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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### womanhood

*n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

*synonym* : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

### 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.

### flexible

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

*synonym* : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

## develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## thoughtful

*adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

*synonym*: considerate, attentive, kind

(1) **thoughtful** consideration, (2) **thoughtful** gift

The company's CEO made a **thoughtful** decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

## gentle

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

*synonym*: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

## shadowy

*adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

*synonym*: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

**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.

**cousin**

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym* : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

**ever-present**

*adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive

*synonym* : omnipresent, ubiquitous, pervasive

(1) **ever-present** danger, (2) **ever-present** need

The problem of pollution is **ever-present** in our daily lives.

**bombard**

*v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

*synonym* : bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

**homemaking**

*n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

*synonym* : housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

**Homemaking** duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

**outfit**

*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a

company, military, etc.

*synonym*: ensemble, set, suit

(1) camping **outfit**, (2) a construction **outfit**

I need to buy a new **outfit** for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

## cartoon

*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

*synonym*: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

## humor

*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

*synonym*: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

## shyness

*n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

*synonym*: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

## approval

*n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

*synonym*: acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym*: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next

month.

## imprint

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

*synonym* : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

## constantly

*adv.* all the time

*synonym* : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

## monitor

*v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

*synonym* : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

## primary

*adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

*synonym* : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* :

custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## generation

*n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

*synonym*: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

## vague

*adj.* not clearly expressed or understood

*synonym*: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

## notion

*n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

*synonym*: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

## tenuous

*adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists

*synonym*: slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

## rely

*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

*synonym*: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him  
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

## twist

*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

*synonym*: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel  
He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events  
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

## elicit

*v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone,  
usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

## drawing

*n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other  
instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

*synonym*: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for  
her artwork.

## chaos

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often  
characterized by a lack of predictability or control

*synonym*: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to  
speak at once.

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared  
goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the  
process of moving or being moved, physically or  
figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## assassination

*n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

*synonym* : murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

## feminist

*adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;  
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

*synonym* : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

## laughter

*n.* the act or sound of laughing

*synonym* : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

## par

*n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

*synonym* : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

## divorce

*n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

*synonym* : separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of

marriage.

## arrest

*v.* to take into custody

*synonym*: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

## heel

*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle;  
someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow  
someone or something

*synonym*: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

## ceiling

*n.* a room's top interior surface

*synonym*: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style  
of thinking about something

*synonym*: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym*: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

## consequently

*adv.* as a result or outcome of something

*synonym*: hence, accordingly, thus

(1) **consequently** unable to start her studies,

(2) **consequently** affect the organs

**Consequently**, the company had to lay off some of its  
employees.

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## antenna

*n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects

*synonym* : feeler, receiver

(1) **antenna** of insect, (2) extend the TV **antenna**

He had a special **antenna** for public relations

## collaborate

*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

*synonym* : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

## appreciation

*n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

*synonym* : recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

## succinct

*adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

*synonym* : concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## turkey

*n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

## difficulty

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

*synonym*: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

## circumstance

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

*synonym*: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

## bless

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

*synonym*: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## agent

- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

*synonym* : representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. not up to p_r               | <i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something   |
| 2. a circular mo_____nt        | <i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively   |
| 3. am_____g advances           | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire  |
| 4. bo_____d him with questions | <i>v.</i> to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage  |
| 5. ag__t system                | <i>n.</i> a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously |
| 6. el___t a confession         | <i>v.</i> to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty  |
| 7. ge___e downward slope       | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild   |
| 8. technical dr_____g          | <i>n.</i> the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material  |

ANSWERS: 1. par, 2. movement, 3. amazing, 4. bombard, 5. agent, 6. elicit, 7. gentle, 8. drawing

9. col\_\_\_\_\_te on a press release      *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
10. r\_\_y entirely on him      *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
11. wo\_\_\_\_\_od experience      *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
12. DNA im\_\_\_\_\_t      *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
13. im\_\_\_\_\_t a memory      *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
14. dr\_\_\_\_\_g for design      *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
15. tho\_\_\_\_\_ul gift      *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

