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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### profound

*adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

*synonym* : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

### transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

### undergraduate

*n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

*synonym* : college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course

The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

### degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym* : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym*: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## choir

*n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

*synonym*: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

## relax

*v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

*synonym*: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

## idyllic

*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

*synonym*: picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

## cricket

*n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

## roll

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

*synonym*: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

## halfway

*adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

*synonym*: middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

## valley

*n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

*synonym*: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

## whoosh

*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

*synonym*: swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**

The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

## 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.

## boom

*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

*synonym*: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## thunderclap

*n.* a sudden, loud, and explosive sound or noise, typically associated with thunderstorms, characterized by a strong and abrupt onset, resembling the sound of a clap or crash

*synonym* : boom, crack, peal

(1) **thunderclap** headache, (2) **thunderclap** roar

The sudden **thunderclap** frightened the children and made them run indoors.

## extraordinary

*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

*synonym* : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

## poem

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

*synonym* : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

## poet

*n.* a person who writes poetry

*synonym* : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym*: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## virtual

*adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

*synonym*: practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

## conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym*: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## dorm

*n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

*synonym*: residence hall, hostel, boarding house

(1) **dorm** room, (2) university **dorm**

Living in a **dorm** can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

## premier

*adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading

*synonym*: first, leading, top

(1) **premier** league, (2) **premier** position

He is the **premier** player on the team and always leads them

to victory.

## singe

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym*: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym*: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## amateur

*adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

*synonym*: novice, inexperienced, non-professional

(1) an **amateur** magician, (2) an **amateur** musician

The **amateur** photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.

## latency

*n.* the fact or state of being present but not being evident, active, or well developed; (engineering) a measure of the time delay experienced by a system

*synonym*: abeyance, intermission, suspension

(1) low **latency**, (2) **latency** period

Next-generation mobile communication standards will achieve sub-millisecond **latency**.

## lifetime

*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;  
*synonym*: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport  
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

## adapt

*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

*synonym*: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed  
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(*noun*) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**  
The woods **embrace** the house.

## performer

*n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

*synonym*: artist, entertainer, actor

(1) circus **performer**, (2) professional **performer**

The talented **performer** captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.

## humility

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

## 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**.

## shadow

*n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

*synonym* : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

## whirlwind

*n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

*synonym* : tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

## beak

*n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouth of a bird

*synonym* : nib, pecker, snout

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

## peck

*v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

*synonym* : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

## pomegranate

*n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the



seeds

(1) delicious **pomegranate** dessert, (2) **pomegranate** juice  
I love adding **pomegranate** seeds to my salads.

## footstep

*n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

*synonym*: footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**  
The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

## thorn

*n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

*synonym*: spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

## awaken

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym*: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

## forth

*adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

*synonym*: forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

## trunk

*n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

*synonym*: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

## branch

*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

*synonym* : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

## tide

*n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

*synonym* : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

## departure

*n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

*synonym* : leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

## translate

*v.* to convert or change words into another language

*synonym* : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

**Translate** the text from Italian into English.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a narrative p\_\_m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
2. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
3. id\_\_\_\_c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
4. wh\_\_\_h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
5. ma\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
6. sh\_\_\_w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
7. the pr\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 1. poem, 2. singe, 3. idyllic, 4. whoosh, 5. massive, 6. shadow, 7. profound

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| 8. tr_____rm an education system   | <i>v.</i>   | to change in outward structure or looks;   |
| 9. quintet ch__r                   | <i>n.</i>   | a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral   |
| 10. engineering und_____ate        | <i>n.</i>   | a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution   |
| 11. ha_____y through my journey    | <i>adj.</i> | in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points  |
| 12. a court p__t                   | <i>n.</i>   | a person who writes poetry   |
| 13. a pr_____nd book               | <i>adj.</i> | extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension  |
| 14. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> | belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use  |
| 15. vi_____y in the law court      | <i>n.</i>   | success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won  |
| 16. li_____me benefits             | <i>n.</i>   | the duration of someone's life or something's existence;   |
| 17. sharp b__k                     | <i>n.</i>   | the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird   |
| 18. university d__m                | <i>n.</i>   | a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus                                    |
| 19. thu_____ap headache            | <i>n.</i>   | a sudden, loud, and explosive sound or noise, typically associated with thunderstorms, characterized by a strong and abrupt onset, resembling the sound of a clap or crash |

