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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### ponder

*v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

*synonym*: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

### implausible

*adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

*synonym*: incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

### womb

*n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

*synonym*: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

### fetus

*n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a

**fetus.**

**well-being**

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  
*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**  
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

**intellect**

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

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

**amnion**

*n.* the innermost sac that surrounds and protects the fetus during pregnancy, filled with amniotic fluid which cushions and protects the fetus

*synonym* : fetal membrane

(1) **amnion** membrane, (2) rupture of the **amnion**

The **amnion** fluid sample was sent for genetic testing to determine chromosomal abnormalities.

**gestation**

*n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans

*synonym* : pregnancy, carrying, incubation

(1) extrauterine **gestation**, (2) **gestation** time

The **gestation** period for elephants is 22 months.

**muted**

*adj.* having a subdued or softened sound, color, or tone; restrained or understated in expression or style

*synonym* : dull, hushed, muffled

(1) **muted** light, (2) **muted** sound

The toned-down, **muted** colors in the living room gave it a cozy and relaxed feeling.

## muffle

- v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

*synonym* : mute, stifle, embower

(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries

He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

## reverb

- n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

*synonym* : echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

## sect

- n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## germ

- n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## 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.

## melodic

*adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

*synonym*: harmonious, pleasing, musical

(1) **melodic** scale, (2) transcribe **melodic** patterns

She played a **melodic** piece on the piano.

## endear

*v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

*synonym*: fondle, cherish, love

(1) **endear** a character to young readers, (2) **endear** to everyone

The baby's smile **endeared** her to everyone who saw her.

## 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**.

## bud

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

*synonym*: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

## olfactory

*adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents

*synonym*: olfactive, scent-based, aromatic

(1) **olfactory** cortex, (2) **olfactory** memory

The **olfactory** senses play a key role in our taste and flavor perception.

## trimester

*n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

*synonym*: quarter, three months, 13 weeks

(1) second **trimester** ends, (2) **trimester** system

The first **trimester** of pregnancy is the most crucial for the development of the fetus.

## licorice

*n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

(1) black **licorice**, (2) **licorice** flavor

I bought some **licorice** candy from the store.

## conjure

*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

*synonym*: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

## enrich

*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

*synonym*: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

## mold

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym*: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

*synonym*: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

## consequent

*adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else;  
(noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

*synonym*: resulting, following, logical

(1) **consequent** increase, (2) the fallacy of affirming the **consequent**

The increase in demand for the product led to a **consequent** rise in its price.

## idiosyncrasy

*n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

*synonym*: peculiarity, quirk, eccentricity

(1) personal **idiosyncrasy**, (2) cultural **idiosyncrasy**

His **idiosyncrasy** of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.

## scarcity

*n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

*synonym*: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

## tweak

*v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

*synonym* : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

## tundra

*n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

*synonym* : arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

## troop

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

*synonym* : group, unit, band

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

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

## blockade

*n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

*synonym* : embargo, siege, encirclement

(1) embargo **blockade**, (2) military **blockade**

The country implemented a **blockade** during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.

## siege

*n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

*synonym* : blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

## deprivation

*n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

*synonym* : poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

## specter

*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

*synonym* : ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

## starvation

*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

*synonym* : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

## 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.

## malnutrition

*n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

*synonym* : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

## stillbirth

*n.* the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy

*synonym* : miscarriage, neonatal death

(1) risk for **stillbirth**, (2) suffered a **stillbirth**

The couple was devastated by the **stillbirth** of their child.

## prenatal

*adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

*synonym* : antecedent, preconception, prebirth

(1) **prenatal** checkup, (2) **prenatal** development



**Prenatal** care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

## divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

*synonym*: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

## deprive

v. to take away something from someone

*synonym*: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

## chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

*synonym*: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

## impart

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

*synonym*: pass on, give, bestow

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

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

## unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

*synonym*: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

## narrator

*n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film  
*synonym*: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program  
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

## superfluous

*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required  
*synonym*: extra, unnecessary, redundant

(1) **superfluous** information, (2) **superfluous** words  
The recipe called for a **superfluous** amount of salt and made the dish too salty.

