them of impending danger

50. The machine provided a digital \_\_\_\_\_ of my heart rate and oxygen levels.

- n.* a display of information or data, often in numerical or digital form, that provides a readout of measurements, quantities, or other aspects of a process or system

51. The artwork was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ theme that undermined religious beliefs.

- adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

52. We popped some \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in to watch a movie.

- n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

53. I love the sound of \_\_\_\_\_ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

- n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

ANSWERS: 47. verge, 48. pinpoints, 49. lighthouse's, 50. readout, 51. subversive, 52. popcorn, 53. carols



54. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his accomplishments to impress others.
- v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
55. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
56. The company's announcement of mass layoffs triggered a \_\_\_\_\_ of anger among the employees
- n. a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil
57. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 54. overstate, 55. smartphones, 56. firestorm, 57. betrayed