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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### hearty

*adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

*synonym*: wholesome, robust, healthy

(1) **hearty** meal, (2) **hearty** laughter

The **hearty** soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

### cordial

*adj.* warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt

*synonym*: friendly, amiable, affable

(1) **cordial** greeting, (2) **cordial** relationship

The host greeted the guests with a **cordial** welcome and offered them drinks.

### reception

*n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people

*synonym*: welcome, greeting, party

(1) a cold **reception**, (2) **reception** desk

The wedding **reception** was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

### standing

*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

*synonym* : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

## expression

*n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

*synonym* : statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

## jot

*v.* to write quickly or briefly

*synonym* : note, scribble, write down

(1) **jot** off a letter, (2) **jot** down ideas

I'll **jot** down the address, so I don't forget it.

## barb

*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

*synonym* : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

## tribe

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

*synonym* : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

## empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

*synonym* : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

## crumble

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## withdraw

*v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

*synonym*: retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

## kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym*: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym*: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## lord

*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

*synonym*: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

## pray

*v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

*synonym* : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

## glance

*v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

*synonym* : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably

I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

## unfamiliar

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

*synonym* : unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## invasion

*n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

*synonym* : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

## treaty

*n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

*synonym* : agreement, pact, accord

(1) **treaty** negotiation, (2) global climate **treaty**

The two countries signed a **treaty** to establish peaceful relations.

## split

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym*: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

## cute

*adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

*synonym*: attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

## blur

*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

*synonym*: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

## boundary

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

*synonym*: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

## freckle

*n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

*synonym*: spot, speck, beauty mark

(1) tiny **freckle**, (2) **freckle** cream

I have a **freckle** on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

## Norman

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

*synonym* : medieval, antique, archaic

(1) **norman** cathedral, (2) **norman** invasion

The **Norman** architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

## 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**.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym* : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

## abandon

*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

*synonym* : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

## throne

*n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

*synonym* : seat, chair, scepter

(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**

The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.

## royalty

*n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

*synonym* : nobility, aristocracy, monarch

(1) a grandchild of **royalty**, (2) **royalty** income

The **royalty** payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

## aristocracy

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

*synonym* : elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym* : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## clergyman

*n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

*synonym* : minister, pastor, priest

(1) unfrocked **clergyman**, (2) **clergyman's** duty

The Catholic **clergyman** led the congregation in prayer.

## 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.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding  
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## council

*n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

*synonym*: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election  
The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

## sovereign

*n.* a king or queen

*synonym*: ruler, monarch, majesty

(1) **sovereign** wealth fund, (2) a **sovereign** state  
King George was the **sovereign** of England.

## govern

*v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

*synonym*: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise  
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.



## damage

*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym* : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## parliament

*n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

*synonym* : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

## expand

*v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

*synonym* : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym* : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## plain

*adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

*synonym* : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

## earthy

*adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

*synonym* : loamy, soil-like

(1) an **earthy** sense of humor, (2) **earthy** material  
This building used **earthy** elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

## relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym*: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

## lumberjack

*n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees

*synonym*: forester, woodcutter, logger

(1) hardworking **lumberjack**, (2) skilled **lumberjack**

The experienced **lumberjack** skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym*: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym*: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## classy

*adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

*synonym*: stylish, elegant, sophisticated

(1) **classy** outfit, (2) **classy** restaurant

The hotel's rooftop bar offers a **classy** and sophisticated

setting to enjoy cocktails.

## refined

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

*synonym*: cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar  
She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

## caviar

*n.* the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers

*synonym*: roe, sturgeon eggs

(1) salmon **caviar**, (2) **caviar** farm

The menu at the fancy restaurant featured a selection of **caviar** from around the world.

## phrase

*n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

*synonym*: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

## synonymous

*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

*synonym*: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

## dictionary

*n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

*synonym*: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

## evoke

*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

*synonym* : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

## connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

*synonym* : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

## noble

*adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

*synonym* : dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

## persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

*synonym* : endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym* : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym* : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

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

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

## subconsciously

*adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

*synonym* : unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled

**subconsciously**

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
2. exploited pe\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
3. adopt a re\_\_\_\_\_d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
4. so\_\_\_\_\_gn wealth fund *n.* a king or queen
5. a so\_\_\_\_\_gn state *n.* a king or queen
6. ca\_\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
7. l\_\_d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
8. a grandchild of ro\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
9. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 1. sophisticated, 2. peasant, 3. refined, 4. sovereign, 5. sovereign, 6. Catholic, 7. lord, 8. royalty, 9. sophisticated

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| 10. ad__t fully to the environment            | v.   | to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment   |
| 11. a nation's right to go___n                | v.   | to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services |
| 12. other co_____l members                    | n.   | a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place                       |
| 13. tr___y negotiation                        | n.   | a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities   |
| 14. disband par_____nt                        | n.   | a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state  |
| 15. ex___d agricultural output                | v.   | to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance  |
| 16. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy | n.   | a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places  |
| 17. home in_____on                            | n.   | army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it   |
| 18. syn_____us terms                          | adj. | having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase   |
| 19. ex___d a lineup                           | v.   | to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance  |
| 20. rec_____ble landmark                      | adj. | easy to become aware of or identify  |

ANSWERS: 10. adapt, 11. govern, 12. council, 13. treaty, 14. parliament, 15. expand, 16. boundary, 17. invasion, 18. synonymous, 19. expand, 20. recognizable

21. pe\_\_\_\_t over time      *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
22. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
23. dic\_\_\_\_\_ry definition      *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
24. sp\_\_t a bill      *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
25. skilled lum\_\_\_\_\_ck      *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
26. event of a hung par\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
27. the unf\_\_\_\_\_ar surroundings      *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
28. a j\_\_n skirt      *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
29. member of the ari\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a group of persons with high social status
30. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church      *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 21. persist, 22. government, 23. dictionary, 24. split, 25. lumberjack, 26. parliament, 27. unfamiliar, 28. jean, 29. aristocracy, 30. Catholic



31. global climate tr\_\_\_y                      *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
32. da\_\_\_e a relationship                      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
33. se\_\_\_e down in the town                      *v.* to reach an agreement or disagreement
34. super c\_\_\_e dress                      *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
35. gl\_\_\_e at him miserably                      *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
36. no\_\_\_n invasion                      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period
37. a lot of re\_\_\_\_d sugar                      *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
38. sp\_\_t a reward equally                      *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 31. treaty, 32. damage, 33. settle, 34. cute, 35. glance, 36. Norman, 37. refined, 38. split

39. re\_\_\_\_\_on desk *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
40. pl\_\_n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
41. he\_\_\_y meal *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
42. sub\_\_\_\_\_sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
43. cl\_\_\_y outfit *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
44. ea\_\_\_y material *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
45. se\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
46. establish his ki\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
47. delta pl\_\_n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
48. cl\_\_\_\_\_an's duty *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
49. co\_\_\_\_\_l greeting *adj.* warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt
50. b\_\_b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 39. reception, 40. plain, 41. hearty, 42. subconsciously, 43. classy, 44. earthy, 45. settle, 46. kingdom, 47. plain, 48. clergyman, 49. cordial, 50. barb

51. a no\_\_e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
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56. his social st\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
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72. da\_\_\_e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
73. artistic exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
74. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
75. the blue-blooded ari\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
76. con\_\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
77. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
78. fr\_\_\_\_\_e cream *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
79. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 71. cute, 72. damage, 73. expression, 74. blur, 75. aristocracy, 76. consciously, 77. standing, 78. freckle, 79. passe

80. j\_t off a letter *v.* to write quickly or briefly
81. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
82. p\_\_y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
83. racial or\_\_\_n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
84. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
85. ca\_\_\_\_r farm *n.* the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers
86. noun ph\_\_\_\_e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
87. abdicate the th\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
88. make a co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
89. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
90. an ea\_\_\_\_y sense of humor *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
91. co\_\_\_\_\_l relationship *adj.* warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt
92. the Turkish in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

ANSWERS: 80. jot, 81. government, 82. pray, 83. origin, 84. relative, 85. caviar, 86. phrase, 87. throne, 88. conquest, 89. crumble, 90. earthy, 91. cordial, 92. invasion

93. imperial th\_\_\_e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
94. a cold re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
95. em\_\_\_e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
96. aim a b\_\_b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
97. aboriginal tr\_\_e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
98. hardworking lum\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
99. ab\_\_\_\_\_n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
100. go\_\_\_n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
101. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 93. throne, 94. reception, 95. empire, 96. barb, 97. tribe, 98. lumberjack, 99. abandon, 100. govern, 101. modern

102. non-syn\_\_\_\_\_us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
103. unfrocked cl\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
104. co\_\_\_\_\_e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
105. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
106. controlled sub\_\_\_\_\_sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
107. j\_\_n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
108. j\_t down ideas *v.* to write quickly or briefly
109. imperial co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
110. he\_\_\_y laughter *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
111. ad\_\_t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
112. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
113. cl\_\_\_y restaurant *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

ANSWERS: 102. synonymous, 103. clergyman, 104. connote, 105. kingdom, 106. subconsciously, 107. jean, 108. jot, 109. conquest, 110. hearty, 111. adapt, 112. peasant, 113. classy