## postwar

*adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

*synonym*: subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

## commuter

*n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

*synonym*: traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

## waitress

*n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

*synonym*: server, attendant, waitperson

(1) **waitress** at a restaurant, (2) tip the **waitress**

The friendly **waitress** brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

## inflict

*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

*synonym*: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow  
The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

## ordeal

*n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

*synonym*: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

## catastrophe

*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

*synonym*: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

## manifestation

*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

*synonym*: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

## speculate

*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

*synonym*: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

## poignant

*adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

*synonym*: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a tr__p of deer                 | <i>n.</i> a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.   |
| 2. man_____ion of a deeper problem | <i>n.</i> a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition  |
| 3. the wel_____ng of a nation      | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  |
| 4. childhood mal_____ion           | <i>n.</i> the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients |
| 5. en___h a gas with a balloon     | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else  |
| 6. sup_____us information          | <i>adj.</i> unnecessary; more than what is needed or required  |
| 7. s__t beliefs                    | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream  |
| 8. vi_____al fear                  | <i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses                                   |

ANSWERS: 1. troop, 2. manifestation, 3. well-being, 4. malnutrition, 5. enrich, 6. superfluous, 7. sect, 8. visceral

9. an aborted fe\_\_s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
10. re\_\_\_b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
11. pr\_\_\_\_al checkup *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
12. 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
13. the na\_\_\_\_or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
14. wa\_\_\_\_ss at a restaurant *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
15. 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
16. con\_\_\_\_\_nt increase *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
17. imp\_\_\_\_\_le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

ANSWERS: 9. fetus, 10. reverb, 11. prenatal, 12. uterus, 13. narrator, 14. waitress, 15. uterus, 16. consequent, 17. implausible

18. in\_\_\_\_\_t a hard blow      *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
19. fuel sc\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
20. cultural idi\_\_\_\_\_asy      *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
21. avoid climate cat\_\_\_\_\_he      *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
22. I\_\_m over the global economy      *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
23. en\_\_\_r to everyone      *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
24. hostage si\_\_e      *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
25. transcribe me\_\_\_\_\_c patterns      *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
26. development of the fe\_\_s      *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
27. suffered a sti\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy
28. chronic sleep dep\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

ANSWERS: 18. inflict, 19. scarcity, 20. idiosyncrasy, 21. catastrophe, 22. loom, 23. endear, 24. siege, 25. melodic, 26. fetus, 27. stillbirth, 28. deprivation

29. tip the wa\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
30. lay si\_\_e to his house *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
31. the fallacy of affirming the con\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
32. pinch off a b\_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
33. first-person na\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
34. political sp\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
35. ch\_\_\_\_\_le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
36. co\_\_\_\_\_er shuttle *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
37. di\_\_\_t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

ANSWERS: 29. waitress, 30. siege, 31. consequent, 32. bud, 33. narrator, 34. specter, 35. chronicle, 36. commuter, 37. divert



38. m\_\_d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
39. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
40. the members of a military tr\_\_p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
41. po\_\_\_r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
42. heroic ch\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
43. embargo bl\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements
44. vi\_\_\_\_\_al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 38. mold, 39. germ, 40. troop, 41. ponder, 42. chronicle, 43. blockade, 44. visceral

45. prove unr\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
46. tr\_\_\_\_\_er system *n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year
47. a casting m\_\_d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
48. ol\_\_\_\_\_ry memory *adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
49. de\_\_\_\_\_e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
50. cat\_\_\_\_\_he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
51. po\_\_\_\_\_r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
52. sup\_\_\_\_\_us words *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
53. mu\_\_\_\_\_e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

