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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### nostalgia

*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

*synonym* : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

### colossal

*adj.* extremely large and impressive

*synonym* : gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

### Wikipedia

*n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

*synonym* : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

### bulge

*v.* to protrude or extend outward

*synonym* : protrude, swell, expand

(1) **bulge** at the enterprise, (2) **bulge** with books  
The muscles in his arm **bulged** as he lifted the heavyweights.

## earthling

*n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

*synonym*: human, terrestrial, inhabitant

(1) **earthling** species, (2) lonely **earthling**

The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the **earthlings**.

## equator

*n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

## exclamation

*n.* a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion

*synonym*: outcry, shout, yell

(1) an **exclamation** of surprise, (2) **exclamation** mark

Her sudden **exclamation** drew everyone's attention.

## eureka

*n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

*synonym*: discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

## sidetrack

*v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course

*synonym*: divert, distract, derail

(1) **sidetrack** a discussion, (2) **sidetrack** his attention

Don't let small setbacks **sidetrack** you from achieving your long-term goals.

## encircle

*v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

*synonym* : enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

## cartographer

*v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

*synonym* : mapmaker

(1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

## astronomical

*adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

*synonym* : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

## rainforest

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

## leopard

*n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

**Leopards** lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

## dart

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (*v.*) to move along rapidly and lightly

*synonym* : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

## boa

*n.* a type of large, nonvenomous snake that is often found in tropical regions, which kills its prey by suffocation, wrapping its body tightly around the animal until it can no longer breathe; a type of scarf or neckwear that is made from feathers, fur, or a combination of both

(1) red tail **boa**, (2) **boa** coat

The **boa** constrictor wrapped itself tightly around its prey.

## constrict

*v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter

*synonym* : squeeze, compress, tighten

(1) **constrict** blood vessels, (2) **constrict** freedom

The snake's muscles began to **constrict** around its prey.

## beetle

*n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym* : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## scavenger

*n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them

*synonym* : vulture, hyena, magpie

(1) **scavenger** bird, (2) marine **scavenger**

Crows are common **scavengers** in urban areas and will eat almost anything.

## predator

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

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

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

## dung

*n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

*synonym* : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

## hatchling

*n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg

*synonym* : nestling, fledgling, chick

(1) **hatchling** turtle, (2) snake **hatchling**

The mother bird fiercely protected her **hatchlings** and kept them safe in their nest.

## scarab

*n.* a type of beetle often associated with ancient Egyptian culture, known for its distinctive shape and the religious and symbolic meanings it held in ancient times

*synonym* : dung beetle

(1) ancient **scarab**, (2) gold **scarab**

The ancient Egyptians believed that **scarab** beetles brought good luck and protection.

## Pharaoh

*n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

(1) a young **Pharaoh**, (2) Egyptian **Pharaoh**

The **Pharaoh** Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.

## flirt

*v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

*synonym* : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl  
My husband never **flirts** with other women.

## firefly

*n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**  
In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

## pheromone

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

*synonym* : scent, odor, aroma

(1) **pheromone** trail, (2) sexual **pheromone**  
The perfume industry often uses synthetic **pheromones** to enhance their products' appeal.

## urchin

*n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

*synonym* : mischief, waif, guttersnipe

(1) **urchin** child, (2) street **urchin**  
The young boy was an **urchin** wandering the streets without a home.

## aphrodisiac

*n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

*synonym* : love potion, sex stimulant

(1) powerful **aphrodisiac**, (2) herbal **aphrodisiac**  
Oysters are believed to be a natural **aphrodisiac**, encouraging sexual desire.

## voodoo

*n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

*synonym* : magic, sorcery, hoodoo

(1) **voodoo** curse, (2) **voodoo** doll

Some people believe in the power of **voodoo** to heal or harm others.

## imitation

*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

*synonym* : fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

## 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.

## paleolithic

*adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology

(1) **paleolithic** cave painting, (2) the **Paleolithic** era

The scientist found **paleolithic** artifacts in the historic site.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym* : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## chimpanzee

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

*synonym* : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to

observe these intelligent primates up close.

## troglodyte

*n.* a person who lived in a cave or a hermit; someone who is seen as primitive, reclusive, or socially backward

*synonym*: caveman, hermit, recluse

(1) cave-dwelling **troglodyte**, (2) primitive **troglodyte** society

The **troglodyte** community lived in caves deep within the mountains.

## dweller

*n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

*synonym*: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

## savannah

*n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

*synonym*: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

## uncanny

*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

*synonym*: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

## creep

*v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

*synonym*: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.



## irresistible

*adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

*synonym* : resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

## smack

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym* : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## weightless

*adj.* having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space

*synonym* : floatable, buoyant, light

(1) **weightless** flight, (2) **weightless** environment

The astronaut felt **weightless** as she floated inside the International Space Station.

