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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### deception

*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

*synonym* : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

### nitpicky

*adj.* excessively concerned with trivial or minor details; overly meticulous or fussy

*synonym* : fastidious, meticulous, picky

(1) **nitpicky** details, (2) **nitpicky** person

The teacher was known for being **nitpicky** about grammar mistakes in student essays.

### eyebrow

*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

*synonym* : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

### twitch

*v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

*synonym* : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye  
She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

## flare

*v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

*synonym* : blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match  
The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

## nostril

*n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

*synonym* : nose hole, nasal passage, naris

(1) bleeding **nostril**, (2) clogged **nostril**  
She had a tissue ready to wipe her **nostril** after a sneeze.

## accepting

*adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered

*synonym* : tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity  
He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

## lye

*n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

*synonym* : caustic soda, sodium hydroxide, alkaline solution

(1) **lye** soap, (2) **lye** water  
The drain cleaner contains caustic **lye**, and should be handled with care.

## utterance

*n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words

*synonym* : expression, articulation, declaration

(1) poetic **utterance**, (2) political **utterance**  
The doctor carefully listened to her patient's **utterances** to

diagnose his condition.

## eyelash

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

*synonym* : lash, cilium

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

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

## traitor

*n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

*synonym* : betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

## betray

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

*synonym* : fail, denounce, display

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

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

## crux

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym* : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## deceive

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

*synonym* : mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

## recoil

*v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain  
*synonym*: flinch, shy, shrink

(1) **recoil** in horror, (2) **recoil** from a snake

The gun **recoiled** with a loud bang.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## introvert

*n.* a shy and reticent person

*synonym*: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

## unmarried

*adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

*synonym*: single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym*: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## ambivalent

*adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

*synonym*: conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

## covert

*adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

*synonym*: secretive, hidden, disguised

(1) **covert** negotiations, (2) **covert** mission

The government was conducting a **covert** operation to gather information on the enemy.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym*: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## neocortex

*n.* the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making

*synonym*: prefrontal lobe, cerebral cortex, forebrain

(1) stored in **neocortex**, (2) **neocortex** function

The cerebral **neocortex** is responsible for higher brain functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.

## deceptive

*adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

*synonym*: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

## gorilla

*n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

*synonym*: ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

## kitten

*n.* a young cat

*synonym*: catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

## fluffy

*adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

*synonym*: soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

## hardwired

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

*synonym*: innate, ingrained, automatic

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

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

## conceal

*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

*synonym*: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

## bluff

*v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge

or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

*synonym* : abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

## flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

*synonym* : compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

## mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

## breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

## ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

## confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## morass

*n.* a complicated, confusing, or difficult situation or problem from which it is difficult to escape; a tract of low, wet, or marshy ground

*synonym* : mire, bog, swamp

(1) political **morass**, (2) navigate a **morass**

The company was financially **morass** after the CEO's embezzlement scandal.

## allegation

*n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

*synonym* : claim, assertion, declaration

(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption

The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.

## telltale

*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

*synonym* : revealing, indicative, suggestive

(1) **telltale** evidence, (2) **telltale** heart

The **telltale** signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## candor

*n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense

*synonym* : frankness, honesty, openness



(1) **candor** policy, (2) speak with **candor**

Her **candor** in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.

## giveaway

*n.* a gift, prize, or item distributed for free, often as part of a promotional or marketing campaign; a revelation or clue that tends to reveal or give away something previously unknown or secret

*synonym*: freebie, gift, promotion

(1) charity **giveaway**, (2) **giveaway** price

The company's **giveaway** promotion brought in a lot of new customers.

## discredit

*v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

*synonym*: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

## pep

*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

*synonym*: energy, enthusiasm, liveliness

(1) **pep** me up, (2) have a lot of **peps**

The coach gave a **pep** talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

## fingertip

*n.* the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

## temper

*n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

*synonym*: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

## **fidget**

v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

*synonym*: fiddle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **fidget** with hands, (2) **fidget** on my lap

He **fidgeted** with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

## **consciously**

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym*: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

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

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

## **overdo**

v. to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

*synonym*: overwork, exaggerate, hyperbolize

(1) **overdo** exercise, (2) **overdo** caffeine

If you **overdo** the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

## **discrepancy**

n. a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence

*synonym*: inconsistency, difference, disparity

(1) significant **discrepancy**, (2) a **discrepancy** in the report

There is a **discrepancy** between the study's findings and the collected data.

