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## Session 1: Word List

### Muslim

*n.* a follower of the religion of Islam

*synonym*: Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

### disconcert

*v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

*synonym*: unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast

His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

### toilsome

*adj.* involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance

*synonym*: arduous, laborious, difficult

(1) **toilsome** task, (2) **toilsome** journey

The hike up the mountain was **toilsome**, requiring a lot of physical effort and endurance.

### wearisome

*adj.* causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted

*synonym*: tedious, tiresome, monotonous

(1) **wearisome** routine, (2) **wearisome** chores

The never-ending meetings were **wearisome**, making everyone tired and bored.

## 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.

## jumble

*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

*synonym*: mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

## popcorn

*n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

*synonym*: popped corn, puffed corn, corn kernels

(1) a **popcorn** vendor, (2) **popcorn** kernels

We popped some **popcorn** and settled in to watch a movie.

## quote

*v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

*synonym*: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

## snippet

*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

*synonym*: fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later

reference.

## fundamentalist

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

*synonym*: extremist, zealot, hardliner

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

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

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

## wield

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

*synonym*: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## transliterate

*v.* to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words

*synonym*: transcribe, transliterate, rewrite

(1) **transliterate** script, (2) **transliterate** names

I need to **transliterate** this text from Cyrillic to Latin script.

## outsider

*n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

*synonym* : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

## agnostic

*n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

*synonym* : skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

## hubris

*n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

*synonym* : arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

## mystical

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

*synonym* : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

## reprise

*n.* a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation

*synonym* : repeat, recurrence, renewal

(1) musical **reprise**, (2) theatrical **reprise**

The artist released a new album that included a **reprise** of some of his earlier songs.

## manifestation

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

*synonym* : expression, embodiment, presentation

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

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

## jealousy

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym* : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

## rhythmic

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

*synonym* : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

## cadence

*n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

*synonym* : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

## recite

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

*synonym* : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

## incantation

*n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic

expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

*synonym* : spell, charm, enchantment

(1) **incantation** spell, (2) magic **incantation**

The witch performed an **incantation** to summon a demon from the depths of hell.

## hypnotic

*adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

*synonym* : soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

## chant

*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

*synonym* : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## promenade

*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

*synonym* : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## steward

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

*synonym* : caretaker, manager, custodian

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

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

## unmatched

*adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

*synonym* : unrivaled, incomparable, peerless

(1) **unmatched** quality, (2) **unmatched** performance

The team's **unmatched** talent led them to victory in the championship game.

## masculine

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

*synonym* : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

## unbelief

*n.* a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt

*synonym* : disbelief, skepticism, doubt

(1) strong **unbelief**, (2) moment of **unbelief**

His **unbelief** in supernatural phenomena led to conflicts with his religious family.

## conquest

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

*synonym* : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

## mecca

*n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

*synonym* : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

## pact

*n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties

*synonym* : agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

## merciful

*adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

*synonym* : compassionate, kind, lenient

(1) **merciful** gesture, (2) **merciful** punishment

The **merciful** judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.

## inflexible

*adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

*synonym* : rigid, unyielding, unadaptable

(1) **inflexible** rule, (2) take an **inflexible** stance

His **inflexible** schedule did not allow for any changes.

## perverse

*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

*synonym* : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude



His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

## ambiguity

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

*synonym*: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing  
The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

## discord

*n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

*synonym*: disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

## orient

*v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

*synonym*: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**  
She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

## swelling

*n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

*synonym*: bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body  
After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

## bosom

*n.* a woman's breasts or chest

*synonym*: breast, bust, chest

(1) a generous **bosom**, (2) a **bosom** friend  
He carried a knife in his **bosom**.

## recreate

*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

*synonym*: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

## strum

*v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

*synonym*: pluck, pick, play

(1) **strum** a ukulele, (2) **strum** chords

He loved to **strum** his guitar while singing his favorite songs.

