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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### paradoxical

*adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

*synonym*: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

### narcissist

*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

*synonym*: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist** He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

### boredom

*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym*: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

## concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

*synonym*: admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

## hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

*synonym*: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

## personalize

v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

*synonym*: customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

## improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

*synonym*: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

## pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

## solipsism

*n.* a philosophical idea that only the self and its experiences are sure to exist or can be proven to exist; an extreme form of subjectivity in which only the individual's mind is considered valid or certain

*synonym*: self-absorption, egoism, self-centeredness

(1) ethical **solipsism**, (2) the philosopher's theories on **solipsism**

The novel portrays the protagonist's journey from youthful **solipsism** to a more empathetic understanding of those around him

## timbre

*n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other

*synonym*: resonance, tone, inflection

(1) the **timbre** of a musical sound, (2) the **timbre** of her soprano

His voice had a deep **timbre**.

## compress

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

*synonym*: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

## chopstick

*n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food

(1) **chopstick** holder, (2) wooden **chopstick**

She struggled to grab the sushi with **chopsticks**.

## egocentric

*adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

*synonym*: self-centered, narcissistic, egotistical

(1) **egocentric** personality, (2) **egocentric** world view

His **egocentric** behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

**scar**

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym*: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

**multiplicity**

*n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold

*synonym*: abundance, variety, diversity

(1) functional **multiplicity**, (2) **multiplicity** of languages

The **multiplicity** of colors in the sunset was truly breathtaking.

**solitary**

*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

*synonym*: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

**communion**

*n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

*synonym*: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

**soloist**

*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

*synonym*: solo performer, solo artist

(1) a vocal **soloist**, (2) **soloist** musician

The **soloist's** performance was the highlight of the concert.

**tedious**

*adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

*synonym*: boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

## tiresome

*adj.* causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious

*synonym*: dreary, boring, tedious

(1) **tiresome** task, (2) a **tiresome** person

The **tiresome** argument between the two politicians seems to have no end.

## notate

*v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something

*synonym*: record, jot down, annotate

(1) **notate** a transcription, (2) **notate** a poem

As a musician, you must **notate** your compositions accurately for others to read and understand.

## metaphysics

*n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**

Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

## pictograph

*n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information

*synonym*: symbol, glyph, icon

(1) hand-drawn **pictograph**, (2) **pictograph** symbols

The cave paintings are ancient **pictographs** that tell stories of the past.

## sect

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

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

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

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

## freehand

*adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods

*synonym* : hand-drawn, sketchy

(1) **freehand** drawing, (2) **freehand** signature

She drew a **freehand** sketch of the landscape, accurately capturing the mountains and rivers.

## hieroglyph

*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

*synonym* : character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird

Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

## gratify

*v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

*synonym* : please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

## dilettante

*adj.* referring to a person who dabbles or shows superficial interest in a subject, field, or art without serious commitment or expertise, often conveys a lack of depth or serious dedication

*synonym* : amateurish, unskilled, non-professional

(1) **dilettante** artist, (2) **dilettante** enthusiast

The company's **dilettante** approach to marketing was evident when its campaign lacked a clear target audience.

## pedigree

*n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals

*synonym*: lineage, ancestry, genealogy

(1) family **pedigree**, (2) **pedigree** chart

The dog's **pedigree** proved that it came from a long line of champion show dogs.

## rename

*v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

*synonym*: rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

## provocation

*n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

*synonym*: agitation, incitement, stimulus

(1) **provocation** tactics, (2) verbal **provocation**

The politician's speech was seen as a **provocation** to the opposition party.

## 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**.

## wristwatch

*n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands

*synonym*: watch, timepiece, wristlet

(1) quartz **wristwatch**, (2) classic **wristwatch**

I received a beautiful **wristwatch** as a graduation gift from my parents.

## fabricate

*v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

*synonym* : manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

## 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.

## intonation

*n.* the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking

*synonym* : pitch, accent, emphasis

(1) question **intonation**, (2) an unchanging **intonation**

Some questions have a rising **intonation** in English.