## **overlook**

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## brainstorming

*n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

## infuriate

*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

*synonym*: enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## lenient

*adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility

*synonym*: permissive, indulgent, easygoing

(1) **lenient** punishment, (2) **lenient** rules

The teacher was **lenient** with the deadline for the project, giving the students extra time to finish.

## interrogate

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

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

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

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

## squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

*synonym*: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

## rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

*synonym*: practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

## shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly

I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

## dupe

v. to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

*synonym*: trick, deceive, fool

(1) **dupe** him into believing, (2) **dupe** the public

He tried to **dupe** me into buying a product that didn't work.

## wedlock

n. the state of being married; matrimony

*synonym*: marriage, union, matrimony

(1) born in **wedlock**, (2) faithful in **wedlock**

The couple had been happily married for years and cherished the sanctity of their union in **wedlock**.

## paternity

*n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

*synonym* : fatherhood, fathering, parenthood

(1) **paternity** suit, (2) **paternity** test

The **paternity** leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby

## asymmetrical

*adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

*synonym* : uneven, lopsided, crooked

(1) **asymmetrical** design, (2) **asymmetrical** haircut

The **asymmetrical** shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

## reconsider

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

*synonym* : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

## nightcap

*n.* a warm cap or a drink taken before going to bed

(1) have a **nightcap**, (2) my usual **nightcap**

Before going to bed, she drank a warm glass of milk as her **nightcap**.

## flail

*v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)

*synonym* : thrash, beat, whip

(1) **flail** in the strong winds, (2) **flail** at the air

The dancer's arms would **flail** gracefully as she moved to the music.

## rapport

*n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well

*synonym*: harmony, understanding, connection

(1) **rapport-building**, (2) be in **rapport** with him

The team leader worked hard to build a strong **rapport** with all team members.

## pummel

*v.* to strike or beat repeatedly with fists or heavy objects; to attack someone physically or verbally with intense force and persistence

*synonym*: beat, pound, thrash

(1) **pummel** with fists, (2) **pummel** with questions

The boxer **pummeled** his opponent with a series of hard punches.

## moth

*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

## pretension

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

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

## agon

*n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

*synonym*: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

## horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying  
*synonym* : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

## demeanor

*n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

*synonym* : behavior, conduct, manner

(1) **demeanor** towards customers, (2) calm **demeanor**

The lawyer's professional **demeanor** helped him win over the jury.

## grieve

*v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

*synonym* : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

## agony

*n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

*synonym* : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym* : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## veracity

*n.* truthfulness; accuracy

*synonym* : truth, honesty, accuracy

(1) challenge his **veracity**, (2) **veracity** of information

The **veracity** of the claims made by the witness was questioned.

## decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

## panacea

*n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all

*synonym*: cure-all, elixir, miracle cure

(1) **panacea** solution, (2) no **panacea** for economic woes

Many people believe that exercise is the **panacea** for all health problems.

## deceit

*n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth

*synonym*: deception, dishonesty, trickery

(1) person of **deceit**, (2) web of **deceit**

The politician's **deceit** was exposed when leaked emails revealed he had accepted lobbyists' bribes.

## electroencephalography

(also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions

*synonym*: brain wave test, EEG, neural scan

(1) **electroencephalography** test, (2) abnormal **electroencephalography**

She is an **electroencephalography** technician skilled in performing EEG tests on patients.



## mania

*n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

*synonym*: obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up **mania**, (2) dance **mania**

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## subtlety

*n.* the quality of being subtle

*synonym*: nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

## decency

*n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

*synonym*: morality, propriety, decorum

(1) an offense against **decency**, (2) **decency** standards

He always tried to act with **decency**, treating others with respect and kindness.

