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## Session 1: Word List

### recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

### mulch

*n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation

*synonym*: compost, ground cover, bedding

(1) **mulch** from the vegetation, (2) organic **mulch**

The landscaper recommended a layer of rubber **mulch** for the children's playground as it provides cushioning and minimizes injuries from falls.

### transom

*n.* a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light

*synonym*: crossbar, beam, header

(1) decorative **transom**, (2) wooden **transom**

The glass **transom** above the door allowed natural light to filter into the room.

## turret

*n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons

*synonym*: tower, fortification, bastion

(1) medieval **turret**, (2) **turret** lathe

The **turret** atop the castle provided a panoramic view of the surrounding area.

## corbel

*n.* structural support or bracket that projects from a wall or other surface, often made of stone, wood, or metal, and used to support weight or provide architectural ornamentation

*synonym*: bracket, support, shelf

(1) **corbel** arch, (2) decorative **corbel**

The medieval castle featured intricately carved **corbels** as supporting brackets.

## eyebrow

*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

*synonym*: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

## salvage

*n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

*synonym*: rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

## staircase

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

*synonym* : stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

## bulge

*v.* to protrude or extend outward

*synonym* : protrude, swell, expand

(1) **bulge** at the enterprise, (2) **bulge** with books

The muscles in his arm **bulged** as he lifted the heavyweights.

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym* : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## sag

*v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

*synonym* : droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

## chute

*n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner

*synonym* : slide, ramp

(1) garbage **chute**, (2) escape **chute**

The laundry **chute** in the apartment building allows residents to drop their dirty clothes into the laundry room easily.

## cast-iron

*n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction

(1) **cast-iron** stove, (2) **cast-iron** gate

My grandma used to cook with a **cast-iron** skillet, giving her

food a unique flavor.

## gadget

*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job  
*synonym*: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

## stomp

*v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

*synonym*: trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

## bathtub

*n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

*synonym*: tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

## 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.

## faucet

*n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

*synonym*: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

## phallus

*n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power

*synonym*: penis, member

(1) artificial **phallus**, (2) **phallus** sculpture

The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a **phallus** symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.

## takeoff

*n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

*synonym*: leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

## unmistakable

*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

*synonym*: apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

## barley

*n.* a type of cereal grain that is used for food, either in the form of whole grains, flour, or malt

*synonym*: wheat, grain, oats

(1) **barley** field, (2) **barley** crop

The fields were ripe with **barley**, ready for harvest.

## eaves

*n.* the overhanging lower edge of a roof, usually projecting beyond the walls of a building

*synonym*: overhang, roof, canopy

(1) leaking **eaves**, (2) under the **eaves**

The gutter must be cleaned to prevent water from overflowing onto the house's **eaves**.

## dentil

*n.* a small, rectangular block or ornament resembling teeth, typically used in classical architecture as a decorative element in a cornice or frieze

*synonym*: corbel, tooth, block

(1) **dentil** design, (2) the **dentil** trim on the furniture

The **dentil** pattern on the antique clock is beautifully intricate.

## woodwork

*n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden

*synonym* : carpentry, woodworking

(1) finest **woodwork**, (2) **woodwork** tools

The intricate designs on the **woodwork** were hand-carved by a master craftsman.

## lumpy

*adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps

*synonym* : bumpy, uneven, lopsided

(1) **lumpy** mattress, (2) **lumpy** sugar

The batter for the cake was **lumpy** and needed to be smoothed out.

## 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.

## foyer

*n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

*synonym* : lobby, entrance hall, vestibule

(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**

The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

## 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.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb  
*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## apperception

*n.* the process of understanding and interpreting new experiences about past experiences and knowledge; the conscious perception and comprehension of sensory information

*synonym*: comprehension, perception, understanding

(1) psychological **apperception**, (2) process of **apperception**

His past experiences influenced his **apperception** of the situation.

