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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### malnourished

*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

*synonym* : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

**Malnourished** children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

### rainforest

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

### gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym* : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

### relentless

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym* : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure  
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

## recession

*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases  
*synonym*: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**  
The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

## 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**.

## aspiring

*adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life  
*synonym*: hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes  
He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

## intensify

*v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength  
*synonym*: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship  
Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

## paraphrase

*v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning  
*synonym*: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## conspicuous

*adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention

*synonym*: apparent, noticeable, evident

(1) a **conspicuous** achievement, (2) **conspicuous** consumption

Her golden hair was **conspicuous** in China.

## insatiable

*adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

*synonym*: voracious, unquenchable, insistent

(1) **insatiable** curiosity, (2) **insatiable** appetite

His **insatiable** hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## netbook

*n.* a small and lightweight laptop computer, typically with a screen size of 10-12 inches, designed primarily for internet browsing, email, and basic computing tasks

*synonym* : laptop, notebook, ultrabook

(1) affordable **netbook**, (2) portable **netbook**

Consider getting an external drive to enhance your storage capabilities, as **netbook** storage is often limited.

## inexhaustible

*adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance

*synonym* : infinite, exhaustless, limitless

(1) **inexhaustible** optimism, (2) **inexhaustible** curiosity

Solar power is an example of an **inexhaustible** source of energy.

## supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym* : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## plummet

*v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

*synonym* : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

## perverse

*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully

disobedient or immoral

*synonym* : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

## consign

*v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

*synonym* : transfer, deliver, entrust

(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house

I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.

## straightaway

*adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

*synonym* : directly, immediately, straight

(1) turn **straightaway**, (2) go **straightaway**

I accelerated **straightaway** to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.

## anomaly

*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

*synonym* : abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym* : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## thrifty

*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money

*synonym* : economical, frugal, prudent

(1) a **thrifty** person, (2) have a **thrifty** business

My wife is addicted to making **thrifty** purchases.

## insulate

*v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

*synonym* : isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity

We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

## solemn

*adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

*synonym* : serious, grave, somber

(1) **solemn** vow, (2) **solemn** ceremony

The priest led the **solemn** procession through the church.

## giraffe

*n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

*synonym* : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

## misrepresent

*v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

*synonym* : distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

## forage

*v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner

*synonym* : scavenge, hunt, search

(1) **forage** for food, (2) **forage** for information

She would **forage** through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## hedonist

*n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life

*synonym* : pleasure-seeker, sensualist, sybarite

(1) **hedonist** lifestyle, (2) aesthetic **hedonist**

The **hedonist's** extravagant spending and indulgent lifestyle eventually caught up with him, and he was forced to make major changes.

## selfless

*adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

*synonym* : unselfish, altruistic, generous

(1) **selfless** act, (2) **selfless** devotion

Her **selfless** dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

## altruist

*n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires

*synonym* : benefactor, philanthropist, donor

(1) charitable **altruist**, (2) an **altruistic** act

The wealthy philanthropist was known as an **altruistic** individual who donated generously to many charities.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph  
*synonym* : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation  
His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## cohesive

*adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together  
*synonym* : sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group  
He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## crux

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym* : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## quadrant

*n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes

*synonym* : section, division, sector

(1) Northeast **quadrant**, (2) **quadrant** chart

The map was divided into four **quadrants** to examine the geographical region closely.

## curtail

*v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

*synonym* : restrict, limit, cut back



(1) **curtail** spending, (2) **curtail** freedom

Due to budget constraints, the company had to **curtail** its marketing campaign for the new product.

## psyche

*n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

*synonym*: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

## orthogonal

*adj.* relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else

*synonym*: perpendicular, right-angled, extraneous

(1) **orthogonal** matrix, (2) **orthogonal** projection

The **orthogonal** lines intersected at a perfect right angle, creating a geometrically pleasing pattern.

## altruism

*n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

*synonym*: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

## conceive

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## mindless

*adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

*synonym*: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

**Mindless** scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

**nurture**

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

**flourish**

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

**tranquility**

n. a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment

*synonym*: calmness, serenity, peace

(1) the **tranquility** of the environment, (2) feeling of **tranquility**

She found **tranquility** by meditating in the garden.

**contemplate**

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

**reclaim**

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## redefine

*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym* : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

## materialistic

*adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

*synonym* : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

## materialism

*n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations

*synonym* : materiality, materialness, physicalism

(1) rampant **materialism**, (2) **materialism** society

He was accused of being driven by **materialism**, putting wealth and possessions above all else.