## falsehood

*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

*synonym*: lie, untruth, deception

(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**

The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de_____on tactics             | <i>n.</i> the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action   |
| 2. co_____l a close relationship | <i>v.</i> to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered  |
| 3. fl_____r the host             | <i>v.</i> to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely |
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14. de\_\_\_\_\_on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
15. faithful in we\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* the state of being married; matrimony
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22. ey\_\_\_\_\_w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
23. in\_\_\_\_\_te employees *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
24. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
25. poetic ut\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
26. born in we\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* the state of being married; matrimony
27. di\_\_\_\_\_it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
28. family bre\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
29. we\_\_e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 20. gorilla, 21. telltale, 22. eyebrow, 23. infuriate, 24. sanction, 25. utterance, 26. wedlock, 27. discredit, 28. breadwinner, 29. weave

30. an a\_\_n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
31. co\_\_\_t negotiations *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
32. ca\_\_\_r policy *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
33. de\_\_\_\_\_ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
34. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. bra\_\_\_\_\_ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
36. not bat an ey\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
37. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
38. fl\_\_e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 30. agon, 31. covert, 32. candor, 33. deceptive, 34. determinant, 35. brainstorming, 36. eyelash, 37. horrific, 38. flare

39. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
40. in\_\_\_\_us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
41. main c\_\_x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
42. te\_\_\_\_le evidence *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
43. asy\_\_\_\_cal design *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
44. fl\_\_l in the strong winds *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
45. with great su\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
46. ve\_\_\_\_ty of information *n.* truthfulness; accuracy
47. ni\_\_\_\_ky details *adj.* excessively concerned with trivial or minor details; overly meticulous or fussy

ANSWERS: 39. sanction, 40. ingenious, 41. crux, 42. telltale, 43. asymmetrical, 44. flail, 45. subtlety, 46. veracity, 47. nitpicky

48. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police      *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
49. political mo\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a complicated, confusing, or difficult situation or problem from which it is difficult to escape; a tract of low, wet, or marshy ground
50. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
51. in\_\_\_\_\_te customers      *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
52. palpable fa\_\_\_\_\_od      *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
53. int\_\_\_\_\_te an enemy soldier      *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
54. di\_\_\_\_\_it a theory      *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
55. ni\_\_\_\_\_ky person      *adj.* excessively concerned with trivial or minor details; overly meticulous or fussy
56. ne\_\_\_\_\_ex function      *n.* the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making

ANSWERS: 48. interrogate, 49. morass, 50. pretension, 51. infuriate, 52. falsehood, 53. interrogate, 54. discredit, 55. nitpicky, 56. neocortex

57. fi\_\_\_t on my lap                    *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
58. his latest tw\_\_ts                    *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
59. re\_\_\_l in horror                    *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
60. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him                    *v.* to frighten someone very much
61. fl\_\_\_y blanket                    *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
62. fl\_\_l at the air                    *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
63. de\_\_\_\_\_y standards                    *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
64. charity gi\_\_\_\_\_ay                    *n.* a gift, prize, or item distributed for free, often as part of a promotional or marketing campaign; a revelation or clue that tends to reveal or give away something previously unknown or secret
65. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact                    *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
66. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority                    *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 57. fidget, 58. tweet, 59. recoil, 60. terrify, 61. fluffy, 62. flail, 63. decency, 64. giveaway, 65. overlook, 66. pretension



67. pa\_\_\_\_a solution *n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all
68. le\_\_\_\_t punishment *adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility
69. web of de\_\_\_\_t *n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth
70. calm de\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
71. the c\_\_x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
72. amb\_\_\_\_nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
73. all\_\_\_\_on of corruption *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
74. l\_e soap *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

ANSWERS: 67. panacea, 68. lenient, 69. deceit, 70. demeanor, 71. crux, 72. ambivalent, 73. allegation, 74. lye

75. newborn ki\_\_\_n *n.* a young cat
76. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
77. co\_\_\_\_\_l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
78. sq\_\_\_m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
79. re\_\_\_\_\_se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
80. my usual ni\_\_\_\_\_ap *n.* a warm cap or a drink taken before going to bed
81. bleeding no\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
82. ey\_\_\_\_\_h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
83. ability to de\_\_\_e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
84. gr\_\_\_e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
85. co\_\_\_\_\_er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 75. kitten, 76. coworker, 77. conceal, 78. squirm, 79. rehearse, 80. nightcap, 81. nostril, 82. eyelash, 83. decode, 84. grieve, 85. coworker