ANSWERS: 45. unreliable, 46. trimester, 47. mold, 48. olfactory, 49. deprive, 50. catastrophe, 51. postwar, 52. superfluous, 53. muffle

54. sp\_\_\_\_\_te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
55. second tr\_\_\_\_\_er ends *n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year
56. rupture of the am\_\_\_\_n *n.* the innermost sac that surrounds and protects the fetus during pregnancy, filled with amniotic fluid which cushions and protects the fetus
57. im\_\_\_\_\_e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
58. unr\_\_\_\_\_le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
59. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
60. sc\_\_\_\_\_ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
61. tw\_\_k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
62. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
63. am\_\_\_\_n membrane *n.* the innermost sac that surrounds and protects the fetus during pregnancy, filled with amniotic fluid which cushions and protects the fetus

ANSWERS: 54. speculate, 55. trimester, 56. amnion, 57. imitate, 58. unreliable, 59. intellect, 60. scarcity, 61. tweak, 62. sect, 63. amnion

64. me\_\_\_\_c scale *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
65. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
66. personal idi\_\_\_\_asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
67. en\_\_\_r a character to young readers *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
68. sta\_\_\_\_on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
69. en\_\_\_h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
70. severe mal\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
71. human in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
72. li\_\_\_\_ce flavor *n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

ANSWERS: 64. melodic, 65. germ, 66. idiosyncrasy, 67. endear, 68. starvation, 69. enrich, 70. malnutrition, 71. intellect, 72. licorice

73. im\_\_\_t basic knowledge      *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
74. sp\_\_\_\_r of death      *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
75. imp\_\_\_\_le theory      *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
76. risk for sti\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy
77. tumor of w\_\_b      *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
78. extrauterine ge\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans
79. w\_\_b transplant      *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
80. mu\_\_\_e my cries      *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
81. po\_\_\_r life's meaning      *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
82. po\_\_\_\_\_nt memories      *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

ANSWERS: 73. impart, 74. specter, 75. implausible, 76. stillbirth, 77. womb, 78. gestation, 79. womb, 80. muffle, 81. ponder, 82. poignant

83. po\_\_\_\_r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
84. l\_\_m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
85. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
86. in\_\_\_\_\_t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
87. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
88. po\_\_\_\_\_nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
89. black li\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste
90. or\_\_\_\_l by fire *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
91. dep\_\_\_\_\_on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
92. ol\_\_\_\_\_ry cortex *adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents

ANSWERS: 83. postwar, 84. loom, 85. well-being, 86. inflict, 87. manifestation, 88. poignant, 89. licorice, 90. ordeal, 91. deprivation, 92. olfactory

93. b\_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
94. emotional or\_\_\_l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
95. mu\_\_d light *adj.* having a subdued or softened sound, color, or tone; restrained or understated in expression or style
96. im\_\_\_t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
97. di\_\_\_t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
98. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
99. ge\_\_\_\_\_on time *n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans
100. mu\_\_d sound *adj.* having a subdued or softened sound, color, or tone; restrained or understated in expression or style
101. pr\_\_\_\_\_al development *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
102. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 93. bud, 94. ordeal, 95. muted, 96. impart, 97. divert, 98. starvation, 99. gestation, 100. muted, 101. prenatal, 102. imitate

103. military bl\_\_\_\_de *n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements
104. tu\_\_\_\_a biome *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
105. the Siberian tu\_\_\_\_a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
106. co\_\_\_\_e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
107. co\_\_\_\_e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
108. tw\_\_k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
109. re\_\_\_\_b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
110. sp\_\_\_\_te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
111. de\_\_\_\_e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
112. daily co\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

ANSWERS: 103. blockade, 104. tundra, 105. tundra, 106. conjure, 107. conjure, 108. tweak, 109. reverb, 110. speculate, 111. deprive, 112. commuter