## harp

*n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

*synonym*: lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

## fecundity

*n.* the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity

*synonym*: fertility, fruitfulness, productivity

(1) **fecundity** rate, (2) high **fecundity**

The **fecundity** of the soil in this area is ideal for growing crops.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. st\_\_\_\_d duties  
*n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
2. re\_\_\_\_te the feeling of the 1920s  
*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
3. wear ma\_\_\_\_\_ne attire  
*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
4. ju\_\_\_\_e in some herbs and spices  
*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
5. sn\_\_\_\_t of wisdom  
*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
6. tra\_\_\_\_\_ate names  
*v.* to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words
7. we\_\_\_\_\_me routine  
*adj.* causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted

ANSWERS: 1. steward, 2. recreate, 3. masculine, 4. jumble, 5. snippet, 6. transliterate, 7. wearisome

8. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
9. pe\_\_\_\_se attitude      *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
10. hy\_\_\_\_ic effect      *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
11. magic inc\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
12. me\_\_\_\_ul punishment      *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
13. wi\_\_d her authority      *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
14. inc\_\_\_\_on spell      *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
15. sw\_\_\_\_ng of the ankle      *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 8. confuse, 9. perverse, 10. hypnotic, 11. incantation, 12. merciful, 13. wield, 14. incantation, 15. swelling

16. me\_\_a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
17. re\_\_\_e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
18. a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
19. je\_\_\_\_\_sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
20. dis\_\_\_\_\_rt the enthusiast *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
21. hard sw\_\_\_\_\_ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
22. st\_\_m chords *v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
23. political hu\_\_\_\_s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
24. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
25. pr\_\_\_\_\_de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

ANSWERS: 16. mecca, 17. recite, 18. rhythmic, 19. jealousy, 20. disconcert, 21. swelling, 22. strum, 23. hubris, 24. writ, 25. promenade

26. moment of un\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt
27. political fun\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
28. musical re\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation
29. in di\_\_\_\_\_d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
30. in a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
31. ch\_\_t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
32. ma\_\_\_\_\_ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
33. imperial co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
34. re\_\_\_\_\_te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 26. unbelief, 27. fundamentalist, 28. reprise, 29. discord, 30. rhythmic, 31. chant, 32. masculine, 33. conquest, 34. recreate

35. to\_\_\_\_\_me journey *adj.* involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance
36. ca\_\_\_\_\_e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
37. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
38. re\_\_\_\_\_e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
39. a bo\_\_m friend *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
40. h\_\_p strings *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
41. high fe\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity
42. code sn\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
43. Ar\_\_\_\_c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
44. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 35. toilsome, 36. cadence, 37. manifestation, 38. recite, 39. bosom, 40. harp, 41. fecundity, 42. snippet, 43. Arabic, 44. humming

45. a generous bo\_\_m *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
46. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
47. hu\_\_\_s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
48. ju\_\_\_e together different colors *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
49. pe\_\_\_\_se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
50. Mu\_\_\_m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
51. po\_\_\_\_n kernels *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
52. avoid am\_\_\_\_ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
53. evening pr\_\_\_\_de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

ANSWERS: 45. bosom, 46. humming, 47. hubris, 48. jumble, 49. perverse, 50. Muslim, 51. popcorn, 52. ambiguity, 53. promenade



54. ou\_\_\_\_er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
55. un\_\_\_\_\_ed performance *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
56. ch\_\_t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
57. tra\_\_\_\_\_ate script *v.* to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words
58. ag\_\_\_\_ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
59. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
60. dis\_\_\_\_\_rt his plans *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
61. a nonaggression p\_\_t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
62. predominantly Mu\_\_\_m country *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
63. strong un\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt

ANSWERS: 54. outsider, 55. unmatched, 56. chant, 57. transliterate, 58. agnostic, 59. writ, 60. disconcert, 61. pact, 62. Muslim, 63. unbelief

64. fe\_\_\_\_\_ty rate *n.* the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity
65. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
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71. di\_\_\_\_\_d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

ANSWERS: 64. fecundity, 65. confuse, 66. strum, 67. unmatched, 68. merciful, 69. outsider, 70. quote, 71. discord

72. theatrical re\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation
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82. Ar\_\_\_\_c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
83. aviation p\_\_t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
84. the exotic flavor of the Or\_\_\_\_t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
85. wi\_\_d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
86. fun\_\_\_\_\_ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
87. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
88. to\_\_\_\_\_me task *adj.* involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance
89. inf\_\_\_\_\_le rule *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
90. take an inf\_\_\_\_\_le stance *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