86. in\_\_\_\_\_rt personality *n.* a shy and reticent person
87. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
88. l\_e water *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
89. co\_\_\_\_t mission *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
90. navigate a mo\_\_\_\_s *n.* a complicated, confusing, or difficult situation or problem from which it is difficult to escape; a tract of low, wet, or marshy ground
91. psychological su\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
92. ha\_\_\_\_\_ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
93. be\_\_\_\_y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
94. ov\_\_\_\_o exercise *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

ANSWERS: 86. introvert, 87. determinant, 88. lye, 89. covert, 90. morass, 91. subtlety, 92. hardwired, 93. betray, 94. overdo

95. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
96. fl\_\_\_y clouds      *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
97. emotional a\_\_n      *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
98. endangered go\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
99. p\_p me up      *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
100. pa\_\_\_\_\_ty test      *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
101. bridle my te\_\_\_r      *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
102. no pa\_\_\_\_\_a for economic woes      *n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all
103. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 95. confuse, 96. fluffy, 97. agon, 98. gorilla, 99. pep, 100. paternity, 101. temper, 102. panacea, 103. confuse

104. appearances are de\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
105. ov\_\_\_o caffeine *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert
106. political tr\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
107. asy\_\_\_\_\_cal haircut *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
108. do a bra\_\_\_\_\_ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
109. emotional ag\_\_y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
110. ra\_\_\_\_\_t-building *n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
111. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 104. deceptive, 105. overdo, 106. traitor, 107. asymmetrical, 108. brainstorming, 109. agony, 110. rapport, 111. moth

112. challenge his ve\_\_\_\_ty *n.* truthfulness; accuracy
113. rec\_\_\_\_\_er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
114. speak with ca\_\_\_\_r *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
115. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
116. have a ni\_\_\_\_ap *n.* a warm cap or a drink taken before going to bed
117. an offense against de\_\_\_\_y *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
118. ele\_\_\_\_\_phy test *n.* (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions
119. con\_\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
120. re\_\_\_\_\_se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
121. notorious tr\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 112. veracity, 113. reconsider, 114. candor, 115. overlook, 116. nightcap, 117. decency, 118. electroencephalography, 119. consciously, 120. rehearse, 121. traitor

122. d\_\_e the public      *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
123. a dis\_\_\_\_\_cy in the report      *n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
124. un\_\_\_\_\_ed status      *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
125. significant dis\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
126. tw\_\_\_h at his sleeve      *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
127. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic condition      *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
128. have a lot of p\_ps      *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
129. young un\_\_\_\_\_ed couple      *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

ANSWERS: 122. dupe, 123. discrepancy, 124. unmarried, 125. discrepancy, 126. twitch, 127. horrific, 128. pep, 129. unmarried

130. a hasty te\_\_\_r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
131. pa\_\_\_\_\_ty suit *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
132. act con\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
133. pu\_\_\_l with fists *v.* to strike or beat repeatedly with fists or heavy objects; to attack someone physically or verbally with intense force and persistence
134. m\_\_t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
135. political ut\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
136. sq\_\_\_m uncomfortably *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
137. severe ag\_\_y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
138. fi\_\_\_t with hands *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
139. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 130. temper, 131. paternity, 132. consciously, 133. pummel, 134. mast, 135. utterance, 136. squirm, 137. agony, 138. fidget, 139. terrify



140. two-bre\_\_\_\_\_er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
141. built-up m\_\_t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
142. the fl\_\_e of a match *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
143. bl\_\_f the other side *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
144. le\_\_\_\_\_t rules *adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility
145. d\_\_e him into believing *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
146. in\_\_\_\_\_us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
147. gr\_\_\_e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
148. apply fi\_\_\_\_\_ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger
149. raise her ey\_\_\_\_\_ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

ANSWERS: 140. breadwinner, 141. mast, 142. flare, 143. bluff, 144. lenient, 145. dupe, 146. ingenious, 147. grieve, 148. fingertip, 149. eyebrow