## tally

*n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

*synonym*: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

## disorient

*v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

*synonym*: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

## rattle

*v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

*synonym*: jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

## shard

*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

*synonym* : break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

## premeditated

*adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance

*synonym* : preplanned, calculated, deliberate

(1) **premeditated** crime, (2) **premeditated** scheme

The defendant was charged with **premeditated** murder.

## intellect

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

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## micrometer

*n.* a tool for measuring small distances or dimensions, typically accurate to within one-thousandth of a millimeter

*synonym* : caliper, measuring gauge

(1) **micrometer** gauge, (2) vernier **micrometer**

The scientist used a digital **micrometer** to measure the exact thickness of the material.

## plumb

*v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a



plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

*synonym* : fathom, dip, sound

(1) **plumb** the depths, (2) **plumb** a pipe

The contractor had to **plumb** the new building before erecting the walls.

## blemish

*n.* a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something

*synonym* : defect, flaw, imperfection

(1) **blemish** my record, (2) skin **blemish**

I have a **blemish** on my face that I am trying to cover with makeup.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## dumpster

*n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## humanistic

*adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests

*synonym* : philosophical, compassionate, humanitarian

(1) **humanistic** themes, (2) **humanistic** psychology

The **humanistic** approach to psychology emphasizes individual consciousness and free will.

## gizmo

*n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

*synonym* : gadget, device, contraption

(1) handy **gizmo**, (2) high-tech **gizmo**

You can find all kinds of interesting **gizmos** in this store.

## contraption

*n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

*synonym* : device, gadget, machinery

(1) farming **contraption**, (2) complicated **contraption**

The inventor created a **contraption** that could turn salt water into drinking water.

## standardize

*v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

*synonym* : uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

## byproduct

*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

*synonym* : side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

## warp

*v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

*synonym*: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

## disproportionately

*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

*synonym*: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

## foreman

*n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

*synonym*: supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

## kudos

*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

*synonym*: acclaim, praise, congratulations

(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team

She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

## tulle

*n.* a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes

*synonym*: netting, mesh, lace

(1) sparkly **tulle**, (2) **tulle** skirt

The bride's dress was adorned with **tulle** and lace.

## platonic

*adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

*synonym* : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

## noggin

*n.* informal term for the human head; a small amount, portion, or quantity of something, especially used for alcoholic drink

*synonym* : head, cranium, skull

(1) scratch my **noggin**, (2) a small **noggin** of whiskey

The quiz night was designed to challenge everyone's **noggin** with tricky questions.

## blight

*v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

*synonym* : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

## chattel

*n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land

*synonym* : property, possession, asset

(1) **chattel** mortgage, (2) personal property **chattels**

The enslaved people were treated as **chattel** and had no rights or freedoms.

## depreciate

*v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

*synonym* : devalue, diminish, decrease

(1) **depreciate** asset, (2) **depreciate** against foreign currency

The car's value **depreciated** soon after being driven off the

lot.

## formaldehyde

*n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

*synonym* : methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym* : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## exacerbate

*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

*synonym* : worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

## tradesman

*n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

*synonym* : artisan, craftsman, worker

(1) successful **tradesman**, (2) a fellow- **tradesman**

The skilled **tradesman** repaired the broken window with

ease.

## prophecy

*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym*: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

## woo

*v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

*synonym*: court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

## prune

*n.* a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance;  
(verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth

*synonym*: (verb) trim, (verb) cut back

(1) **prune** a branch, (2) wrinkle like a **prune**

You should remove the seeds from the **prunes** before cooking.

## disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym*: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

## swill

*v.* to drink or consume something greedily or excessively;  
to dispose of liquid waste or refuse by flushing it away or feeding it to animals

*synonym*: gulp, chug, guzzle

(1) **swill** beer, (2) **swill** the deck

You should not **swill** your drink like an animal.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## nothingness

*n.* a state or situation where nothing exists

*synonym* : void, nullity, nihility

(1) pass into **nothingness**, (2) a sense of **nothingness**

Having made a big mistake, she wanted to vanish into **nothingness**.

## backhoe

*n.* a large mechanical digging machine with a shovel-like scoop on the front and a digging arm on the back, used for excavating and moving large amounts of soil and debris

*synonym* : excavator, digger, shovel

(1) **backhoe** operator, (2) **backhoe** attachment

The construction crew used a **backhoe** to dig the foundation for the new building.

## napkin

*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

*synonym* : serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

## chew

*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

*synonym* : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

## gregarious

*adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

*synonym* : sociable, outgoing, friendly

(1) **gregarious** animals, (2) **gregarious** nature

She was a **gregarious** person, always making friends with everyone she met.

## wildebeest

*n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

*synonym*: gnu

(1) grazing **wildebeest**, (2) **wildebeest** herd

The migration of **wildebeest** across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.

## 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.

## stride

*v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

*synonym*: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## shove

*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym*: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.



## primal

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

*synonym* : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## seminal

*adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

*synonym* : influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) **seminal** research, (2) **seminal** duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

## darn

*v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

*synonym* : mend, repair, patch

(1) **darn** stockings, (2) **darn** hole

I have to **darn** these socks before they become unwearable.

## whopping

*adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock

*synonym* : enormous, gigantic, massive

(1) **whopping** price, (2) **whopping** success

The new smartphone has a **whopping** 1TB of storage space.

## humiliate

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym* : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

## **embarrass**

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  
*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## **moron**

*n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

*synonym*: idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

## **instinct**

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## **sprawl**

*v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out  
*synonym*: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

## **crisscross**

*v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's

(1) **crisscross** over the edges of the walls, (2) **crisscross**

my heart

The roads **crisscrossed** through the countryside, creating a beautiful scenic drive.

## bandana

*n.* a large square or triangular piece of fabric, often patterned, that is worn around the head or neck as a fashionable accessory or for practical purposes such as protecting the face from dust or sweat

*synonym*: scarf, kerchief, headscarf

(1) fashionable **bandana**, (2) paisley **bandana**

She tied her hair back with a **bandana** to keep it out of her face while working.

## reconnect

*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
2. grazing wil\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
3. under the ea\_\_s *n.* the overhanging lower edge of a roof, usually projecting beyond the walls of a building
4. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
5. ku\_\_s to the team *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
6. fashionable ba\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large square or triangular piece of fabric, often patterned, that is worn around the head or neck as a fashionable accessory or for practical purposes such as protecting the face from dust or sweat
7. medieval tu\_\_\_t *n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons
8. paisley ba\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large square or triangular piece of fabric, often patterned, that is worn around the head or neck as a fashionable accessory or for practical purposes such as protecting the face from dust or sweat

ANSWERS: 1. sag, 2. wildebeest, 3. eaves, 4. numb, 5. kudos, 6. bandana, 7. turret, 8. bandana

9. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience  
*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
10. ba\_\_\_\_y field  
*n.* a type of cereal grain that is used for food, either in the form of whole grains, flour, or malt
11. bl\_\_\_\_\_h my record  
*n.* a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something
12. skin bl\_\_\_\_\_h  
*n.* a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something
13. exa\_\_\_\_\_te the situation  
*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
14. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy  
*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
15. ba\_\_\_\_\_b curve  
*n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
16. ey\_\_\_\_\_w cosmetics  
*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
17. farming con\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

ANSWERS: 9. humiliate, 10. barley, 11. blemish, 12. blemish, 13. exacerbate, 14. embarrass, 15. bathtub, 16. eyebrow, 17. contraption

18. de\_\_\_\_e environmental quality      *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
19. tu\_\_e skirt      *n.* a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes
20. a small no\_\_\_\_n of whiskey      *n.* informal term for the human head; a small amount, portion, or quantity of something, especially used for alcoholic drink
21. di\_\_\_\_\_nt his audience      *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
22. a\_t view      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
23. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family      *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
24. hotel fo\_\_r      *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
25. sh\_\_e a person aside      *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
26. ba\_\_\_\_b drain      *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

ANSWERS: 18. degrade, 19. tulle, 20. noggin, 21. disorient, 22. aft, 23. reconnect, 24. foyer, 25. shove, 26. bathtub

27. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
28. ba\_\_\_\_\_e operator *n.* a large mechanical digging machine with a shovel-like scoop on the front and a digging arm on the back, used for excavating and moving large amounts of soil and debris
29. paper na\_\_\_\_n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
30. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
31. p\_\_e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
32. decorative tr\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light
33. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
34. organic mu\_\_h *n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation

ANSWERS: 27. instinct, 28. backhoe, 29. napkin, 30. recycle, 31. poke, 32. transom, 33. bury, 34. mulch

35. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
36. re\_\_\_\_\_ct a telephone      *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
37. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. w\_\_p under pressure      *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
39. ra\_\_\_e and bang at the door      *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
40. cri\_\_\_\_\_ss over the edges of the walls      *v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
41. sw\_\_l the deck      *v.* to drink or consume something greedily or excessively; to dispose of liquid waste or refuse by flushing it away or feeding it to animals
42. escape ch\_\_e      *n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner
43. show di\_\_\_\_\_t at his actions      *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
44. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
45. gre\_\_\_\_\_us animals      *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

ANSWERS: 35. confuse, 36. reconnect, 37. industrious, 38. warp, 39. rattle, 40. crisscross, 41. swill, 42. chute, 43. disgust, 44. embarrass, 45. gregarious



46. age-old cl\_\_\_e *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
47. for\_\_\_\_\_yde solution *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
48. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
49. sparkly tu\_\_e *n.* a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes
50. leaking ea\_\_s *n.* the overhanging lower edge of a roof, usually projecting beyond the walls of a building
51. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
52. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
53. dep\_\_\_\_\_te asset *v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time
54. de\_\_\_l design *n.* a small, rectangular block or ornament resembling teeth, typically used in classical architecture as a decorative element in a cornice or frieze

ANSWERS: 46. cliché, 47. formaldehyde, 48. disproportionately, 49. tulle, 50. eaves, 51. bury, 52. instinct, 53. depreciate, 54. dentil

55. mu\_\_h from the vegetation *n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
56. social mo\_\_n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
57. mic\_\_\_\_\_er gauge *n.* a tool for measuring small distances or dimensions, typically accurate to within one-thousandth of a millimeter
58. bl\_\_\_t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
59. st\_\_p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
60. se\_\_\_\_\_l research *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
61. co\_\_\_l arch *n.* structural support or bracket that projects from a wall or other surface, often made of stone, wood, or metal, and used to support weight or provide architectural ornamentation

ANSWERS: 55. mulch, 56. moron, 57. micrometer, 58. blight, 59. stomp, 60. seminal, 61. corbel

62. gre\_\_\_\_\_us nature *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
63. hu\_\_\_\_\_te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
64. c\_\_w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
65. for\_\_\_\_\_yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
66. pl\_\_\_\_\_ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
67. lu\_\_y sugar *adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps
68. cri\_\_\_\_\_ss my heart *v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
69. pass into not\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a state or situation where nothing exists
70. a sense of not\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a state or situation where nothing exists
71. vertical ta\_\_\_\_\_f *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
72. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 62. gregarious, 63. humiliate, 64. chew, 65. formaldehyde, 66. platonic, 67. lumpy, 68. crisscross, 69. nothingness, 70. nothingness, 71. takeoff, 72. intellect

73. the de\_\_\_l trim on the furniture *n.* a small, rectangular block or ornament resembling teeth, typically used in classical architecture as a decorative element in a cornice or frieze
74. sw\_\_\_l beer *v.* to drink or consume something greedily or excessively; to dispose of liquid waste or refuse by flushing it away or feeding it to animals
75. wrinkle like a pr\_\_\_e *n.* a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth
76. artificial ph\_\_\_\_s *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
77. a handy ga\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
78. sp\_\_\_l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
79. fa\_\_\_t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
80. beetle up the st\_\_\_\_se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
81. bu\_\_\_e at the enterprise *v.* to protrude or extend outward
82. j\_\_\_n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
83. ca\_\_\_\_on gate *n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction

ANSWERS: 73. dentil, 74. swill, 75. prune, 76. phallus, 77. gadget, 78. sprawl, 79. faucet, 80. staircase, 81. bulge, 82. jean, 83. cast-iron

84. flexible mi\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
85. pl\_\_b a pipe *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully
86. fo\_\_\_\_n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
87. d\_\_n hole *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
88. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
89. complete mo\_\_n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
90. ta\_\_y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
91. st\_\_p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 84. mindset, 85. plumb, 86. foreman, 87. darn, 88. numb, 89. moron, 90. tally, 91. stomp

92. d\_\_n stockings *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
93. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
94. sa\_\_\_\_\_e a sunken ship *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
95. re\_\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
96. bu\_\_e with books *v.* to protrude or extend outward
97. sp\_\_\_l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
98. wooden tr\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light
99. ba\_\_\_y crop *n.* a type of cereal grain that is used for food, either in the form of whole grains, flour, or malt

ANSWERS: 92. darn, 93. intuition, 94. salvage, 95. recycle, 96. bulge, 97. sprawl, 98. transom, 99. barley

100. broken sh__d	<i>n.</i> a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
101. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
102. industrial ren_____ce	<i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
103. spiral st_____se	<i>n.</i> a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
104. raise her ey_____ws	<i>n.</i> the hair arc over each eye in humans
105. wil_____st herd	<i>n.</i> (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
106. gain ku__s	<i>n.</i> praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
107. buck and d_e	<i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
108. toxic by_____cts	<i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
109. co_____e the listener	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
110. process of app_____ion	<i>n.</i> the process of understanding and interpreting new experiences about past experiences and knowledge; the conscious perception and comprehension of sensory information

ANSWERS: 100. shard, 101. industrious, 102. Renaissance, 103. staircase, 104. eyebrow, 105. wildebeest, 106. kudos, 107. doe, 108. byproduct, 109. confuse, 110. apperception

111. wh\_\_\_\_ng success *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
112. bl\_\_\_\_t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
113. a water fa\_\_\_\_t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
114. pr\_\_\_\_cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
115. pr\_\_\_\_l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
116. unm\_\_\_\_ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
117. ta\_\_\_\_f run *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
118. time-saving ga\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
119. ph\_\_\_\_s sculpture *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
120. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
121. w\_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

ANSWERS: 111. whopping, 112. blight, 113. faucet, 114. prophecy, 115. primal, 116. unmistakable, 117. takeoff, 118. gadget, 119. phallus, 120. shove, 121. woo



122. de\_\_\_\_e his public image      *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
123. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
124. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment      *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
125. lu\_\_y mattress      *adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps
126. s\_g with fatigue      *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
127. finest wo\_\_\_\_\_rk      *n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
128. 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
129. grand fo\_\_r      *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

ANSWERS: 122. degrade, 123. terrifying, 124. prophecy, 125. lumpy, 126. sag, 127. woodwork, 128. cliché, 129. foyer

130. in\_\_\_\_\_on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
131. pl\_\_\_\_\_ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
132. vernier mic\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a tool for measuring small distances or dimensions, typically accurate to within one-thousandth of a millimeter
133. hum\_\_\_\_\_ic themes *adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests
134. pr\_\_\_\_l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
135. high-tech gi\_\_o *n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
136. p\_\_e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
137. st\_\_\_e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
138. wo\_\_\_\_\_rk tools *n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden

ANSWERS: 130. intuition, 131. platonic, 132. micrometer, 133. humanistic, 134. primal, 135. gizmo, 136. poke, 137. stride, 138. woodwork

139. find unm\_\_\_\_\_ble evidence      *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
140. fo\_\_\_\_\_n position      *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
141. pre\_\_\_\_\_ted scheme      *adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
142. pr\_\_e a branch      *n.* a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth
143. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system      *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
144. tu\_\_\_\_t lathe      *n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons
145. pl\_\_b the depths      *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully
146. successful tr\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

ANSWERS: 139. unmistakable, 140. foreman, 141. premeditated, 142. prune, 143. mindset, 144. turret, 145. plumb, 146. tradesman

147. se\_\_\_\_l duct *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
148. a j\_\_n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
149. sh\_\_d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
150. hum\_\_\_\_ic psychology *adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests
151. decorative co\_\_\_\_l *n.* structural support or bracket that projects from a wall or other surface, often made of stone, wood, or metal, and used to support weight or provide architectural ornamentation
152. linen na\_\_\_\_n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
153. w\_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
154. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 147. seminal, 148. jean, 149. shard, 150. humanistic, 151. corbel, 152. napkin, 153. woo, 154. doe

155. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
156. handy gi\_\_o *n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
157. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
158. a fellow-tr\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
159. become w\_\_ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
160. di\_\_\_\_\_nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
161. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
162. garbage ch\_\_e *n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner
163. psychological app\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of understanding and interpreting new experiences about past experiences and knowledge; the conscious perception and comprehension of sensory information

ANSWERS: 155. terrifying, 156. gizmo, 157. Renaissance, 158. tradesman, 159. warp, 160. disorient, 161. aft, 162. chute, 163. apperception

164. empty the du\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
165. scratch my no\_\_\_\_n *n.* informal term for the human head; a small amount, portion, or quantity of something, especially used for alcoholic drink
166. personal property ch\_\_\_\_\_ls *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
167. ca\_\_\_\_\_on stove *n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
168. by\_\_\_\_\_ct of technology *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
169. public di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
170. c\_\_w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
171. ra\_\_\_e along a road *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
172. st\_\_\_e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
173. du\_\_\_\_\_er diving *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
174. sa\_\_\_\_\_e operation *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

ANSWERS: 164. dumpster, 165. noggin, 166. chattel, 167. cast-iron, 168. byproduct, 169. disgust, 170. chew, 171. rattle, 172. stride, 173. dumpster, 174. salvage

175. dep\_\_\_\_\_te against foreign  
currency
176. ch\_\_\_\_\_l mortgage
177. wh\_\_\_\_\_ng price
178. complicated con\_\_\_\_\_on
179. pre\_\_\_\_\_ted crime
180. exa\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms
181. ba\_\_\_\_\_e attachment
182. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct
183. sta\_\_\_\_\_ze administrative  
practices
- v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time
- n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
- adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
- n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
- adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
- v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
- n.* a large mechanical digging machine with a shovel-like scoop on the front and a digging arm on the back, used for excavating and moving large amounts of soil and debris
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
- v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

ANSWERS: 175. depreciate, 176. chattel, 177. whopping, 178. contraption, 179. premeditated, 180. exacerbate, 181. backhoe, 182. intellect, 183. standardize

184. keep a ta\_\_y *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
185. sta\_\_\_\_\_ze a language *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
186. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

ANSWERS: 184. tally, 185. standardize, 186. disproportionately



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You can find all kinds of interesting \_\_\_\_\_ in this store.
  - n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
  
2. The landscaper recommended a layer of rubber \_\_\_\_\_ for the children's playground as it provides cushioning and minimizes injuries from falls.
  - n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
  
3. My grandma used to cook with a \_\_\_\_\_ skillet, giving her food a unique flavor.
  - n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
  
4. The car's value \_\_\_\_\_ soon after being driven off the lot.
  - v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time
  