## cosmonaut

*n.* a Russian astronaut or space traveler; a person trained to travel and work in space, particularly as part of the Soviet or Russian space program

*synonym* : astronaut, spacefarer, space traveler

(1) **cosmonaut** training, (2) female **cosmonaut**

Soviet **cosmonauts** like Gagarin and Leonov were celebrated as national heroes.

## stature

*n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community

*synonym* : height, standing, prestige

(1) **stature** enhancement, (2) short **stature**

A leader needs to have a **stature** that commands respect from their followers.

## heroism

*n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

*synonym* : bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

## malnourished

*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

*synonym* : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

**Malnourished** children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

## 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.

## hut

*n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

*synonym* : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

## cramped

*adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted

*synonym* : congested, overcrowded, narrow

(1) feel **cramped**, (2) a **cramped** house

She writes a **cramped** hand.

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate  
*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches  
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## mesmerize

*v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

*synonym*: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic  
The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

## spheroid

*n.* a three-dimensional geometric shape resembling a sphere but broader at the equator than at the poles, often used to describe the shape of planets, celestial bodies, or sports balls

*synonym*: round, orb, sphere

(1) axonal **spheroid**, (2) **spheroid** object  
The planet Mars is a **spheroid** shape, not a perfect sphere.

## billiards

*n.* a game played on a large table with cues and balls, where players use a cue stick to strike the balls and score points by hitting them into pockets or against each other

(1) **billiards** clubs, (2) **billiards** table

The **billiards** room in the mansion was large and lavishly decorated.

## astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

*synonym*: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. expert car _____ her        | <i>v.</i> a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools                 |
| 2. chi _____ ee society        | <i>n.</i> a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur   |
| 3. d __ g the land             | <i>n.</i> solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement            |
| 4. si _____ ck his attention   | <i>v.</i> to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course                            |
| 5. em _____ ss political enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  |
| 6. ast _____ ng achievement    | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe   |
| 7. shout "eu ___ a!"           | <i>n.</i> exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight   |
| 8. syn _____ ze movements      | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate  |
| 9. fl __ t with him            | <i>v.</i> to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men |

ANSWERS: 1. cartographer, 2. chimpanzee, 3. dung, 4. sidetrack, 5. embarrass, 6. astonishing, 7. eureka, 8. synchronize, 9. flirt

10. an exc\_\_\_\_\_on of surprise      *n.* a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion
11. en\_\_\_\_\_le the lake      *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
12. bu\_\_e with books      *v.* to protrude or extend outward
13. sc\_\_\_\_\_er bird      *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
14. city dw\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
15. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble force      *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
16. sa\_\_\_\_\_ah region      *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
17. sexual pr\_\_\_\_\_ors      *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
18. primitive tro\_\_\_\_\_te society      *n.* a person who lived in a cave or a hermit; someone who is seen as primitive, reclusive, or socially backward
19. a be\_\_\_e larva      *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
20. co\_\_\_\_\_ut training      *n.* a Russian astronaut or space traveler; a person trained to travel and work in space, particularly as part of the Soviet or Russian space program

ANSWERS: 10. exclamation, 11. encircle, 12. bulge, 13. scavenger, 14. dweller, 15. irresistible, 16. savannah, 17. predator, 18. troglodyte, 19. beetle, 20. cosmonaut

21. as\_\_\_\_\_ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
22. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
23. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
24. military he\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
25. blow d\_\_t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
26. cave-dwelling tro\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who lived in a cave or a hermit; someone who is seen as primitive, reclusive, or socially backward
27. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
28. female co\_\_\_\_\_ut *n.* a Russian astronaut or space traveler; a person trained to travel and work in space, particularly as part of the Soviet or Russian space program
29. wei\_\_\_\_\_ss environment *adj.* having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space
30. feel cr\_\_\_\_\_d *adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted

ANSWERS: 21. astronaut, 22. imitate, 23. chimpanzee, 24. heroism, 25. dart, 26. troglodyte, 27. astonishing, 28. cosmonaut, 29. weightless, 30. cramped

31. co\_\_\_\_\_ct blood vessels *v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter
32. ur\_\_\_n child *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
33. premature mal\_\_\_\_\_hed infant *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
34. herbal aph\_\_\_\_\_ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
35. si\_\_\_\_\_ck a discussion *v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course
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39. ball of d\_\_g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

ANSWERS: 31. constrict, 32. urchin, 33. malnourished, 34. aphrodisiac, 35. sidetrack, 36. creep, 37. heroism, 38. cartographer, 39. dung

40. Wi\_\_\_\_\_ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
41. fishing h\_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
42. no\_\_\_\_\_ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
43. short st\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community
44. le\_\_\_\_\_d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
45. un\_\_\_\_\_y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
46. sparkle like fi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
47. bi\_\_\_\_\_ds clubs *n.* a game played on a large table with cues and balls, where players use a cue stick to strike the balls and score points by hitting them into pockets or against each other
48. snow le\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

ANSWERS: 40. Wikipedia, 41. hut, 42. nostalgia, 43. stature, 44. leopard, 45. uncanny, 46. firefly, 47. billiards, 48. leopard



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55. above the eq\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
56. sp\_\_\_\_\_id object *n.* a three-dimensional geometric shape resembling a sphere but broader at the equator than at the poles, often used to describe the shape of planets, celestial bodies, or sports balls

ANSWERS: 49. voodoo, 50. paleolithic, 51. encircle, 52. imitation, 53. astronaut, 54. scavenger, 55. equator, 56. spheroid

57. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches      *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
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59. ea\_\_\_\_\_ng species      *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
60. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction      *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
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67. powerful aph\_\_\_\_\_ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
68. a young Ph\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
69. snake ha\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
70. a cr\_\_\_\_\_d house *adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted
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76. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
77. fl\_\_t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
78. 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
79. the glow of a fi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
80. be\_\_\_e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
81. co\_\_\_\_\_ct freedom *v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter
82. co\_\_\_\_\_al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
83. bu\_\_e at the enterprise *v.* to protrude or extend outward
84. sexual ph\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
85. wei\_\_\_\_\_ss flight *adj.* having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space

ANSWERS: 76. astronomical, 77. flirt, 78. germ, 79. firefly, 80. beetle, 81. constrict, 82. colossal, 83. bulge, 84. pheromone, 85. weightless

86. in an un\_\_\_\_\_y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
87. mal\_\_\_\_\_hed population *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
88. south of the eq\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
89. tropical sa\_\_\_\_\_ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
90. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
91. gold sc\_\_\_\_\_b *n.* a type of beetle often associated with ancient Egyptian culture, known for its distinctive shape and the religious and symbolic meanings it held in ancient times
92. cr\_\_p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
93. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
94. sm\_\_k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
95. vo\_\_\_o doll *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

ANSWERS: 86. uncanny, 87. malnourished, 88. equator, 89. savannah, 90. irresistible, 91. scarab, 92. creep, 93. rainforest, 94. smack, 95. voodoo

96. 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
97. st\_\_\_\_\_e enhancement *n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community
98. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng turtle *n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
99. lonely ea\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
100. rural dw\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
101. red tail b\_a *n.* a type of large, nonvenomous snake that is often found in tropical regions, which kills its prey by suffocation, wrapping its body tightly around the animal until it can no longer breathe; a type of scarf or neckwear that is made from feathers, fur, or a combination of both
102. exc\_\_\_\_\_on mark *n.* a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion
103. apex pr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 96. germ, 97. stature, 98. hatchling, 99. earthling, 100. dweller, 101. boa, 102. exclamation, 103. predator

104. a co\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
105. artificial im\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
106. shepherd's h\_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
107. a warm no\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
108. pal\_\_\_\_\_ic cave painting *adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
109. me\_\_\_\_\_ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
110. bi\_\_\_\_\_ds table *n.* a game played on a large table with cues and balls, where players use a cue stick to strike the balls and score points by hitting them into pockets or against each other
111. street ur\_\_\_\_n *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
112. ancient sc\_\_\_\_b *n.* a type of beetle often associated with ancient Egyptian culture, known for its distinctive shape and the religious and symbolic meanings it held in ancient times

ANSWERS: 104. colossal, 105. imitation, 106. hut, 107. nostalgia, 108. paleolithic, 109. mesmerize, 110. billiards, 111. urchin, 112. scarab

ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
  - n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
  
2. In that country, there is a culture of eating live \_\_\_\_\_ squid.
  - n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
  
3. The snake's muscles began to \_\_\_\_\_ around its prey.
  - v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.
  - n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
  
5. The scientist found \_\_\_\_\_ artifacts in the historic site.
  - adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ community lived in caves deep within the mountains.
  - n.* a person who lived in a cave or a hermit; someone who is seen as primitive, reclusive, or socially backward
  
7. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.
  - v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
  
8. The muscles in his arm \_\_\_\_\_ as he lifted the heavyweights.
  - v.* to protrude or extend outward

ANSWERS: 1. rainforest, 2. firefly, 3. constrict, 4. Pharaoh, 5. paleolithic, 6. troglodyte, 7. embarrass, 8. bulged