## mayhem

*n.* a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage

*synonym* : chaos, disorder, havoc

(1) snowstorm **mayhem**, (2) create **mayhem**

The rioters caused **mayhem** in the streets, breaking windows and starting fires.

## clarinet

*n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone

*synonym* : reed instrument

(1) **clarinet** reed, (2) **clarinet** player

The **clarinet's** unique sound added to the jazz ensemble.



## virulent

*adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile

*synonym* : poisonous, venomous, toxic

(1) **virulent** disease, (2) **virulent** criticism

The **virulent** virus spread rapidly through the close-knit community.

## decibel

*n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

*synonym* : dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

## affective

*adj.* relating to emotions or feelings; able to influence or evoke emotions

*synonym* : emotive, heartfelt, touching

(1) **affective** communication, (2) **affective** response

The **affective** bond between the mother and child was evident.

## glut

*n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price

*synonym* : surplus, excess, overflow

(1) **glut** of information, (2) capital **glut**

The restaurant had a **glut** of food left over from the weekend.

## concerto

*n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

*synonym* : symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

## mischievous

*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

*synonym* : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

## dramatist

*n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

*synonym* : playwright, author, scriptwriter

(1) the **dramatist's** latest production, (2) modern **dramatist**

The famous **dramatist** wrote many successful plays during his career.

## ontology

*n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence

*synonym* : metaphysics, philosophy of being, study of existence

(1) medical **ontology**, (2) **ontology** theory

The **ontology** of the universe is a complex and constantly evolving concept.

## conventionally

*adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

*synonym* : traditionally, customarily, conventionally

(1) **conventionally** dressed, (2) **conventionally** grown crops

**Conventionally**, doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

## aphasia

*n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

*synonym* : dysphasia, speech impairment, language disorder

(1) global **aphasia**, (2) amnesic **aphasia**

After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive **aphasia**, making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.

## choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

## instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

*synonym*: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

## footnote

n. a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

*synonym*: annotation, comment, reference

(1) **footnote** citation, (2) add a **footnote**

I included a **footnote** in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.

## obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym*: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## delusion

*n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

*synonym*: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

## loathe

*v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

*synonym*: despise, hate, abominate

(1) **loathe** violence, (2) **loathe** broccoli

I absolutely **loathe** spiders and can't stand to be near them.

## schizophrenia

*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

*synonym*: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

## dissociative

*adj.* characterized by a disconnect or separation from reality, often due to trauma or stress; inducing a separation or division of a previously unified whole

*synonym*: disconnected, detached, dissociated

(1) **dissociative** identity disorder, (2) **dissociative** state

The **dissociative** drug ketamine has been used to treat depression in some cases.

## peril

*n.* serious and great danger or risk

*synonym*: hazard, danger, threat

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

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

## fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

*synonym*: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

## Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 8. improvise, 9. synchronize, 10. decibel, 11. dramatist, 12. synchronize, 13. notate, 14. dissociative, 15. gratify, 16. improvise

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25. ego\_\_\_\_\_ic world view *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

ANSWERS: 17. concede, 18. timbre, 19. metaphysics, 20. instruct, 21. rename, 22. affective, 23. pictograph, 24. fabricate, 25. egocentric



26. te\_\_\_\_s task *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
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31. per\_\_\_\_\_ze my workspace *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

ANSWERS: 26. tedious, 27. fabricate, 28. aphasia, 29. decibel, 30. sect, 31. personalize

32. the pe\_\_l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
33. dil\_\_\_\_\_te enthusiast *adj.* referring to a person who dabbles or shows superficial interest in a subject, field, or art without serious commitment or expertise, often conveys a lack of depth or serious dedication
34. classic wri\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
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40. somatic nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
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ANSWERS: 51. ontology, 52. freehand, 53. compress, 54. scavenger, 55. multiplicity, 56. pronoun, 57. footnote, 58. personalize

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63. Egyptian hie\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
64. ego\_\_\_\_\_ic personality *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
65. ti\_\_\_\_\_me task *adj.* causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious

ANSWERS: 59. hush, 60. solipsism, 61. sect, 62. pedigree, 63. hieroglyph, 64. egocentric, 65. tiresome

