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## Session 1: Word List

### aversion

*n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

*synonym*: dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

### disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

### befriend

*v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need  
*synonym*: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

### immersion

*n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

*synonym* : submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

## untouched

*adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

*synonym* : untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym* : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## steward

*n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

*synonym* : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

## abduct

*v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

*synonym* : kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

## 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.

## cot

*n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

*synonym*: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

## clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym*: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## pixie

*n.* a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature

*synonym*: imp, fairy, sprite

(1) whimsical **pixie**, (2) **pixie-like** figure

The little girl dressed up as a mischievous **pixie** for Halloween.

## atrocities

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

*synonym*: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

## 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.

## institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym* : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## extremist

*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

*synonym* : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

*synonym* : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;  
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym*: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## demagogue

*n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims

*synonym*: agitator, rabble-rouser, provocateur

(1) religious **demagogue**, (2) charismatic **demagogue**

The **demagogue's** divisive rhetoric was meant to stir up anger and hatred.

## viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## disempower

*v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

*synonym*: disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

(1) **disempower** the employees, (2) **disempower** the opposition

The politician's efforts to **disempower** marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

## acumen

*n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

*synonym*: keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

## slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym*: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## yearn

*v.* to strongly desire or long for something

*synonym*: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

## graffiti

*n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

*synonym*: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

## philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym*: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

## philanthropic

*adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing

charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

*synonym*: charitable, benevolent, generous

(1) **philanthropic** donation, (2) **philanthropic** mission

The **philanthropic** organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

## transcend

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

*synonym*: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## 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.

## fundamentalist

*n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

*synonym*: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

## stipend

*n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such

as a student or trainee

*synonym*: allowance, grant, scholarship

(1) full-time **stipend**, (2) **stipend** amount

As a graduate student, I receive a monthly **stipend** to cover my living expenses.

## apprentice

*n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

*synonym*: learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

## bribe

*v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

*synonym*: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

## imam

*n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

*synonym*: leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

## cynical

*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

*synonym*: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

## desegregation

*n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions

*synonym*:



integration, assimilation

(1) **desegregation** plan, (2) legal **desegregation**

**Desegregation** of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.

## phalanx

*n.* a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal

*synonym*: formation, array, army

(1) finger **phalanx**, (2) finger **phalanx**

The soldiers marched in a **phalanx** formation, ready for battle.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym*: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

## hail

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

*synonym*: greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

## nourish

*v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

*synonym*: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

## humility

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

## audacity

*n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

*synonym*: boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|------|---|
| 1. tr_____nd boundaries | v.   | to rise above or go beyond the limits of something  |
| 2. gr_____ti tag        | n.   | writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place   |
| 3. da___g escape        | adj. | brave and taking risks  |
| 4. des_____ion plan     | n.   | the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions  |
| 5. critical ac___n      | n.   | the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters  |
| 6. finger ph_____x      | n.   | a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal |
| 7. c__p my hands        | v.   | to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise  |
| 8. au_____ty of hope    | n.   | boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless   |
| 9. 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                         |

ANSWERS: 1. transcend, 2. graffiti, 3. daring, 4. desegregation, 5. acumen, 6. phalanx, 7. clap, 8. audacity, 9. sect

10. legal des\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions
11. act of au\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
12. h\_\_l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
13. a young app\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
14. s\_\_m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
15. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
16. spiritual i\_\_m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
17. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
18. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 10. desegregation, 11. audacity, 12. hail, 13. apprentice, 14. slum, 15. disappoint, 16. imam, 17. distort, 18. institutionalize

19. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
20. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
21. gr\_\_\_\_ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
22. ex\_\_\_\_\_st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
23. the sacred mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
24. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. phi\_\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
26. phi\_\_\_\_\_pic mission *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
27. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 19. sham, 20. viol, 21. graffiti, 22. extremist, 23. mosque, 24. opportune, 25. philanthropy, 26. philanthropic, 27. viol

28. pi\_\_e-like figure *n.* a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature
29. religious de\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
30. fun\_\_\_\_\_ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
31. st\_\_\_\_\_d amount *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
32. dis\_\_\_\_\_er the employees *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
33. in\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
34. br\_\_\_e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
35. cy\_\_\_\_\_l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
36. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 28. pixie, 29. demagogue, 30. fundamentalist, 31. stipend, 32. disempower, 33. incite, 34. bribe, 35. cynical, 36. atrocity

37. st\_\_\_\_d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
38. phi\_\_\_\_\_pic donation *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
39. ye\_\_n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
40. charismatic de\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
41. strong av\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
42. no\_\_\_\_\_h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
43. full-time st\_\_\_\_d *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
44. commit at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 37. steward, 38. philanthropic, 39. yearn, 40. demagogue, 41. aversion, 42. nourish, 43. stipend, 44. atrocity

45. app\_\_\_\_\_ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
46. c\_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
47. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
48. ye\_\_n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
49. un\_\_\_\_\_ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
50. baptism by im\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
51. ab\_\_\_t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
52. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
53. baby's c\_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
54. domed mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
55. un\_\_\_\_\_ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

ANSWERS: 45. apprentice, 46. cot, 47. visualize, 48. yearn, 49. untouched, 50. immersion, 51. abduct, 52. empower, 53. cot, 54. mosque, 55. untouched



56. s\_\_t beliefs *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
57. av\_\_\_\_\_on therapy *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
58. i\_\_m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
59. s\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
60. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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62. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
63. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
64. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 56. sect, 57. aversion, 58. imam, 59. slum, 60. opportune, 61. fundamentalist, 62. philanthropy, 63. sham, 64. visualize

65. ab\_\_\_t at gunpoint      v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
66. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd limits      v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
67. c\_\_p a book shut      v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
68. dis\_\_\_\_\_er the opposition      v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
69. in\_\_\_e violence      v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
70. radical ex\_\_\_\_\_st      n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
71. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws      v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
72. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a jail      v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
73. no\_\_\_\_\_h damaged skin      v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
74. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life      v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 65. abduct, 66. transcend, 67. clap, 68. disempower, 69. incite, 70. extremist, 71. institutionalize, 72. convict, 73. nourish, 74. empower

75. be\_\_\_\_\_nd other members      *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
76. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
77. im\_\_\_\_\_on in acid      *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
78. lack of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
79. financial ac\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
80. be\_\_\_\_\_nd a young boy      *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
81. whimsical pi\_\_\_e      *n.* a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature
82. br\_\_\_e a politician      *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
83. make a da\_\_\_\_\_g face      *adj.* brave and taking risks
84. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy      *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
85. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 75. befriend, 76. intellect, 77. immersion, 78. humility, 79. acumen, 80. befriend, 81. pixie, 82. bribe, 83. daring, 84. distort, 85. humility

86. cy\_\_\_\_\_l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
87. co\_\_\_\_\_t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
88. h\_\_l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
89. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
90. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
91. st\_\_\_\_\_d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. cynical, 87. convict, 88. hail, 89. intellect, 90. disappoint, 91. steward

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ divisive rhetoric was meant to stir up anger and hatred.  
*n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.  
*adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
4. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
5. In some Muslim countries, the \_\_\_\_\_ position is appointed by the government.  
*n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
6. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.  
*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
7. \_\_\_\_\_ of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.  
*n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions

ANSWERS: 1. demagogue's, 2. philanthropic, 3. clapped, 4. disappoint, 5. imam's, 6. cynical, 7. Desegregation

8. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
9. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_ on the buildings downtown.
- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
11. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.
- n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
12. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
13. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
14. The little girl dressed up as a mischievous \_\_\_\_\_ for Halloween.
- n.* a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature
15. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

ANSWERS: 8. abducted, 9. opportune, 10. graffiti, 11. aversion, 12. Mosque, 13. visualize, 14. pixie, 15. philanthropy

16. As a graduate student, I receive a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my living expenses.  
*n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ for the days when things were simpler.  
*v.* to strongly desire or long for something
19. The hospital provides \_\_\_\_\_ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.  
*n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
20. I'm willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the weak and the poor.  
*v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
21. The politician's speech seemed designed to \_\_\_\_\_ anger and unrest among the crowd.  
*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
22. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.  
*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
23. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 16. stipend, 17. viol, 18. yearned, 19. cots, 20. befriend, 21. incite, 22. transcended, 23. humility

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
25. The abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ for years, with vines growing all over it.
- adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
26. His business \_\_\_\_\_ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.
- n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
27. The politician's efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.
- v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
28. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
29. 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
30. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 24. steward, 25. untouched, 26. acumen, 27. disempower, 28. sham, 29. sect, 30. slums



31. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.

*adj.* brave and taking risks

32. The soldiers marched in a \_\_\_\_\_ formation, ready for battle.

*n.* a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal

33. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

35. The mother used her breast milk to \_\_\_\_\_ the baby.

*v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

37. He tries to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

*v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

38. His \_\_\_\_\_ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

*n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

ANSWERS: 31. daring, 32. phalanx, 33. distort, 34. extremist, 35. nourish, 36. atrocity, 37. bribe, 38. audacity

39. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
40. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
41. People in the area were forced to \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
42. He took on an \_\_\_\_\_ to teach him the trade.
- n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
43. He was \_\_\_\_\_ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
44. I felt like I was in a different world because of the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of virtual reality.
- n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
45. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 39. empowered, 40. institutionalize, 41. hail, 42. apprentice, 43. convicted, 44. immersion, 45. intellect

46. He is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

*n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 46. fundamentalist