150. riverside bl\_\_f                    *v.*    to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
151. ha\_\_\_\_\_ed connection            *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
152. de\_\_\_\_\_e skillfully                *v.*    to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
153. start-up ma\_\_a                        *n.*    a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
154. spread fa\_\_\_\_\_ods                 *n.*    a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
155. baseless all\_\_\_\_\_ons               *n.*    an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
156. stored in ne\_\_\_\_\_ex                *n.*    the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making
157. we\_\_e on a loom                      *v.*    to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 150. bluff, 151. hardwired, 152. deceive, 153. mania, 154. falsehood, 155. allegation, 156. neocortex, 157. weave

158. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness      *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
159. tw\_\_\_h of an eye      *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
160. burn my fi\_\_\_\_\_ip      *n.* the end or tip of a finger
161. be\_\_\_y a friend      *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
162. de\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
163. ac\_\_\_\_\_ng of diversity      *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
164. de\_\_\_\_\_e to lie      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
165. ac\_\_\_\_\_ng attitude      *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
166. abnormal  
ele\_\_\_\_\_phy      *n.* (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions
167. sh\_\_g off the importance      *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

ANSWERS: 158. accuse, 159. twitch, 160. fingertip, 161. betray, 162. decode, 163. accepting, 164. deceive, 165. accepting, 166. electroencephalography, 167. shrug

168. rec\_\_\_\_\_er the determination

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

169. dance ma\_\_a

*n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

170. gi\_\_\_\_\_ay price

*n.* a gift, prize, or item distributed for free, often as part of a promotional or marketing campaign; a revelation or clue that tends to reveal or give away something previously unknown or secret

ANSWERS: 168. reconsider, 169. mania, 170. giveaway

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The kitten had \_\_\_\_\_ fur that was soft to the touch.  
*adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
2. The cerebral \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for higher brain functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.  
*n.* the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making
3. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
4. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
5. Her \_\_\_\_\_ in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.  
*n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
6. The media exposed the politician's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
7. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.  
*n.* a young cat

ANSWERS: 1. fluffy, 2. neocortex, 3. agon, 4. ingenious, 5. candor, 6. falsehoods, 7. confused, 8. kitten's

9. The drain cleaner contains caustic \_\_\_\_\_ and should be handled with care.  
*n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
10. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
11. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
12. The company's unethical practices have \_\_\_\_\_ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.  
*v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the claims made by the witness was questioned.  
*n.* truthfulness; accuracy
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.  
*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.  
*n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

ANSWERS: 9. lye, 10. terrify, 11. pretensions, 12. discredited, 13. veracity, 14. telltale, 15. gorilla

16. She \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of her parents.

- v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

17. The child \_\_\_\_\_ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

- v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

18. If you \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

- v. to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

19. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.

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

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

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

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

- n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

22. She managed to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss into giving her a promotion.

- v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

23. The teacher was \_\_\_\_\_ with the deadline for the project, giving the students extra time to finish.

- adj. not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility

ANSWERS: 16. grieved, 17. squirmed, 18. overdo, 19. interrogate, 20. hardwired, 21. crux, 22. flatter, 23. lenient

24. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.  
*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
25. The government imposed economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.  
*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.  
*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
27. The gun \_\_\_\_\_ with a loud bang.  
*v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
28. Many women are now their families' primary \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
29. He always tried to act with \_\_\_\_\_ treating others with respect and kindness.  
*n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
30. The couple had been happily married for years and cherished the sanctity of their union in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being married; matrimony
31. The main cabin is located in front of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

ANSWERS: 24. accused, 25. sanctions, 26. moth, 27. recoiled, 28. breadwinners, 29. decency, 30. wedlock, 31. mast



32. The dancer's arms would \_\_\_\_\_ gracefully as she moved to the music.
- v. to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
33. The coach gave a \_\_\_\_ talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.
- n. energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
34. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.
- n. a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
36. She is an \_\_\_\_\_ technician skilled in performing EEG tests on patients.
- n. (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions
37. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.
- v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
38. The politician was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ for making false promises during his campaign.
- n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

ANSWERS: 32. flail, 33. pep, 34. betrayed, 35. mania, 36. electroencephalography, 37. overlook, 38. deception