66. lo\_\_\_e broccoli *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
67. carry a s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
68. environmental pe\_\_l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
69. violin co\_\_\_\_to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
70. question int\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking
71. a ti\_\_\_\_\_me person *adj.* causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious
72. capital g\_\_t *n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
73. vi\_\_\_\_\_nt disease *adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile
74. family pe\_\_\_\_\_ee *n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
75. marine sc\_\_\_\_\_er *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

ANSWERS: 66. loathe, 67. scar, 68. peril, 69. concerto, 70. intonation, 71. tiresome, 72. glut, 73. virulent, 74. pedigree, 75. scavenger

76. fr\_\_\_\_nd drawing *adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
77. quartz wri\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
78. labor under a de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
79. become w\_\_ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
80. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
81. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
82. cl\_\_\_\_\_et player *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone
83. te\_\_\_\_\_s routine *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

ANSWERS: 76. freehand, 77. wristwatch, 78. delusion, 79. warp, 80. schizophrenia, 81. obsessive, 82. clarinet, 83. tedious

84. con\_\_\_\_\_lly grown crops *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
85. exquisitely cho\_\_\_\_\_phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
86. a vocal so\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
87. co\_\_\_\_\_ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
88. bo\_\_\_\_\_m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
89. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
90. pic\_\_\_\_\_ph symbols *n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
91. co\_\_\_\_\_on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
92. h\_\_h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

ANSWERS: 84. conventionally, 85. choreograph, 86. soloist, 87. compress, 88. boredom, 89. obsessive, 90. pictograph, 91. communion, 92. hush



93. a par\_\_\_\_\_al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
94. vi\_\_\_\_\_nt criticism *adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile
95. ch\_\_\_\_\_ck holder *n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
96. apparently par\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
97. wooden ch\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
98. met\_\_\_\_\_cs study *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
99. snowstorm ma\_\_\_\_m *n.* a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage
100. modern dr\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

ANSWERS: 93. paradoxical, 94. virulent, 95. chopstick, 96. paradoxical, 97. chopstick, 98. metaphysics, 99. mayhem, 100. dramatist

101. dis\_\_\_\_\_ive state *adj.* characterized by a disconnect or separation from reality, often due to trauma or stress; inducing a separation or division of a previously unified whole
102. g\_\_t of information *n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
103. medical on\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
104. cho\_\_\_\_\_ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
105. pr\_\_\_\_\_n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
106. fl\_\_g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
107. fl\_\_g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
108. the hie\_\_\_\_\_ph of the bird *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
109. lo\_\_\_e violence *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
110. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 101. dissociative, 102. glut, 103. ontology, 104. choreograph, 105. pronoun, 106. fling, 107. fling, 108. hieroglyph, 109. loathe, 110. schizophrenia

111. chronic bo\_\_\_\_m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
112. re\_\_\_e in plain English *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
113. so\_\_\_\_t musician *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
114. mis\_\_\_\_us sense of humor *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
115. verbal pro\_\_\_\_on *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
116. gr\_\_\_\_y desires *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
117. mis\_\_\_\_us grin *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
118. use of so\_\_\_\_ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

ANSWERS: 111. boredom, 112. rename, 113. soloist, 114. mischievous, 115. provocation, 116. gratify, 117. mischievous, 118. solitary

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ unique sound added to the jazz ensemble.  
*n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ virus spread rapidly through the close-knit community.  
*adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile
3. Each beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ represents either an idea or a sound.  
*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
4. He never uttered a \_\_\_\_\_ word.  
*adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
5. We use this tableware in a \_\_\_\_\_ service.  
*n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
6. The new owners \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.  
*v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
7. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* serious and great danger or risk
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.  
*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 1. clarinet's, 2. virulent, 3. hieroglyph, 4. solitary, 5. communion, 6. renamed, 7. peril, 8. schizophrenia

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ argument between the two politicians seems to have no end.  
*adj.* causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance was the highlight of the concert.  
*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
11. it is \_\_\_\_\_ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.  
*adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
12. In English, personal \_\_\_\_\_ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.  
*n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
13. She struggled to grab the sushi with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
14. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ defeat after losing the game.  
*v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
15. She drew a \_\_\_\_\_ sketch of the landscape, accurately capturing the mountains and rivers.  
*adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
16. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.  
*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 9. tiresome, 10. soloist's, 11. paradoxical, 12. pronouns, 13. chopsticks, 14. concede, 15. freehand, 16. scar