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician \_\_\_\_\_ up a rabbit out of thin air.  
*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
2. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
3. The detective found the suspect's story \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to investigate further.  
*adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.  
*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ senses play a key role in our taste and flavor perception.  
*adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
6. The Arctic \_\_\_\_\_ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.  
*n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ period for elephants is 22 months.  
*n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans

ANSWERS: 1. conjured, 2. sect, 3. implausible, 4. manifestation, 5. olfactory, 6. tundra, 7. gestation

8. The toned-down, \_\_\_\_\_ colors in the living room gave it a cozy and relaxed feeling.  
*adj.* having a subdued or softened sound, color, or tone; restrained or understated in expression or style
9. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the plan, even though he had time.  
*v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
10. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ significant damage on the town.  
*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ that this investment would lead to success.  
*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ makes use of the local dialect.  
*n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
13. The increase in demand for the product led to a \_\_\_\_\_ rise in its price.  
*adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
14. Mushrooms and \_\_\_\_\_ are fungi.  
*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
15. \_\_\_\_\_ care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.  
*adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

ANSWERS: 8. muted, 9. tweak, 10. inflicted, 11. speculated, 12. narrator, 13. consequent, 14. mold, 15. Prenatal

16. The recipe called for a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of salt and made the dish too salty.  
*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.  
*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
18. The friendly \_\_\_\_\_ brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.  
*n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
19. Reading not only increases knowledge but also \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
20. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
21. The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
22. The lack of funds has resulted in a \_\_\_\_\_ for our university system.  
*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
23. The issue of divorce \_\_\_\_\_ large in his mind.  
*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
24. She sat quietly, \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult decision.  
*v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

ANSWERS: 16. superfluous, 17. imitated, 18. waitress, 19. enriches, 20. impart, 21. malnutrition, 22. catastrophe, 23. loomed, 24. pondering

25. Losing him is great \_\_\_\_\_ to our team.
- n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
26. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
- n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
27. The singer's voice had a natural \_\_\_\_\_ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
- n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
28. His \_\_\_\_\_ of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
- n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
29. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
30. The couple was devastated by the \_\_\_\_\_ of their child.
- n.* the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy
31. I bought some \_\_\_\_\_ candy from the store.
- n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

ANSWERS: 25. deprivation, 26. starvation, 27. reverb, 28. idiosyncrasy, 29. fetus, 30. stillbirth, 31. licorice

32. The baby's smile \_\_\_\_\_ her to everyone who saw her.  
*v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.  
*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
34. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.  
*adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
36. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
37. The movie's \_\_\_\_\_ ending left most of the audience in tears.  
*adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.  
*n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
39. The car accident was a traumatic \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone involved.  
*n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

ANSWERS: 32. endeared, 33. specter, 34. well-being, 35. postwar, 36. unreliable, 37. poignant, 38. chronicle, 39. ordeal

40. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

- v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

42. Due to the road construction, we had to \_\_\_\_\_ our course to get to the restaurant.

- v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

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

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

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

- n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

45. The country implemented a \_\_\_\_\_ during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.

- n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

46. She played a \_\_\_\_\_ piece on the piano.

- adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

ANSWERS: 40. muffle, 41. germ, 42. divert, 43. intellect, 44. commuter, 45. blockade, 46. melodic

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ fluid sample was sent for genetic testing to determine chromosomal abnormalities.
- n.* the innermost sac that surrounds and protects the fetus during pregnancy, filled with amniotic fluid which cushions and protects the fetus
48. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
49. 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
50. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
51. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
52. People began storing up food and supplies for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
53. The flower was starting to show its \_\_\_\_ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
- n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
54. The first \_\_\_\_\_ of pregnancy is the most crucial for the development of the fetus.
- n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

ANSWERS: 47. amnion, 48. womb, 49. uterus, 50. scarcity, 51. visceral, 52. siege,



53. bud, 54. trimester

55. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

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

56. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

- v.* to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 55. troop, 56. deprived