114. em\_\_\_e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
115. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
116. a remote re\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
117. cr\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
118. mountain tr\_\_e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
119. ab\_\_\_\_n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
120. to a rec\_\_\_\_ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
121. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
122. p\_\_y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
123. wi\_\_\_\_aw \$500 from my account *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
124. ro\_\_\_\_y income *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

ANSWERS: 114. empire, 115. bet, 116. relative, 117. crumble, 118. tribe, 119. abandon, 120. recognizable, 121. modern, 122. pray, 123. withdraw, 124. royalty

125. ev\_\_e a sense of awe                      *v.*    to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
126. or\_\_\_n of information                    *n.*    the first existence or beginning of something
127. motion b\_\_r                                *n.*    a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
128. ready-made ph\_\_\_es                    *n.*    a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 125. evoke, 126. origin, 127. blur, 128. phrase

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
2. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period
4. The two countries signed a \_\_\_\_\_ to establish peaceful relations.  
*n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
5. She was \_\_\_\_\_ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.  
*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
6. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ down the address, so I don't forget it.  
*v.* to write quickly or briefly
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.  
*adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

ANSWERS: 1. modern, 2. government, 3. Norman, 4. treaty, 5. unfamiliar, 6. jot, 7. hearty

8. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.  
*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
9. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
*n.* the first existence or beginning of something
10. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.  
*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
11. The regulations \_\_\_\_\_ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.  
*v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
12. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.  
*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
13. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
14. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.  
*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
15. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 8. kingdom, 9. origin, 10. split, 11. governing, 12. blur, 13. empire, 14. jeans, 15. catholic

16. The king sat on his \_\_\_\_\_ surveying his kingdom.

- n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

17. He wandered the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death by gunfire.

- n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

18. I casually \_\_\_\_\_ into the small hut.

- v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

19. I advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ to his new surroundings.

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

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

- n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

21. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

22. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

23. The experienced \_\_\_\_\_ skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.

- n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees

ANSWERS: 16. throne, 17. boundary, 18. glanced, 19. adapt, 20. royalty, 21. peasant, 22. plain, 23. lumberjack

24. The host greeted the guests with a \_\_\_\_\_ welcome and offered them drinks.  
*adj.* warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt
25. An \_\_\_\_\_ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.  
*n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
26. This movie is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ strong emotions in the viewer.  
*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
27. She was highly \_\_\_\_\_ in her choice of apparel.  
*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
28. We bought a Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ book.  
*n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
29. The castle was \_\_\_\_\_ several years later.  
*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
30. The city \_\_\_\_\_ voted to approve the new development project.  
*n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
31. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
32. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.  
*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 24. cordial, 25. invasion, 26. evoke, 27. refined, 28. phrase, 29. abandoned, 30. council, 31. conquest, 32. crumble

33. His facial \_\_\_\_\_ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
34. Consult your doctor if the symptoms \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
35. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
36. She closed her eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
37. The Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ led the congregation in prayer.
- n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
38. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
39. I need to purchase a new English \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
40. He was a member of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 33. expression, 34. persist, 35. passe, 36. prayed, 37. clergyman, 38. synonymous, 39. dictionary, 40. parliament

41. They hope to \_\_\_\_\_ their business worldwide.  
*v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
42. He \_\_\_\_\_ picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.  
*adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
43. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.  
*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
44. The feudal \_\_\_\_\_ had ruled the land for many years.  
*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
45. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.  
*n.* a group of persons with high social status
46. The word 'home' \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of warmth and comfort.  
*v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
47. The politician's words were full of \_\_\_\_\_ designed to hurt his opponent.  
*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 41. expand, 42. subconsciously, 43. damage, 44. lord, 45. aristocracy, 46. connotes, 47. barbs



48. His car was easily \_\_\_\_\_ in the parking lot.

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

49. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

50. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

51. The menu at the fancy restaurant featured a selection of \_\_\_\_\_ from around the world.

*n.* the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ had distinctly defined gender roles.

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

53. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

54. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

55. This building used \_\_\_\_\_ elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

*adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

ANSWERS: 48. recognizable, 49. sophisticated, 50. relatives, 51. caviar, 52. tribe, 53. settle, 54. cute, 55. earthy

56. The wedding \_\_\_\_\_ was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.  
*n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
57. I \_\_\_\_ that you know it.  
*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
58. The hotel's rooftop bar offers a \_\_\_\_\_ and sophisticated setting to enjoy cocktails.  
*adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
59. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ man  
*adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
60. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.  
*n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.  
*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
62. He \_\_\_\_\_ criticizes her in the publicity.  
*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
63. King George was the \_\_\_\_\_ of England.  
*n.* a king or queen

ANSWERS: 56. reception, 57. bet, 58. classy, 59. noble-minded, 60. freckle, 61. standing, 62. consciously, 63. sovereign

64. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its proposal due to public opposition.

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

ANSWERS: 64. withdraw