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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### omnivore

*n.* a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things

*synonym*: scavenger, carnivore, herbivore

(1) **omnivore** diet, (2) **omnivore** preference

Gorillas are technically considered **omnivores** because they occasionally consume insects and small animals.

### commute

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

### diva

*n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

*synonym*: prima donna, star, songstress

(1) screen **diva**, (2) talented **diva**

The singer is known for her **diva-like** behavior backstage.

## concerto

*n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

*synonym* : symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

## symphony

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

*synonym* : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

## voracious

*adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

*synonym* : ravenous, insatiable, greedy

(1) **voracious** thirst, (2) **voracious** reader

The **voracious** appetite of the teenager was legendary.

## twilight

*n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

*synonym* : dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

## tetralogy

*n.* a series or group of four related literary or musical works, or a set of four related plays or novels; (of medical terminology) a group of four related symptoms or disorders that often occur together

*synonym* : quartet, series, cycle

(1) **tetralogy** of Fallot, (2) **tetralogy** of books

The author's **tetralogy** of novels explores themes of love and loss.

## devour

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

*synonym*: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

## repertoire

*n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

*synonym*: collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

## dismantle

*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

*synonym*: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

## herald

*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

*synonym*: announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

## stark

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

*synonym*: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

## moreover

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what

has been said before

*synonym*: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

## 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.

## personalize

*v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

*synonym*: customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## decimate

*v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

*synonym*: devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

## 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.

## antiquated

*adj.* outdated or old-fashioned

*synonym* : old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

## ossify

*v.* to become hardened like bone; to become rigid, inflexible, or resistant to change

*synonym* : harden, petrify, solidify

(1) **ossify** tissue, (2) **ossify** into a rigid structure

After a certain age, our bones begin to **ossify** and become more brittle.

## exorbitant

*adj.* excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees

*synonym* : excessive, extravagant, overpriced

(1) **exorbitant** cost, (2) **exorbitant** demand

The price of the designer shoes was **exorbitant**, so I decided not to buy them.

## shudder

*v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking

*synonym* : tremble, shake, quiver

(1) **shudder** at the thought, (2) **shudder** with fear

I couldn't help but **shudder** when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.

## resonate

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

*synonym* : echo, reverberate, resound

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

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

## brighten

*v.* to make or become lighter or more radiant in color or appearance; to become happier, livelier, or more cheerful; to enhance or improve the brightness or quality of something

*synonym* : illuminate, lighten, enhance

(1) **brighten** the future, (2) **brighten** your mood

A fresh coat of paint will **brighten** up the room.

## brink

*n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

*synonym* : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

## annihilate

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

*synonym* : destroy, obliterate, eradicate

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

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

## spur

*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (*v.*) to incite or stimulate someone or something

*synonym* : encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

## fractious

*adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly

*synonym* : irritable, argumentative, cranky

(1) **fractious** argument, (2) **fractious** meeting  
The **fractious** children constantly argued and disrupted the classroom.

### self-doubt

*n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself  
*synonym*: insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**  
I was filled with **self-doubt**.

### entitle

*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym*: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

### broth

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

*synonym*: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

### 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.

### 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**.

## 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.

## explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## opulence

*n.* extreme wealth or luxuriousness; abundance, lavishness, or grandeur

*synonym*: luxury, wealth, extravagance

(1) **opulence** of food and drink, (2) display of **opulence**

The palace was a symbol of royal **opulence**, with gold trimmings and marble floors at every turn.

## synonymous

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

*synonym*: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

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

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

## polarize

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict



*synonym* : divide, separate, split

(1) **polarize** society, (2) **polarize** opinions

The controversial new law has the potential to **polarize** the entire nation.

## hermetic

*adj.* completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode

*synonym* : airtight, sealed, closed

(1) **hermetic** philosophy, (2) **hermetic** environment

The scientists used a **hermetic** seal to prevent air from entering the laboratory experiment.

## multigenerational

*adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages

*synonym* : cross-generational, intergenerational

(1) **multigenerational** home, (2) **multigenerational** workforce

The **multigenerational** family farm has been passed down for generations.

## embody

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym* : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## physicist

*n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian

Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church  
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym* : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## playwright

*n.* a person who writes plays

*synonym* : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

## poise

*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

*synonym* : confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

## foresee

*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

*synonym* : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges  
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## cultivate

*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

*synonym*: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

## fallacy

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

*synonym*: falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

## uninformed

*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation

*synonym*: ignorant, unaware, unenlightened

(1) **uninformed** general public, (2) kept completely **uninformed**

He made an **uninformed** decision based on hearsay instead of facts.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## bombardment

*n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles  
*synonym* : attack, shelling, strafing

(1) aerial **bombardment**, (2) **bombardment** raid

The city was subjected to heavy **bombardment** during the war.

## regress

*v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

*synonym* : retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

## onerous

*adj.* involving a great amount of effort, difficulty, or responsibility; burdensome or oppressive

*synonym* : burdensome, oppressive, challenging

(1) **onerous** requirement, (2) **onerous** task

The complex tax code can be an **onerous** burden for small business owners.

## hostility

*n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

*synonym* : antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## ameliorate

*v.* to make something better or improve a situation; to lessen the severity or extent of something negative; to enhance or upgrade something

*synonym* : improve, enhance, upgrade

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

We need to **ameliorate** the living conditions in the refugee camps.

## salute

*v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

*synonym*: greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion

The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

## duke

*n.* a noble title given to the highest-ranking hereditary nobleman in certain countries; a male ruler of a particular region or territory; a leader or influential person in a specific field or profession

*synonym*: lord, nobleman, monarch

(1) the **Duke** of York, (2) **duke's** residence

Prince Philip held the title of **Duke** of Edinburgh for many decades.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. cu\_\_\_\_\_te a field      *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
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4. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal workforce      *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
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7. exo\_\_\_\_\_nt demand      *adj.* excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees

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17. en\_\_\_\_\_e the company to use the logo      *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. dismantle, 9. uninformed, 10. bombardment, 11. foresee, 12. onerous, 13. inconvenient, 14. stark, 15. decimate, 16. symphony, 17. entitle

18. os\_\_\_y into a rigid structure      *v.* to become hardened like bone; to become rigid, inflexible, or resistant to change
19. br\_\_k of war      *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
20. fr\_\_\_\_\_us meeting      *adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
21. s\_\_r a momentum of economic growth      *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
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24. re\_\_\_\_\_s to childhood      *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
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26. acclaimed pla\_\_\_\_\_ht      *n.* a person who writes plays
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ANSWERS: 18. ossify, 19. brink, 20. fractious, 21. spur, 22. moreover, 23. diva, 24. regress, 25. embody, 26. playwright, 27. moreover



28. piano co\_\_\_\_\_to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
29. belief in a fa\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
30. po\_\_\_\_\_ze society *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
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32. ann\_\_\_\_\_te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
33. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
34. musical rep\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
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36. per\_\_\_\_\_ze social media profile *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

ANSWERS: 28. concerto, 29. fallacy, 30. polarize, 31. ossify, 32. annihilate, 33. resonate, 34. repertoire, 35. polarize, 36. personalize



46. vo\_\_\_\_\_us thirst *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
47. sa\_\_\_e to the flag *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
48. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
49. 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
50. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
51. have an ant\_\_\_\_\_ed custom *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
52. fo\_\_\_\_\_e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
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ANSWERS: 46. voracious, 47. salute, 48. commute, 49. redefine, 50. commute, 51. antiquated, 52. foresee, 53. numb

54. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal home *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
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ANSWERS: 64. hermetic, 65. playwright, 66. industrious, 67. entitle, 68. duke, 69. resonate, 70. hermetic, 71. spur

72. om\_\_\_\_\_re diet *n.* a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things
73. per\_\_\_\_\_ze my workspace *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
74. bitter ho\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
75. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
76. ant\_\_\_\_\_ed system *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
77. chicken br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
78. talented d\_\_a *n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental
79. em\_\_\_y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 72. omnivore, 73. personalize, 74. hostility, 75. explode, 76. antiquated, 77. broth, 78. diva, 79. embody

80. de\_\_\_r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
81. syn\_\_\_\_\_us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
82. j\_\_n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
83. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed general public *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation
84. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
85. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
86. an act of ho\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
87. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
88. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
89. remains of br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
90. vo\_\_\_\_\_us reader *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

ANSWERS: 80. devour, 81. synonymous, 82. jean, 83. uninformed, 84. empathy, 85. inconvenient, 86. hostility, 87. opportune, 88. Catholic, 89. broth, 90. voracious

91. ann\_\_\_\_\_te all doubts                    *v.*    to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
92. theoretical ph\_\_\_\_\_st                    *n.*    a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
93. he\_\_\_\_d a new era                            *v.*    to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
94. a sy\_\_\_\_\_ny orchestra                    *n.*    a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
95. cu\_\_\_\_\_te relationships                    *v.*    to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
96. aerial bom\_\_\_\_\_nt                        *n.*    a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
97. sh\_\_\_\_\_r with fear                        *v.*    to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
98. on the br\_\_k                                    *n.*    the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
99. ame\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms                    *v.*    to make something better or improve a situation; to lessen the severity or extent of something negative; to enhance or upgrade something
100. se\_\_e a person's property                    *v.*    to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 91. annihilate, 92. physicist, 93. herald, 94. symphony, 95. cultivate, 96. bombardment, 97. shudder, 98. brink, 99. ameliorate, 100. seize



101. di\_\_\_\_\_le a machine      *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
102. pl\_\_\_\_\_t against other major currencies      *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
103. non-syn\_\_\_\_\_us mutation      *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
104. overcome sel\_\_\_\_\_bt      *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
105. boundless gen\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
106. spiral of sel\_\_\_\_\_bt      *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
107. tw\_\_\_\_\_ht sky      *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
108. violin co\_\_\_\_\_to      *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
109. aesthetic po\_\_\_e      *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
110. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
111. Je\_\_\_h culture      *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 101. dismantle, 102. plummet, 103. synonymous, 104. self-doubt, 105. generosity, 106. self-doubt, 107. twilight, 108. concerto, 109. poise, 110. explode, 111. Jewish

112. de\_\_\_\_te economy                    *v.*    to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
113. sa\_\_\_\_e him in military fashion    *v.*    to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
114. mass inc\_\_\_\_\_ion                *n.*    the state of being confined in prison or jail
115. om\_\_\_\_re preference               *n.*    a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things
116. act of gen\_\_\_\_\_ty                *n.*    the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
117. tw\_\_\_\_\_ht of an era             *n.*    the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
118. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion             *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
119. display of op\_\_\_\_\_ce             *n.*    extreme wealth or luxuriousness; abundance, lavishness, or grandeur

ANSWERS: 112. decimate, 113. salute, 114. incarceration, 115. omnivore, 116. generosity, 117. twilight, 118. opportune, 119. opulence

120. st\_\_k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
121. fr\_\_\_\_\_us argument *adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
122. pl\_\_\_\_\_ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
123. br\_\_\_\_\_en your mood *v.* to make or become lighter or more radiant in color or appearance; to become happier, livelier, or more cheerful; to enhance or improve the brightness or quality of something
124. cooking rep\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
125. on\_\_\_\_\_s task *adj.* involving a great amount of effort, difficulty, or responsibility; burdensome or oppressive
126. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 120. stark, 121. fractious, 122. plummet, 123. brighten, 124. repertoire, 125. onerous, 126. incarceration

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.  
*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
2. The author's \_\_\_\_\_ of novels explores themes of love and loss.  
*n.* a series or group of four related literary or musical works, or a set of four related plays or novels; (of medical terminology) a group of four related symptoms or disorders that often occur together
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ children constantly argued and disrupted the classroom.  
*adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
4. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.  
*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
5. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.  
*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.  
*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
7. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. I always add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ to my soup to give it more flavor.  
*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 1. embody, 2. tetralogy, 3. fractious, 4. seize, 5. incarceration, 6. foresee, 7. opportune, 8. broth