39. Many companies employ \_\_\_\_\_ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
- n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
40. She had a tissue ready to wipe her \_\_\_\_\_ after a sneeze.
- n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
41. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.
- adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
42. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ was exposed when leaked emails revealed he had accepted lobbyists' bribes.
- n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth
43. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she \_\_\_\_\_ her anger well.
- v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
44. The team leader worked hard to build a strong \_\_\_\_\_ with all team members.
- n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
45. The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
- v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
46. Before going to bed, she drank a warm glass of milk as her \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a warm cap or a drink taken before going to bed

ANSWERS: 39. brainstorming, 40. nostril, 41. ambivalent, 42. deceit, 43. concealed, 44. rapport, 45. flared, 46. nightcap

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby
- n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
48. She couldn't stop her leg from \_\_\_\_\_ nervously.
- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
49. An \_\_\_\_\_ curler is a girl's best friend.
- n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
50. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
- n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
51. The government branded him a \_\_\_\_\_ after he leaked classified information to the press.
- n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
52. The teacher was known for being \_\_\_\_\_ about grammar mistakes in student essays.
- adj.* excessively concerned with trivial or minor details; overly meticulous or fussy
53. He humbly \_\_\_\_\_ his conduct.
- v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
54. He \_\_\_\_\_ criticizes her in the publicity.
- adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 47. paternity, 48. twitching, 49. eyelash, 50. coworker, 51. traitor, 52. nitpicky, 53. reconsidered, 54. consciously

55. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
- n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
56. I respect her ability to \_\_\_\_\_ off harsh criticism.
- v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
57. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ promotion brought in a lot of new customers.
- n.* a gift, prize, or item distributed for free, often as part of a promotional or marketing campaign; a revelation or clue that tends to reveal or give away something previously unknown or secret
58. The government was conducting a \_\_\_\_\_ operation to gather information on the enemy.
- adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
59. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
60. The accident scene was \_\_\_\_\_ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
61. The archaeologist ran his \_\_\_\_\_ along the pattern of the tombstones.
- n.* the end or tip of a finger
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
- n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

ANSWERS: 55. temper, 56. shrug, 57. giveaway, 58. covert, 59. determinant, 60. horrific, 61. fingertips, 62. allegation

63. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ me into buying a product that didn't work.
- v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
64. She examines the document with remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being subtle
65. The doctor carefully listened to her patient's \_\_\_\_\_ to diagnose his condition.
- n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
66. She has chosen to remain \_\_\_\_\_ and focus on her career.
- adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
67. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ between the study's findings and the collected data.
- n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
68. He \_\_\_\_\_ a person out of going.
- v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
69. He was an \_\_\_\_\_ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
- adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered

ANSWERS: 63. dupe, 64. subtlety, 65. utterances, 66. unmarried, 67. discrepancy, 68. bluffed, 69. accepting

70. Being an \_\_\_\_\_ is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.  
*n.* a shy and reticent person
71. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.  
*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
72. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.  
*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
73. The actors needed to \_\_\_\_\_ their lines before the performance.  
*v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
74. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.  
*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
75. The politician's statements were found to be \_\_\_\_\_ and not based on fact.  
*adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
76. Many people believe that exercise is the \_\_\_\_\_ for all health problems.  
*n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all

ANSWERS: 70. introvert, 71. tweet, 72. decode, 73. rehearse, 74. weaves, 75. deceptive, 76. panacea

77. The boxer \_\_\_\_\_ his opponent with a series of hard punches.

- v.* to strike or beat repeatedly with fists or heavy objects; to attack someone physically or verbally with intense force and persistence

78. She raised an inquiring \_\_\_\_\_ towards me.

- n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

79. The magician's illusions were designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

80. The lawyer's professional \_\_\_\_\_ helped him win over the jury.

- n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

81. The athlete fell to the ground in \_\_\_\_\_ after injuring their ankle.

- n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

82. The \_\_\_\_\_ shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

- adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

83. The company was financially \_\_\_\_\_ after the CEO's embezzlement scandal.

- n.* a complicated, confusing, or difficult situation or problem from which it is difficult to escape; a tract of low, wet, or marshy ground

84. His rude behavior \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.

- v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

ANSWERS: 77. pummeled, 78. eyebrow, 79. deceive, 80. demeanor, 81. agony, 82. asymmetrical, 83. morass, 84. infuriated

85. He \_\_\_\_\_ with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

ANSWERS: 85. fidgeted