## ubuntu

*n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel

*synonym* : humanity, compassion, empathy

(1) **ubuntu** operating system, (2) **ubuntu** community

The philosophy of **ubuntu** emphasizes the interconnectedness and collective responsibility of all individuals.

## overthrow

*v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

*synonym*: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

## podium

*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

*synonym*: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

## treasury

*n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

*synonym*: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

## spokesperson

*n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

*synonym*: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## humility

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

*synonym* : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

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

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

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym* : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## topsoil

*n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

*synonym* : top layer, surface soil, humus

(1) **topsoil** erosion, (2) nutrient-rich **topsoil**

The farmer trucked in some fresh **topsoil** to improve the fertility of his fields.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 3. gi_____e pattern            | <i>n.</i> a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves |
| 4. have as_____ng eyes         | <i>adj.</i> desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life   |
| 5. pl_____ting sales           | <i>v.</i> to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply   |
| 6. win a po___m position       | <i>n.</i> a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards  |
| 7. global temperature an_____y | <i>n.</i> something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand   |
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*adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

ANSWERS: 58. plummet, 59. reclaim, 60. orthogonal, 61. overthrow, 62. altruist, 63. altruism, 64. sham, 65. depict, 66. selfless

67. feeling of tra\_\_\_\_\_ty                      *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
68. gi\_\_\_\_\_e exhibit                              *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
69. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion                      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
70. mis\_\_\_\_\_ent a company's policies                      *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
71. co\_\_\_\_\_n to oblivion                              *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
72. mal\_\_\_\_\_hed population                              *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
73. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble curiosity                              *adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
74. nutrient-rich to\_\_\_\_\_l                              *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

ANSWERS: 67. tranquility, 68. giraffe, 69. anthropology, 70. misrepresent, 71. consign, 72. malnourished, 73. inexhaustible, 74. topsoil

75. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
76. social ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
77. as\_\_\_\_ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
78. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
79. lack of hu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
80. cu\_\_\_\_l spending *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
81. mat\_\_\_\_\_tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
82. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
83. in\_\_\_\_te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
84. face rel\_\_\_\_\_ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

ANSWERS: 75. humming, 76. anthropology, 77. aspiring, 78. creditor, 79. humility, 80. curtail, 81. materialistic, 82. rainforest, 83. insulate, 84. relentless

85. pe\_\_\_\_se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
86. qu\_\_\_\_nt chart *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
87. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
88. portable ne\_\_\_\_k *n.* a small and lightweight laptop computer, typically with a screen size of 10-12 inches, designed primarily for internet browsing, email, and basic computing tasks
89. rampant mat\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations
90. re\_\_\_\_on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
91. fo\_\_\_\_nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
92. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
93. go str\_\_\_\_way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

ANSWERS: 85. perverse, 86. quadrant, 87. reclaim, 88. netbook, 89. materialism, 90. recession, 91. footprint, 92. gulf, 93. straightaway

94. ps\_\_\_e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
95. fo\_\_\_e for information *v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
96. so\_\_\_n vow *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
97. turn str\_\_\_\_\_way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
98. ort\_\_\_\_\_al projection *adj.* relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else
99. se\_\_\_\_\_ss act *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
100. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
101. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
102. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 94. psyche, 95. forage, 96. solemn, 97. straightaway, 98. orthogonal, 99. selfless, 100. rev, 101. nurture, 102. nurture



103. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
104. mi\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
105. al\_\_\_\_\_sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
106. official spo\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
107. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
108. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
109. re\_\_\_\_\_ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
110. co\_\_\_\_\_ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
111. a con\_\_\_\_\_us achievement *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention

ANSWERS: 103. conceive, 104. mindless, 105. altruism, 106. spokesperson, 107. rev, 108. rainforest, 109. redefine, 110. cohesive, 111. conspicuous

112. French pa\_\_\_\_x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
113. co\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
114. con\_\_\_\_us consumption *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
115. mi\_\_\_\_ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
116. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
117. ine\_\_\_\_ble optimism *adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
118. par\_\_\_\_se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
119. mat\_\_\_\_sm society *n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations
120. ub\_\_\_\_u operating system *n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel

ANSWERS: 112. paradox, 113. conceive, 114. conspicuous, 115. mindless, 116. humility, 117. inexhaustible, 118. paraphrase, 119. materialism, 120. ubuntu

121. re\_\_\_\_ne our role                      *v.*    to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
122. mat\_\_\_\_\_tic values                *adj.*   concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
123. the c\_\_x of the argument            *n.*    the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
124. mis\_\_\_\_\_ent the situation        *v.*    to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