ANSWERS: 8. transform, 9. choir, 10. undergraduate, 11. halfway, 12. poet, 13. profound, 14. communal, 15. victory, 16. lifetime, 17. beak, 18. dorm, 19. thunderclap

20. delicious pom\_\_\_\_\_te dessert      *n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
21. bring fo\_\_h a beautiful vase      *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
22. aw\_\_\_n a child      *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
23. sh\_\_\_w puppetry      *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
24. a tip of the b\_\_k      *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
25. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
26. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
27. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism      *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
28. a sonic b\_\_m      *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 20. pomegranate, 21. forth, 22. awaken, 23. shadow, 24. beak, 25. humility, 26. attempt, 27. victory, 28. boom

29. la\_\_\_\_y period *n.* the fact or state of being present but not being evident, active, or well developed; (engineering) a measure of the time delay experienced by a system
30. ride the t\_\_e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
31. de\_\_\_\_\_re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
32. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
33. ha\_\_\_\_y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
34. approaching fo\_\_\_\_\_eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
35. 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
36. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
37. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
38. an am\_\_\_\_\_r magician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
39. low la\_\_\_\_y *n.* the fact or state of being present but not being evident, active, or well developed; (engineering) a measure of the time delay experienced by a system

ANSWERS: 29. latency, 30. tide, 31. departure, 32. decide, 33. halfway, 34. footstep, 35. hush, 36. transform, 37. roll, 38. amateur, 39. latency

40. thu\_\_\_\_\_ap roar *n.* a sudden, loud, and explosive sound or noise, typically associated with thunderstorms, characterized by a strong and abrupt onset, resembling the sound of a clap or crash
41. a br\_\_\_h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
42. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
43. the at\_\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
44. t\_\_e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
45. express my ap\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
46. r\_\_l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
47. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
48. pom\_\_\_\_\_te juice *n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
49. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 40. thunderclap, 41. branch, 42. decide, 43. attempt, 44. tide, 45. approval, 46. roll, 47. conduct, 48. pomegranate, 49. release

50. ad\_\_t fully to the environment      *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
51. re\_\_x a series of muscles      *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
52. em\_\_\_\_e an opportunity      *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
53. id\_\_\_\_c setting      *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
54. the tr\_\_k of the tree      *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
55. und\_\_\_\_ate course      *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
56. ma\_\_\_\_e amounts      *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
57. p\_\_k at feed      *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
58. ch\_\_r performance      *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
59. cr\_\_\_\_t match      *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
60. ext\_\_\_\_ary weather      *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
61. fo\_\_\_\_eps in the corridor      *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

ANSWERS: 50. adapt, 51. relax, 52. embrace, 53. idyllic, 54. trunk, 55. undergraduate, 56. massive, 57. peck, 58. choir, 59. cricket, 60. extraordinary, 61. footstep



62. re\_\_x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
63. pr\_\_\_\_\_r league *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
64. bachelor's de\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
65. an am\_\_\_\_\_r musician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
66. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
67. co\_\_\_\_\_t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
68. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
69. economic wh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
70. ad\_\_t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
71. call fo\_\_h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
72. br\_\_\_h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 62. relax, 63. premier, 64. degree, 65. amateur, 66. singe, 67. conduct, 68. extraordinary, 69. whirlwind, 70. adapt, 71. forth, 72. branch

73. hear a wh\_\_\_h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
74. a p\_\_t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
75. de\_\_\_\_\_re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
76. professional pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
77. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
78. th\_\_n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
79. tr\_\_\_\_\_te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
80. h\_\_h for a while *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
81. b\_\_m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 73. whoosh, 74. poet, 75. departure, 76. performer, 77. embrace, 78. thorn, 79. translate, 80. hush, 81. boom

82. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
83. th\_\_n injury *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
84. trading of vi\_\_\_\_l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
85. re\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
86. va\_\_\_y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
87. li\_\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
88. circus pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
89. co\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
90. pr\_\_\_\_r position *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
91. a written ap\_\_\_\_al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
92. lack of hu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
93. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 82. awaken, 83. thorn, 84. virtual, 85. release, 86. valley, 87. lifetime, 88. performer, 89. communal, 90. premier, 91. approval, 92. humility, 93. poem

94. d\_\_m room *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
95. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
96. the tr\_\_k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
97. basin-shaped va\_\_\_y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
98. a pine cr\_\_\_\_t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
99. tr\_\_\_\_\_te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
100. p\_\_k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
101. a vi\_\_\_\_\_l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
102. wh\_\_\_\_\_nd of events *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

ANSWERS: 94. dorm, 95. degree, 96. trunk, 97. valley, 98. cricket, 99. translate, 100. peck, 101. virtual, 102. whirlwind

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ time for the flight is 6:00 am.  
*n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
2. I advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ to his new surroundings.  
*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
3. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.  
*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
4. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.  
*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
5. My mother's illness had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on us all.  
*adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
6. The rules were \_\_\_\_\_ after the new executive arrived.  
*v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
7. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.  
*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
8. She is the \_\_\_\_\_ president of the company.  
*adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.  
*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 1. departure, 2. adapt, 3. extraordinary, 4. singed, 5. profound, 6. relaxed, 7. attempt, 8. virtual, 9. branch

10. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

11. Red \_\_\_\_\_ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

*n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

12. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

13. The tree cast a \_\_\_\_\_ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

*n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

14. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

15. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

16. This project took a lot of time to get the president's \_\_\_\_\_.

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

17. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ player on the team and always leads them to victory.

*adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading

ANSWERS: 10. embrace, 11. tide, 12. Communal, 13. shadow, 14. trunk, 15. degree, 16. approval, 17. premier

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.  
*adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
19. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
20. The friend's death \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
21. The sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.  
*n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
22. \_\_\_\_\_ the text from Italian into English.  
*v.* to convert or change words into another language
23. The village was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ way of life and picturesque scenery.  
*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
24. The class was composed of both \_\_\_\_\_ and graduate students.  
*n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
25. I love adding \_\_\_\_\_ seeds to my salads.  
*n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds

ANSWERS: 18. amateur, 19. release, 20. awakens, 21. crickets, 22. Translate, 23. idyllic, 24. undergraduate, 25. pomegranate

26. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.  
*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
28. The bird's \_\_\_\_\_ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.  
*n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
29. She is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who has been recognized for her work.  
*n.* a person who writes poetry
30. I pushed \_\_\_\_\_ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.  
*adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
31. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
32. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.  
*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
33. The wood \_\_\_\_\_ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.  
*v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

ANSWERS: 26. boom, 27. whoosh, 28. beak, 29. poet, 30. forth, 31. humility, 32. transformed, 33. pecker



34. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
35. Next-generation mobile communication standards will achieve sub-millisecond \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the fact or state of being present but not being evident, active, or well developed; (engineering) a measure of the time delay experienced by a system
36. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
37. The famous restaurant stands \_\_\_\_\_ up the hill.
- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.
- n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
39. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
40. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
41. The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ sang beautifully at the church service.
- n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

ANSWERS: 34. victory, 35. latency, 36. massive, 37. halfway, 38. thorn, 39. decide, 40. conduct, 41. choir

42. The talented \_\_\_\_\_ captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.
- n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
43. Living in a \_\_\_\_\_ can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.
- n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
44. 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
45. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
47. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
48. The sound of oncoming \_\_\_\_\_ grew louder, closer.
- n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
49. We went on a \_\_\_\_\_ visit to the sightseeing spot.
- n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

ANSWERS: 42. performer, 43. dorm, 44. hush, 45. lifetime, 46. valley, 47. poem, 48. footsteps, 49. whirlwind

50. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

51. The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ frightened the children and made them run indoors.

*n.* a sudden, loud, and explosive sound or noise, typically associated with thunderstorms, characterized by a strong and abrupt onset, resembling the sound of a clap or crash

ANSWERS: 50. rolled, 51. thunderclap