5. I always keep a stack of \_\_\_\_\_ on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.
  - n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
  
6. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
  - v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
  
7. His relationship with her was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
  - adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

ANSWERS: 1. gizmos, 2. mulch, 3. cast-iron, 4. depreciated, 5. napkins, 6. humiliated, 7. platonic

8. The artist used a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.  
*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
9. The roads \_\_\_\_\_ through the countryside, creating a beautiful scenic drive.  
*v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
10. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
11. The medieval castle featured intricately carved \_\_\_\_\_ as supporting brackets.  
*n.* structural support or bracket that projects from a wall or other surface, often made of stone, wood, or metal, and used to support weight or provide architectural ornamentation
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.  
*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
13. The children \_\_\_\_\_ their feet in time to the music.  
*v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
14. The heat wave \_\_\_\_\_ the drought conditions.  
*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
15. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 8. shard, 9. crisscrossed, 10. terrifying, 11. corbels, 12. poked, 13. stomped, 14. exacerbated, 15. bury

16. The fortune teller's \_\_\_\_\_ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

- n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

17. I turned on the \_\_\_\_\_ to wash my hands.

- n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

18. The old mattress \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

- v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

19. The contractor had to \_\_\_\_\_ the new building before erecting the walls.

- v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

20. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ on my face that I am trying to cover with makeup.

- n.* a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something

21. 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

22. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 16. prophecy, 17. faucet, 18. sagged, 19. plumb, 20. blemish, 21. aft, 22. confused

23. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
24. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. The rich can often \_\_\_\_\_ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.  
*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
26. The quiz night was designed to challenge everyone's \_\_\_\_\_ with tricky questions.  
*n.* informal term for the human head; a small amount, portion, or quantity of something, especially used for alcoholic drink
27. She raised an inquiring \_\_\_\_\_ towards me.  
*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
28. The elegant chandelier in the \_\_\_\_\_ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.  
*n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
29. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.  
*v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
30. The construction crew used a \_\_\_\_\_ to dig the foundation for the new building.  
*n.* a large mechanical digging machine with a shovel-like scoop on the front and a digging arm on the back, used for excavating and moving large amounts of soil and debris

ANSWERS: 23. instinct, 24. industrious, 25. disproportionately, 26. noggin, 27. eyebrow, 28. foyer, 29. standardized, 30. backhoe

31. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

33. I found the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

34. The ship's hull was \_\_\_\_\_ from years of use in rough seas.

*v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

35. The internet troll accused her of being a \_\_\_\_\_ for her political views.

*n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

36. The batter for the cake was \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be smoothed out.

*adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps

37. The fields were ripe with \_\_\_\_\_ ready for harvest.

*n.* a type of cereal grain that is used for food, either in the form of whole grains, flour, or malt

38. I have to \_\_\_\_ these socks before they become unwearable.

*v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

ANSWERS: 31. doe, 32. primal, 33. gadget, 34. warped, 35. moron, 36. lumpy, 37. barley, 38. darn

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to psychology emphasizes individual consciousness and free will.

*adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests

40. The abandoned factory was \_\_\_\_\_ by vandalism and graffiti.

*v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

41. The laundry \_\_\_\_\_ in the apartment building allows residents to drop their dirty clothes into the laundry room easily.

*n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner

42. His talent for singing is \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

43. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

44. The inventor created a \_\_\_\_\_ that could turn salt water into drinking water.

*n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

45. She received \_\_\_\_\_ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

ANSWERS: 39. humanistic, 40. blighted, 41. chute, 42. unmistakable, 43. recycle, 44. contraption, 45. kudos

46. The migration of \_\_\_\_\_ across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.
- n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
47. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ person, always making friends with everyone she met.
- adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
48. The new smartphone has a \_\_\_\_\_ 1TB of storage space.
- adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
49. The scientist used a digital \_\_\_\_\_ to measure the exact thickness of the material.
- n.* a tool for measuring small distances or dimensions, typically accurate to within one-thousandth of a millimeter
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.
- n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
51. Having made a big mistake, she wanted to vanish into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a state or situation where nothing exists
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.
- n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

ANSWERS: 46. wildebeest, 47. gregarious, 48. whopping, 49. micrometer, 50. foreman, 51. nothingness, 52. salvage

53. The intricate designs on the \_\_\_\_\_ were hand-carved by a master craftsman.
- n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ pattern on the antique clock is beautifully intricate.
- n.* a small, rectangular block or ornament resembling teeth, typically used in classical architecture as a decorative element in a cornice or frieze
55. The gutter must be cleaned to prevent water from overflowing onto the house's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the overhanging lower edge of a roof, usually projecting beyond the walls of a building
56. The muscles in his arm \_\_\_\_\_ as he lifted the heavyweights.
- v.* to protrude or extend outward
57. His past experiences influenced his \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation.
- n.* the process of understanding and interpreting new experiences about past experiences and knowledge; the conscious perception and comprehension of sensory information
58. Our aircraft is now ready for \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
59. The glass \_\_\_\_\_ above the door allowed natural light to filter into the room.
- n.* a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light

ANSWERS: 53. woodwork, 54. dentil, 55. eaves, 56. bulged, 57. apperception, 58. takeoff, 59. transom



60. He tried to \_\_\_ her with his charm and wit.

- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

61. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

62. She \_\_\_\_\_ confidently across the stage to accept her award.

- v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

63. The bride's dress was adorned with \_\_\_\_\_ and lace.

- n.* a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes

64. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.

- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ atop the castle provided a panoramic view of the surrounding area.

- n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons

66. 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

67. You should remove the seeds from the \_\_\_\_\_ before cooking.

- n.* a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth

ANSWERS: 60. woo, 61. numb, 62. strides, 63. tulle, 64. mindset, 65. turret, 66. cliché, 67. prunes

68. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
69. The employee found \$100 in the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the store.
- n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
70. After a long period of estrangement, they \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
71. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.
- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
72. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
73. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ your drink like an animal.
- v.* to drink or consume something greedily or excessively; to dispose of liquid waste or refuse by flushing it away or feeding it to animals
74. I filled the \_\_\_\_\_ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.
- n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
75. She walked urgently down the emergency \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 68. intellect, 69. dumpster, 70. reconnected, 71. shoved, 72. jeans, 73. swill, 74. bathtub, 75. staircase

76. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
77. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
78. My dog loves to \_\_\_\_\_ on bones.
- v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
79. She tied her hair back with a \_\_\_\_\_ to keep it out of her face while working.
- n.* a large square or triangular piece of fabric, often patterned, that is worn around the head or neck as a fashionable accessory or for practical purposes such as protecting the face from dust or sweat
80. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
81. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
82. Exposure to high levels of \_\_\_\_\_ can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.
- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
83. The vast earthquake caused the house to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

ANSWERS: 76. renaissance, 77. embarrass, 78. chew, 79. bandana, 80. degrade, 81. disgust, 82. formaldehyde, 83. rattle

84. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.
- n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
85. The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a \_\_\_\_\_ symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.
- n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
86. The defendant was charged with \_\_\_\_\_ murder.
- adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
87. The book was a \_\_\_\_\_ work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.
- adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
88. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
89. The skilled \_\_\_\_\_ repaired the broken window with ease.
- n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

ANSWERS: 84. byproduct, 85. phallus, 86. premeditated, 87. seminal, 88. intuitions, 89. tradesman

90. The enslaved people were treated as \_\_\_\_\_ and had no rights or freedoms.  
*n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
91. The lush vegetation \_\_\_\_\_ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.  
*v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
92. Let's keep a \_\_\_\_\_ of the votes to see who won the election.  
*n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
93. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might \_\_\_\_\_ dolphins and whales.  
*v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

ANSWERS: 90. chattel, 91. sprawls, 92. tally, 93. disorient