17. Some questions have a rising \_\_\_\_\_ in English.  
*n.* the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking
18. I included a \_\_\_\_\_ in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.  
*n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ bond between the mother and child was evident.  
*adj.* relating to emotions or feelings; able to influence or evoke emotions
20. 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
21. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ wrote many successful plays during his career.  
*n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
22. \_\_\_\_\_ doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.  
*adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
23. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ my phone case with a picture of my dog.  
*v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
24. Her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 17. intonation, 18. footnote, 19. affective, 20. synchronized, 21. dramatist, 22. Conventionally, 23. personalize, 24. obsessive

25. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ proved that it came from a long line of champion show dogs.
- n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ drug ketamine has been used to treat depression in some cases.
- adj.* characterized by a disconnect or separation from reality, often due to trauma or stress; inducing a separation or division of a previously unified whole
27. He thinks she is a high \_\_\_\_\_ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
28. The minority \_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
29. The novel portrays the protagonist's journey from youthful \_\_\_\_\_ to a more empathetic understanding of those around him
- n.* a philosophical idea that only the self and its experiences are sure to exist or can be proven to exist; an extreme form of subjectivity in which only the individual's mind is considered valid or certain
30. I received a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ as a graduation gift from my parents.
- n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands

ANSWERS: 25. pedigree, 26. dissociative, 27. narcissist, 28. sect, 29. solipsism, 30. wristwatch

31. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.
- adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
32. I always try to \_\_\_\_\_ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.
- v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
33. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ approach to marketing was evident when its campaign lacked a clear target audience.
- adj.* referring to a person who dabbles or shows superficial interest in a subject, field, or art without serious commitment or expertise, often conveys a lack of depth or serious dedication
34. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
35. The politician's speech was seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the opposition party.
- n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
36. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
- v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
37. After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive \_\_\_\_\_ making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.
- n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

ANSWERS: 31. egocentric, 32. gratify, 33. dilettante, 34. concerto, 35. provocation, 36. improvise, 37. aphasia,



38. She \_\_\_\_\_ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
39. I absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ spiders and can't stand to be near them.
- v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
40. He was provoked to \_\_\_\_\_ the draft on the floor.
- v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
41. The ship's hull was \_\_\_\_\_ from years of use in rough seas.
- v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
42. The concert reached 100 \_\_\_\_\_ causing many people to cover their ears.
- n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
43. 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
44. Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating \_\_\_\_\_ as a discipline.
- n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

ANSWERS: 38. compressed, 39. loathe, 40. fling, 41. warped, 42. decibels, 43. scavengers, 44. metaphysics

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ of colors in the sunset was truly breathtaking.
- n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
46. The restaurant had a \_\_\_\_\_ of food left over from the weekend.
- n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
47. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
48. The rioters caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the streets, breaking windows and starting fires.
- n.* a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage
49. The facility manager \_\_\_\_\_ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
50. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a millionaire.
- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
51. The detective discovered that the witness had \_\_\_\_\_ her story about the crime.
- v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

ANSWERS: 45. multiplicity, 46. glut, 47. hush, 48. mayhem, 49. instructed, 50. delusion, 51. fabricated

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe is a complex and constantly evolving concept.  
*n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
53. As a musician, you must \_\_\_\_\_ your compositions accurately for others to read and understand.  
*v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something
54. He had \_\_\_\_\_ the dance in this play himself.  
*v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
55. The \_\_\_\_\_ child played pranks on his siblings all day long.  
*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
56. The cave paintings are ancient \_\_\_\_\_ that tell stories of the past.  
*n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
57. The work of data entry can be \_\_\_\_\_ but it is important for maintaining accurate records.  
*adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
58. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
59. His voice had a deep \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other

ANSWERS: 52. ontology, 53. notate, 54. choreographed, 55. mischievous, 56. pictographs, 57. tedious, 58. boredom, 59. timbre

ANSWERS: