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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym*: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

### swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

### powerless

*adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

*synonym*: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

### contend

*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

*synonym*: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

## mediocre

*adj.* of only average quality; not very good

*synonym*: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## flank

*n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

*synonym*: side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

## fir

*n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

*synonym*: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

## insignificant

*adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

*synonym*: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

## illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym* : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

## ingest

*v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

*synonym* : swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

## dilate

*v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open

*synonym* : widen, open, enlarge

(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel

The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.

## flatline

*v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

*synonym* : die, expire, pass away

(1) **flatline** over the past few quarters, (2) before the patient's heart **flatline**

The patient's heart rate suddenly **flatlined**, requiring immediate resuscitation.

## rapt

*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

*synonym* : entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

## uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

## poetics

*n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

*synonym*: poetry, verse, literature

(1) intertextual **poetics**, (2) **poetics** of cinema

The poet's use of **poetics** captured the essence of the human condition.

## archetype

*n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature

*synonym*: prototype, model, paradigm

(1) **archetype** symbol, (2) feminine **archetype**

The hero's journey is a common **archetype** in many myths and stories.

## likable

*adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

*synonym*: sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

## roadblock

*n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

*synonym*: obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**

The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing

traffic to come to a standstill.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## dramatist

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

*synonym*: playwright, author, scriptwriter

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

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

## exposition

*n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

*synonym*: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

## climax

*n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

*synonym*: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

## denouement

*n.* the final resolution or outcome of a story, play, or narrative, where loose ends are tied up, and the plot concludes

*synonym*: outcome, resolution, conclusion

(1) unexpected **denouement**, (2) dramatic **denouement**  
The **denouement** of the novel reveals the true identity of the murderer.

## unravel

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it  
*synonym*: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

## aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## astound

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much  
*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

## quo

*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

*synonym*: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

## commonplace

*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

*synonym*: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

## lofty

*adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

*synonym*: high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

## annihilate

*v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

*synonym*: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

*synonym*: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## traverse

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

*synonym*: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  
*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## bliss

*n.* extreme happiness or joy

*synonym*: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

## utopia

*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym*: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym*: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## transcribe

*v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

*synonym*: copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student



He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym*: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## marvel

*n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

*synonym*: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

## gasp

*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

*synonym*: breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

## heighten

*v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

*synonym*: intensify, enhance, amplify

(1) **heighten** anxiety, (2) **heighten** emotions

The use of bright colors in the painting **heightened** the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

## puck

*n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology

*synonym*: disc, rubber

(1) hockey **puck**, (2) **puck** handling

The hockey player took a shot but missed the **puck** entirely.

## visionary

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym* : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## 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.

## preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym* : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

## cadence

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

*synonym* : rhythm, flow, beat

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

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

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## scripture

*n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

*synonym* : religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

## **promenade**

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

*synonym*: stroll, walkway, boulevard

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

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

## **roar**

*v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

*synonym*: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

## **Negro**

*n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

*synonym*: African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

## **frenzied**

*adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

*synonym*: frantic, feverish, excited

(1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement

The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

## **frenzy**

*n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

*synonym*: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

## outcry

*n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent  
*synonym*: protest, objection, dissent

(1) a great **outcry**, (2) national **outcry**

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

## stanza

*n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

*synonym*: verse, division, section

(1) poetic **stanza**, (2) opening **stanza**

The poem was divided into three **stanzas**, each with its unique message and rhythm.

## almighty

*adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

*synonym*: omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

## outrage

*n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

*synonym*: indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

## stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym*: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest  
He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## sabotage

*n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

*synonym* : subversion, undermining, disruption

(1) act of **sabotage**, (2) **sabotage** mission

The **sabotage** of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.

## starve

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym* : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## murmur

*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

*synonym* : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

## tumult

*n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

*synonym* : commotion, disturbance, upheaval

(1) **tumult** of voices, (2) in the midst of the **tumult**

The political turmoil caused great **tumult** in the country.

## sober

*adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

*synonym* : calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge

He led a **sober** life.

## caretaker

*n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

*synonym*: custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym*: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ind_____us worker                     | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort   |
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55. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
56. un\_\_\_\_\_l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

ANSWERS: 46. industrious, 47. swell, 48. frenzy, 49. bliss, 50. unravel, 51. heighten, 52. utopia, 53. almighty, 54. sober, 55. stab, 56. unravel

57. di\_\_\_e blood vessel      *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
58. am\_\_\_\_y the effect      *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
59. welfare ca\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
60. me\_\_\_\_\_re performance      *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
61. computer-ill\_\_\_\_\_te      *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
62. in\_\_\_e rebellion      *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
63. evening pr\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
64. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
65. lo\_\_y ambitions      *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
66. act of sa\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

ANSWERS: 57. dilate, 58. amplify, 59. caretaker, 60. mediocre, 61. illiterate, 62. incite, 63. promenade, 64. uncover, 65. lofty, 66. sabotage

67. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs      *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
68. hockey p\_\_k      *n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology
69. am\_\_\_\_y a signal      *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
70. un\_\_\_\_r a potential problem      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
71. tra\_\_\_\_be notes      *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
72. emotional cl\_\_\_\_x      *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
73. feminine ar\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
74. li\_\_\_\_e personality      *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
75. g\_\_p in shock      *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 67. sibling, 68. puck, 69. amplify, 70. uncover, 71. transcribe, 72. climax, 73. archetype, 74. likable, 75. gasp

76. as\_\_\_\_d everyone      *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
77. reach a cl\_\_\_\_x      *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
78. en\_\_\_\_on the future      *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
79. com\_\_\_\_ce event      *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
80. buying fr\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
81. American Ne\_\_o      *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
82. r\_\_r with laughter      *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
83. ultimate bl\_\_s      *n.* extreme happiness or joy
84. g\_\_p for air      *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
85. di\_\_\_\_e the bronchial tubes      *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
86. s\_\_b in the chest      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 76. astound, 77. climax, 78. envision, 79. commonplace, 80. frenzy, 81. Negro, 82. roar, 83. bliss, 84. gasp, 85. dilate, 86. stab

87. ins\_\_\_\_\_ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
88. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
89. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
90. cl\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
91. 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
92. po\_\_\_\_\_ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
93. in\_\_\_t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
94. ar\_\_\_\_\_pe symbol *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
95. po\_\_\_\_\_ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
96. pr\_\_\_h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

ANSWERS: 87. insignificant, 88. aft, 89. resonate, 90. cliché, 91. clergyman, 92. powerless, 93. ingest, 94. archetype, 95. powerless, 96. preach



97. ann\_\_\_\_\_te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
98. status q\_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
99. f\_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
100. p\_\_k handling *n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology
101. have a r\_\_t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
102. the dr\_\_\_\_\_st's latest production *n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
103. attack the left fl\_\_k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
104. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
105. an ins\_\_\_\_\_ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
106. national ou\_\_\_y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent

ANSWERS: 97. annihilate, 98. quo, 99. fir, 100. puck, 101. rapt, 102. dramatist, 103. flank, 104. visionary, 105. insignificant, 106. outcry

107. sw\_\_l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
108. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
109. bypass ro\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
110. intertextual po\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
111. ca\_\_\_\_\_e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
112. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
113. tr\_\_\_\_\_se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
114. unfrocked cl\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
115. tr\_\_\_\_\_se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
116. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 107. swell, 108. excite, 109. roadblock, 110. poetics, 111. cadence, 112. resonate, 113. traverse, 114. clergyman, 115. traverse, 116. clap

117. in\_\_\_t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
118. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
119. a me\_\_\_\_\_re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
120. ill\_\_\_\_\_te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
121. pr\_\_\_h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
122. pr\_\_\_\_\_de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
123. unexpected den\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the final resolution or outcome of a story, play, or narrative, where loose ends are tied up, and the plot concludes
124. a great ou\_\_\_y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
125. tu\_\_\_t of voices *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

ANSWERS: 117. ingest, 118. germ, 119. mediocre, 120. illiterate, 121. preach, 122. promenade, 123. denouement, 124. outcry, 125. tumult

126. rational exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
127. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
128. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
129. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
130. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
131. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
132. before the patient's heart fl\_\_\_\_\_ne *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
133. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
134. perfect ut\_\_\_a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 126. exposition, 127. aft, 128. clap, 129. smartphone, 130. starve, 131. germ, 132. flatline, 133. envision, 134. utopia

135. regular ca\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
136. ou\_\_\_\_e over injustice              *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
137. po\_\_\_\_c justice                      *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
138. al\_\_\_\_ty power                      *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

ANSWERS: 135. cadence, 136. outrage, 137. poetic, 138. almighty

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The final result was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
  
2. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.  
*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
  
3. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists and locals alike.  
*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
  
4. The hero's journey is a common \_\_\_\_\_ in many myths and stories.  
*n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.  
*n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies
  
6. The company has been successful in maintaining the status \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
  
7. The pupils of the eyes \_\_\_\_\_ in low light.  
*v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open

ANSWERS: 1. astounding, 2. envision, 3. promenade, 4. archetype, 5. sabotage, 6. quo, 7. dilate

8. The patient's heart rate suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ requiring immediate resuscitation.  
*v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
9. She needs to \_\_\_\_\_ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.  
*v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.  
*adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
11. Despite attending school, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to read or write.  
*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
12. The lion \_\_\_\_\_ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.  
*v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.  
*n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
14. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.  
*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
15. He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person who makes friends easily.  
*adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

ANSWERS: 8. flatlined, 9. transcribe, 10. almighty, 11. illiterate, 12. roared, 13. exposition, 14. stabbed, 15. likable

16. The poet's use of \_\_\_\_\_ captured the essence of the human condition.  
*n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
17. He was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ artist compared to others in his field.  
*adj.* of only average quality; not very good
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.  
*adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement
19. The use of bright colors in the painting \_\_\_\_\_ the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.  
*v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
20. His \_\_\_\_\_ goals were admirable but unrealistic.  
*adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
21. The virus had the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ entire populations if left unchecked.  
*v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain was difficult to climb.  
*n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
23. The first two years of her marriage were sheer \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* extreme happiness or joy

ANSWERS: 16. poetics, 17. mediocre, 18. frenzied, 19. heightened, 20. lofty, 21. annihilate, 22. flank, 23. bliss



24. He made me feel small and \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

25. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

26. He always \_\_\_\_\_ at the ill-treatment.

*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

27. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scene from a movie.

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

28. Forgetting someone's name is a \_\_\_\_\_ occurrence.

*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

29. Approximately 1000 automobiles \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge every day.

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

30. There was widespread \_\_\_\_\_ over the government's handling of the situation.

*n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

31. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

32. During the hurricane, we felt \_\_\_\_\_ against the winds and rain.

*adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

ANSWERS: 24. insignificant, 25. excited, 26. murmurs, 27. poetic, 28. commonplace, 29. traverse, 30. outrage, 31. unravel, 32. powerless

33. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.  
*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.  
*n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
35. The singer's voice had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.  
*n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
36. He led a \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
37. The space shuttle is a modern engineering \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
38. The hockey player took a shot but missed the \_\_\_\_\_ entirely.  
*n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.  
*n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
40. They developed \_\_\_\_\_ blues with a lively rhythm.  
*n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

ANSWERS: 33. swelling, 34. outcry, 35. cadence, 36. sober, 37. marvel, 38. puck, 39. climax, 40. Negro

41. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
43. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
44. He acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ until a new president was elected.
- n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
45. The smell of fresh \_\_\_\_\_ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel reveals the true identity of the murderer.
- n.* the final resolution or outcome of a story, play, or narrative, where loose ends are tied up, and the plot concludes
47. The poem was divided into three \_\_\_\_\_ each with its unique message and rhythm.
- n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

ANSWERS: 41. utopia, 42. germ, 43. gasped, 44. caretaker, 45. fir, 46. denouement, 47. stanzas,

48. People who compulsively \_\_\_\_\_ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
49. The shoppers were \_\_\_\_\_ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
- n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
50. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
51. The politician's speech seemed designed to \_\_\_\_\_ anger and unrest among the crowd.
- v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
52. Tobacco companies have long \_\_\_\_\_ that their product is not addictive.
- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
53. The political turmoil caused great \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.
- n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
- adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 48. ingest, 49. frenzy, 50. smartphones, 51. incite, 52. contended, 53. tumult, 54. visionary

55. Many people find comfort in reading \_\_\_\_\_ during times of hardship.  
*n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
56. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.  
*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
57. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
58. The pastor \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of forgiveness.  
*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
59. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
60. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ wrote many successful plays during his career.  
*n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
62. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
63. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 55. scripture, 56. rapt, 57. amplify, 58. preached, 59. industrious, 60. dramatist, 61. aft, 62. siblings, 63. starve

64. 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
65. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.
- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
66. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.
- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
67. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
68. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
69. The accident caused a \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.
- n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 64. clergyman, 65. resonates, 66. clapped, 67. uncovered, 68. cliché, 69. roadblock