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ room in the mansion was large and lavishly decorated.  
*n.* a game played on a large table with cues and balls, where players use a cue stick to strike the balls and score points by hitting them into pockets or against each other
10. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.  
*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
12. \_\_\_\_\_ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.  
*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
13. " \_\_\_\_\_ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.  
*n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
14. My husband never \_\_\_\_\_ with other women.  
*v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;  
(noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
15. The castle walls \_\_\_\_\_ the entire village for protection.  
*v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
16. In ancient civilizations, the scarab \_\_\_\_\_ was worshiped as a sacred creature.  
*n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

ANSWERS: 9. billiards, 10. astonishing, 11. imitated, 12. Malnourished, 13. Eureka!",  
14. flirts, 15. encircled, 16. beetle

17. The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
18. Oysters are believed to be a natural \_\_\_\_\_ encouraging sexual desire.
- n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
19. The astronaut felt \_\_\_\_\_ as she floated inside the International Space Station.
- adj.* having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space
20. The \_\_\_\_ constrictor wrapped itself tightly around its prey.
- n.* a type of large, nonvenomous snake that is often found in tropical regions, which kills its prey by suffocation, wrapping its body tightly around the animal until it can no longer breathe; a type of scarf or neckwear that is made from feathers, fur, or a combination of both
21. The new building is truly \_\_\_\_\_ towering over the surrounding buildings.
- adj.* extremely large and impressive
22. The magician's performance \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.
- v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
23. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
24. Not all teachers accept citing \_\_\_\_\_ as a valid source for academic papers.
- n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

ANSWERS: 17. earthlings, 18. aphrodisiac, 19. weightless, 20. boa, 21. colossal, 22. mesmerized, 23. synchronized, 24. Wikipedia

25. The ancient Egyptians believed that \_\_\_\_\_ beetles brought good luck and protection.
- n.* a type of beetle often associated with ancient Egyptian culture, known for its distinctive shape and the religious and symbolic meanings it held in ancient times
26. Ecuador is on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
27. Crows are common \_\_\_\_\_ in urban areas and will eat almost anything.
- n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
28. Some people believe in the power of \_\_\_\_\_ to heal or harm others.
- n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
29. Her sudden \_\_\_\_\_ drew everyone's attention.
- n.* a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion
30. The mountain \_\_\_\_\_ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
- n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
31. \_\_\_\_\_ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.
- n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

ANSWERS: 25. scarab, 26. equator, 27. scavengers, 28. voodoo, 29. exclamation, 30. dweller, 31. Leopards

32. The firefighter showed true \_\_\_\_\_ when he rescued the family from the burning building.
- n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
33. The little girl lived in a small \_\_\_\_ in the woods with her family.
- n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
34. A \_\_\_\_\_ job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.
- v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
35. The young boy was an \_\_\_\_\_ wandering the streets without a home.
- n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
36. The mother bird fiercely protected her \_\_\_\_\_ and kept them safe in their nest.
- n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
37. The cost of the new equipment was \_\_\_\_\_ and beyond the company's budget.
- adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
38. She writes a \_\_\_\_\_ hand.
- adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted

ANSWERS: 32. heroism, 33. hut, 34. cartographer's, 35. urchin, 36. hatchlings, 37. astronomical, 38. cramped

39. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was \_\_\_\_\_ to her.  
*adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
40. The ice cream truck's sound brought back \_\_\_\_\_ for my childhood.  
*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
41. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.  
*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
42. A leader needs to have a \_\_\_\_\_ that commands respect from their followers.  
*n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community
43. She has an \_\_\_\_\_ sense of who is telling a lie.  
*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
44. Aging \_\_\_\_\_ up slowly with time.  
*v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
45. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
46. The shuttle \_\_\_\_\_ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.  
*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
47. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 39. irresistible, 40. nostalgia, 41. dart, 42. stature, 43. uncanny, 44. creeps, 45. imitation, 46. astronaut, 47. predator's

48. The planet Mars is a \_\_\_\_\_ shape, not a perfect sphere.
- n.* a three-dimensional geometric shape resembling a sphere but broader at the equator than at the poles, often used to describe the shape of planets, celestial bodies, or sports balls
49. Soviet \_\_\_\_\_ like Gagarin and Leonov were celebrated as national heroes.
- n.* a Russian astronaut or space traveler; a person trained to travel and work in space, particularly as part of the Soviet or Russian space program
50. The perfume industry often uses synthetic \_\_\_\_\_ to enhance their products' appeal.
- n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
51. You can see the horse \_\_\_\_\_ on the country road.
- n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
52. Don't let small setbacks \_\_\_\_\_ you from achieving your long-term goals.
- v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course
53. 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
54. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

ANSWERS: 48. spheroid, 49. cosmonauts, 50. pheromones, 51. dung, 52. sidetrack, 53. germ, 54. smacked

55. Many zoos have \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

56. The birds live in tropical forests, \_\_\_\_\_ and arid semi-desert environments.

*n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 55. chimpanzee, 56. savannahs,