ANSWERS: 9. collaborate, 10. rely, 11. womanhood, 12. imprint, 13. imprint, 14. drawing, 15. thoughtful

16. su\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
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19. h\_\_l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
20. la\_\_\_\_\_er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
21. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
22. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
23. bo\_\_\_\_d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
24. a consensual di\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
25. the gen\_\_\_\_\_on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
26. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 16. suppose, 17. gentle, 18. shyness, 19. heel, 20. laughter, 21. cousin, 22. develop, 23. bombard, 24. divorce, 25. generation, 26. intellect

27. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly innovative enterprise      *adv.* all the time
28. ca\_\_\_\_\_n industry      *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
29. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle      *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
30. a construction ou\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
31. traditional hom\_\_\_\_\_ng skills      *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
32. midst of ch\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
33. vitreous hu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
34. ar\_\_\_\_t the thief      *v.* to take into custody
35. the degree of dif\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
36. above p\_r performance      *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
37. failed ass\_\_\_\_\_ion attempt      *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 27. constantly, 28. cartoon, 29. perspective, 30. outfit, 31. homemaking, 32. chaos, 33. humor, 34. arrest, 35. difficulty, 36. par, 37. assassination

38. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
39. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly varying mind      *adv.* all the time
40. principles of un\_\_\_\_\_al design      *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
41. ce\_\_\_\_\_g board      *n.* a room's top interior surface
42. sh\_\_\_\_\_y doorway      *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
43. di\_\_\_\_\_e settlement      *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
44. la\_\_\_\_h a big attack      *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
45. h\_\_l wrestler      *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
46. antidiarrheal ag\_\_t      *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
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50. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
51. fl\_\_\_\_le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
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54. ar\_\_\_\_t the progress *v.* to take into custody
55. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
56. tw\_\_t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
57. bl\_\_s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
58. ass\_\_\_\_\_ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 48. succinct, 49. tenuous, 50. unexpected, 51. flexible, 52. approval, 53. turkey, 54. arrest, 55. chaos, 56. twist, 57. bless, 58. assassination

59. pr\_\_\_\_y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
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67. extend the TV an\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
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74. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury      *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
75. tw\_\_t around to the left      *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
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ANSWERS: 67. antenna, 68. rely, 69. difficulty, 70. launch, 71. flexible, 72. generation, 73. universal, 74. circumstance, 75. twist, 76. tradition

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79. an\_\_\_\_\_a of insect *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
80. bring la\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
81. fe\_\_\_\_\_st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
82. tho\_\_\_\_\_ul consideration *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
83. no\_\_\_\_\_n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
84. cross-co\_\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 77. circumstance, 78. collaborate, 79. antenna, 80. laughter, 81. feminist, 82. thoughtful, 83. notion, 84. cousin

85. ce\_\_\_\_\_g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
86. 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
87. embrace wo\_\_\_\_\_od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
88. express my app\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
89. a written ap\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
90. hom\_\_\_\_\_ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
91. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
92. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
93. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 85. ceiling, 86. pretension, 87. womanhood, 88. appreciation, 89. approval, 90. homemaking, 91. intellect, 92. amazing, 93. movement

94. mo\_\_\_\_\_r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
95. con\_\_\_\_\_tly affect the organs *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
96. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
97. te\_\_\_\_\_s relationship *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
98. make a va\_\_e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
99. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
100. sh\_\_\_\_\_y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
101. sh\_\_\_\_\_s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
102. va\_\_e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
103. mo\_\_\_\_\_r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
104. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
105. eve\_\_\_\_\_ent need *adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
106. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 94. monitor, 95. consequently, 96. perspective, 97. tenuous, 98. vague, 99. moth, 100. shadowy, 101. shyness, 102. vague, 103. monitor, 104. moth, 105. ever-present, 106. perception