ANSWERS: 80. agnostic, 81. conquest, 82. Arabic, 83. pact, 84. orient, 85. wield, 86. fundamentalist, 87. Arthurian, 88. toilsome, 89. inflexible, 90. inflexible

91. Ar\_\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
92. a po\_\_\_\_\_n vendor *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
93. or\_\_\_\_t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
94. Japanese h\_\_p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
95. my\_\_\_\_\_al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
96. qu\_\_e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
97. burn with je\_\_\_\_\_sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
98. my\_\_\_\_\_al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

ANSWERS: 91. Arthurian, 92. popcorn, 93. orient, 94. harp, 95. mystical, 96. quote, 97. jealousy, 98. mystical

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.  
*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
  
2. His sudden departure \_\_\_\_\_ the team.  
*v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
  
3. His voice had a \_\_\_\_\_ quality for me.  
*adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
  
4. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
  
5. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
  
6. We popped some \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in to watch a movie.  
*n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.  
*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 1. perverse, 2. disconcerted, 3. hypnotic, 4. confused, 5. writ, 6. popcorn, 7. Arthurian

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
9. After intensive icing by the trainer, the \_\_\_\_\_ went down.  
*n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.  
*adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
11. I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_ calligraphy as part of my art class.  
*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
12. The journalist saved a \_\_\_\_\_ of the interview for later reference.  
*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
13. He loved to \_\_\_\_\_ his guitar while singing his favorite songs.  
*v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
14. She began to play a beautiful melody on her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
15. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 8. humming, 9. swelling, 10. merciful, 11. Arabic, 12. snippet, 13. strum, 14. harp, 15. conquest

16. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.  
*n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
17. Political \_\_\_\_\_ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.  
*n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
18. The soccer game crowd broke into a \_\_\_\_\_ of "Go, team, go!"  
*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
19. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.  
*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
20. She \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.  
*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the soil in this area is ideal for growing crops.  
*n.* the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity
22. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ talent led them to victory in the championship game.  
*adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
23. Her scientific background led her to be \_\_\_\_\_ about the existence of a higher power.  
*n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

ANSWERS: 16. hubris, 17. discord, 18. chant, 19. wielded, 20. recreated, 21. fecundity, 22. unmatched, 23. agnostic



24. The hike up the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ requiring a lot of physical effort and endurance.

*adj.* involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance

25. The children \_\_\_\_\_ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

26. His \_\_\_\_\_ schedule did not allow for any changes.

*adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

27. His \_\_\_\_\_ in supernatural phenomena led to conflicts with his religious family.

*n.* a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt

28. The two countries made a \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce their carbon emissions.

*n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties

29. He could \_\_\_\_\_ all of Shakespeare's works.

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

30. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this text from Cyrillic to Latin script.

*v.* to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words

31. While meditating, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

ANSWERS: 24. toilsome, 25. jumbled, 26. inflexible, 27. unbelief, 28. pact, 29. recite, 30. transliterate, 31. mystical

32. In his speech, he \_\_\_\_\_ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
33. He is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
34. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an \_\_\_\_\_ at times.
- n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
35. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
36. The never-ending meetings were \_\_\_\_\_ making everyone tired and bored.
- adj.* causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ community in the city is small but growing.
- n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
38. The building has become a \_\_\_\_\_ for fans of the movie.
- n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

ANSWERS: 32. quoted, 33. fundamentalist, 34. outsider, 35. promenade, 36. wearisome, 37. Muslim, 38. mecca

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

40. Her allure lies in her \_\_\_\_\_ rather than feminine beauty.

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

41. She took a moment to \_\_\_\_\_ herself in the unfamiliar city.

*v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

42. He carried a knife in his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a woman's breasts or chest

43. The artist released a new album that included a \_\_\_\_\_ of some of his earlier songs.

*n.* a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

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

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

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

ANSWERS: 39. rhythmic, 40. masculine, 41. orient, 42. bosom, 43. reprise, 44. ambiguity, 45. manifestation, 46. steward

47. The singer's voice had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.
- n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
48. His \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
49. The witch performed an \_\_\_\_\_ to summon a demon from the depths of hell.
- n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

ANSWERS: 47. cadence, 48. jealousy, 49. incantation