ANSWERS: 121. redefine, 122. materialistic, 123. crux, 124. misrepresent

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.  
*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
2. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ lines intersected at a perfect right angle, creating a geometrically pleasing pattern.  
*adj.* relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else
4. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
5. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.  
*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
6. He skillfully combines these fragments into a \_\_\_\_\_ whole.  
*adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
7. The country is facing a \_\_\_\_\_ with high unemployment and low GDP.  
*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 1. crux, 2. numb, 3. orthogonal, 4. creditor, 5. reclaim, 6. cohesive, 7. recession, 8. humming

9. His \_\_\_\_\_ hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.  
*adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
10. \_\_\_\_\_ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.  
*adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.  
*n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
12. The priest led the \_\_\_\_\_ procession through the church.  
*adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
13. I accelerated \_\_\_\_\_ to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.  
*adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
14. The wealthy philanthropist was known as an \_\_\_\_\_ individual who donated generously to many charities.  
*n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires
15. Due to budget constraints, the company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its marketing campaign for the new product.  
*v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

ANSWERS: 9. insatiable, 10. Mindless, 11. giraffe's, 12. solemn, 13. straightaway, 14. altruistic, 15. curtail

16. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
17. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ goal.
- adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
19. Solar power is an example of an \_\_\_\_\_ source of energy.
- adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
20. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
21. The speaker stood confidently on the \_\_\_\_\_ while delivering their speech.
- n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
22. Her golden hair was \_\_\_\_\_ in China.
- adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
23. He was extremely generous to the \_\_\_\_\_ young artist.
- adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

ANSWERS: 16. paradox, 17. materialistic, 18. blacksmith, 19. inexhaustible, 20. treasury, 21. podium, 22. conspicuous, 23. aspiring

24. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
25. The article \_\_\_\_\_ the true intentions of the author's argument.
- v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
26. The philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_ emphasizes the interconnectedness and collective responsibility of all individuals.
- n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel
27. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
29. She would \_\_\_\_\_ through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.
- v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
30. The celebrity \_\_\_\_\_ made an appearance at the product launch event.
- n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
31. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 24. rainforest, 25. misrepresents, 26. ubuntu, 27. depicted, 28. Gulf, 29.

forage, 30. spokesperson, 31. altruism



32. The ballerina's \_\_\_\_\_ movements left the audience mesmerized.  
*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
33. \_\_\_\_\_ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.  
*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
34. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.  
*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
35. The sudden drop in the stock market was an \_\_\_\_\_ that puzzled many investors.  
*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
36. We had our bedroom \_\_\_\_\_ before winter came.  
*v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
37. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
38. Consider getting an external drive to enhance your storage capabilities, as \_\_\_\_\_ storage is often limited.  
*n.* a small and lightweight laptop computer, typically with a screen size of 10-12 inches, designed primarily for internet browsing, email, and basic computing tasks

ANSWERS: 32. supple, 33. Malnourished, 34. conceive, 35. anomaly, 36. insulated, 37. rev, 38. netbook

39. The farmer trucked in some fresh \_\_\_\_\_ to improve the fertility of his fields.  
*n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
40. Rebels have pledged to \_\_\_\_\_ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.  
*v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
41. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
42. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
43. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.  
*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
44. My wife is addicted to making \_\_\_\_\_ purchases.  
*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
45. I will \_\_\_\_\_ these old clothes to the donation bin.  
*v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
46. She found \_\_\_\_\_ by meditating in the garden.  
*n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment

ANSWERS: 39. topsoil, 40. intensify, 41. flourished, 42. humility, 43. contemplated, 44. thrifty, 45. consign, 46. tranquility

47. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.

- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

48. The group aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the military regime.

- v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

49. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

50. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

51. The video telephony application has \_\_\_\_\_ the way we work.

- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

52. He was accused of being driven by \_\_\_\_\_ putting wealth and possessions above all else.

- n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations

53. His \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

- adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

54. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 47. nurture, 48. overthrow, 49. footprint, 50. sham, 51. redefined, 52. materialism, 53. perverse, 54. accused

55. The map was divided into four \_\_\_\_\_ to examine the geographical region closely.
- n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
56. Her \_\_\_\_\_ dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.
- adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
57. The \_\_\_\_\_ extravagant spending and indulgent lifestyle eventually caught up with him, and he was forced to make major changes.
- n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life
58. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ training paid off in the end.
- adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
59. The stock prices have \_\_\_\_\_ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
60. He \_\_\_\_\_ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
61. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 55. quadrants, 56. selfless, 57. hedonist's, 58. relentless, 59. plummeted, 60. paraphrased, 61. anthropology

62. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her \_\_\_\_\_ and how to cope with her anxiety.

*n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

ANSWERS: 62. psyche