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ family farm has been passed down for generations.  
*adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
10. The old building had to be \_\_\_\_\_ because it was structurally unsound.  
*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
11. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
12. The hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.  
*v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
13. We were on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a financial crisis.  
*n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
14. The sound of the trumpet \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the king.  
*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
15. A fresh coat of paint will \_\_\_\_\_ up the room.  
*v.* to make or become lighter or more radiant in color or appearance; to become happier, livelier, or more cheerful; to enhance or improve the brightness or quality of something
16. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 9. multigenerational, 10. dismantled, 11. Empathy, 12. decimated, 13. brink, 14. heralded, 15. brighten, 16. catholic

17. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
- n.* a person who writes plays
19. The virus had the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ entire populations if left unchecked.
- v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
20. The palace was a symbol of royal \_\_\_\_\_ with gold trimmings and marble floors at every turn.
- n.* extreme wealth or luxuriousness; abundance, lavishness, or grandeur
21. Prince Philip held the title of \_\_\_\_\_ of Edinburgh for many decades.
- n.* a noble title given to the highest-ranking hereditary nobleman in certain countries; a male ruler of a particular region or territory; a leader or influential person in a specific field or profession
22. 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
23. University is a great place to \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and expertise.
- v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
24. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

ANSWERS: 17. exploded, 18. playwright's, 19. annihilate, 20. opulence, 21. Duke, 22. redefined, 23. cultivate, 24. concerto

25. The controversial new law has the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.
- v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
26. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
- adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
27. The price of the designer shoes was \_\_\_\_\_ so I decided not to buy them.
- adj. excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees
28. The scientists used a \_\_\_\_\_ seal to prevent air from entering the laboratory experiment.
- adj. completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode
29. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ my phone case with a picture of my dog.
- v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
30. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.
- v. to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
31. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.
- v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 25. polarize, 26. inconvenient, 27. exorbitant, 28. hermetic, 29. personalize, 30. shudder, 31. entitled

32. Einstein was an outstanding and famous \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20th century.

*n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

33. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

34. The company is environmentally conscious, and \_\_\_\_\_ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

35. The singer is known for her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior backstage.

*n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

36. The soldiers stood at attention to \_\_\_\_\_ their commanding officer.

*v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

37. The scenery of the battlefield was \_\_\_\_\_ and grey.

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

38. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

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

39. He made an \_\_\_\_\_ decision based on hearsay instead of facts.

*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation

ANSWERS: 32. physicist, 33. poise, 34. moreover, 35. diva-like, 36. salute, 37. stark, 38. industrious, 39. uninformed



40. The \_\_\_\_\_ appetite of the teenager was legendary.

*adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

41. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ two hours each way to get to work.

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

42. The city was subjected to heavy \_\_\_\_\_ during the war.

*n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles

43. I was filled with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

44. The threat of losing his job was the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to work harder.

*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

45. Her unconcealed \_\_\_\_\_ made us unpleasant.

*n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

46. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are \_\_\_\_\_.

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

47. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 40. voracious, 41. commute, 42. bombardment, 43. self-doubt, 44. spur, 45. hostility, 46. synonymous, 47. twilight

48. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.  
*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
49. Gorillas are technically considered \_\_\_\_\_ because they occasionally consume insects and small animals.  
*n.* a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things
50. The factory was forced to shut down due to its \_\_\_\_\_ equipment.  
*adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
51. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the living conditions in the refugee camps.  
*v.* to make something better or improve a situation; to lessen the severity or extent of something negative; to enhance or upgrade something
52. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.  
*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
53. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.  
*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
54. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
55. The team's failure to win games has caused them to \_\_\_\_\_ in confidence.  
*v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 48. jeans, 49. omnivores, 50. antiquated, 51. ameliorate, 52. resonates, 53. Jewish, 54. devoured, 55. regress

56. The chef's \_\_\_\_\_ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.
- n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
57. After a certain age, our bones begin to \_\_\_\_\_ and become more brittle.
- v.* to become hardened like bone; to become rigid, inflexible, or resistant to change
58. Many people cling to the \_\_\_\_\_ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.
- n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
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. The complex tax code can be an \_\_\_\_\_ burden for small business owners.
- adj.* involving a great amount of effort, difficulty, or responsibility; burdensome or oppressive
61. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.
- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
62. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.
- n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 56. repertoire, 57. ossify, 58. fallacy, 59. plummeted, 60. onerous, 61. generosity, 62. symphony

63. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 63. numb