107. eve\_\_\_\_\_ent danger *adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
108. 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
109. tu\_\_\_\_y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
110. el\_\_\_\_t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
111. bl\_\_s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
112. sardonic hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
113. app\_\_\_\_\_ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
114. vague no\_\_\_\_n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
115. su\_\_\_\_\_ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

ANSWERS: 107. ever-present, 108. pretension, 109. turkey, 110. elicit, 111. bless, 112. humor, 113. appreciation, 114. notion, 115. succinct

116. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 116. unexpected

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ a response from them yet?  
*v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
2. I need to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.  
*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
3. My wife seems to be in ill \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
4. Shares in the company finally fell below their \_\_\_\_ value.  
*n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the company had to lay off some of its employees.  
*adv.* as a result or outcome of something
7. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.  
*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
8. Babies heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on others for food.  
*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 1. elicited, 2. outfit, 3. humor, 4. par, 5. movement, 6. Consequently, 7. launch, 8. rely

9. Her \_\_\_\_\_ manner relaxed everyone there.

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

10. Overprotective parents often \_\_\_\_\_ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

*v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

11. She agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ with him in creating new artwork.

*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

12. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

13. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his brand logo on the product.

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

14. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

15. They prepared a stuffed \_\_\_\_\_ for Thanksgiving.

*n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

16. Evidence submitted by attorneys is \_\_\_\_\_ due to a lack of objectivity.

*adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists

ANSWERS: 9. gentle, 10. bombard, 11. collaborate, 12. cousins, 13. imprint, 14. tradition, 15. turkey, 16. tenuous

17. Some doctor says \_\_\_\_\_ is the best medicine.  
*n.* the act or sound of laughing
18. The younger \_\_\_\_\_ has different values and beliefs than the older one.  
*n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
19. This project took a lot of time to get the president's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
20. The couple decided to get a \_\_\_\_\_ after many years of marriage.  
*n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
21. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.  
*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
22. He \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of rope out of straw.  
*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
23. The problem of pollution is \_\_\_\_\_ in our daily lives.  
*adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
24. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.  
*n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

ANSWERS: 17. laughter, 18. generation, 19. approval, 20. divorce, 21. universal, 22. twisted, 23. ever-present, 24. perception, 25. notion

26. The celebration of \_\_\_\_\_ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
- n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ rumor turned out to be false.
- adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
28. \_\_\_\_\_ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
- n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
- adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
30. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. He spent his afternoon watching \_\_\_\_\_ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
32. There was a crack in the \_\_\_\_\_ that I found.
- n.* a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 26. womanhood, 27. vague, 28. Homemaking, 29. feminist, 30. perspective, 31. cartoon, 32. ceiling

33. The priest \_\_\_\_\_ the couple as they knelt before him.

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

34. My manager gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ summary of the project's goals and objectives.

*adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

35. The mobile application industry is \_\_\_\_\_ changing.

*adv.* all the time

36. She is talented at \_\_\_\_\_ and has won several awards for her artwork.

*n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

37. You can be more \_\_\_\_\_ and creative in your approach.

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

38. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

39. A police officer has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal.

*v.* to take into custody

40. The artist received a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for his latest work.

*n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

ANSWERS: 33. blessed, 34. succinct, 35. constantly, 36. drawing, 37. flexible, 38. amazing, 39. arrest, 40. appreciation

41. He had a special \_\_\_\_\_ for public relations
- n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
42. He has \_\_\_\_\_ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
43. They used a special receiver to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
44. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
45. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. The company's CEO made a \_\_\_\_\_ decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.
- adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
48. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
- n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 41. antenna, 42. difficulty, 43. monitor, 44. circumstances, 45. suppose, 46. thoughtful, 47. unexpected, 48. assassination

49. She wore high \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

- adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

51. 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

52. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.

- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

53. 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

54. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

55. He finally overcame his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

ANSWERS: 49. heels, 50. shadowy, 51. pretensions, 52. chaos, 53. moth, 54. develop, 55. shyness

56. The FBI \_\_\_\_\_ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

58. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 56. agent, 57. primary, 58. intellect